

Term 2 2022 Calendar

3	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8 PINK Shirt Week BOT Meeting 6pm	16	17	Ole Football Dental van leaves	18	Year 8 Immunisation	19	20	Wear something PINK Day
4	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	23	24	Ole Football	25		26	27	
5	Samoan Language Week Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	30	31	1 June Ole Football		Family Merit – 2pm	2	3	School closed PLD Day
6	School closed Queens B'day	6	7		8		9	10	
7		13	14		15		16	17	
8	BOT Meeting 6pm	20	21		22		23	24	Matariki holiday -School closed
9		27	28		29		30	1 July	
10		4	5	Regional Cross Country	6		7	8	Last day of Term 2 Family Merit – 2pm



Postgate School Newsletter

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2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"If you turn and face the other way when someone is being bullied, you may as well be the bully too."
- Unknown

Supporting statement:

We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.



"Together, We Learn and Achieve"
**"Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga"**

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Kia ora e te whānau

Congratulations to Alle and Adam Smith: Penelope Sieny Ann Smith was born on Friday evening weighing 8lbs 10. Mum and baby are doing well.

Pink Shirt Week/Day: This week Postgate School is looking at bullying as part of our Pink Shirt Week. Bullying is a term we hear a lot, however, knowing the true meaning can go a long way to improving our mental health and interactions with others. Our children will explore the differences between; is it mean, rude, or bullying. Our children will have many disagreements, and incidents as they navigate through life. Knowing when someone is mean, rude, or is in fact bullying will help them on this lifelong journey.

On Friday all children are encouraged to wear something pink in support of anti-bullying.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities, and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

Lockdown Drill: Ensuring the safety of students and staff in the unlikely event of an emergency is paramount. At Postgate, we continue to evaluate our procedures to ensure we are prepared. We have recently undertaken a review process and we are updating our procedures.

There are many reasons for a School Lockdown ranging from a direct order from the NZ Police, to a dog roaming on-site or our bees swarming. In the unlikely event of any lockdown, our primary focus is to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as to keep everyone calm.

On **Thursday morning 19 May, at 10:40am**, we will be holding a lockdown drill. Please note the change in time.

The exercise will be as realistic as possible, which will mean that parents/families will receive notification by way of email and on HERO. The information passed will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website. These practices allow us to ensure everyone is aware of their role in the event of an emergency and evaluate any areas that we can improve on.

Lockdowns are unlikely but may be required in a variety of emergencies where the safety of children may be affected.

We will communicate with you after the practices with some further updates

BOT Meeting: Your Board of Trustees is meeting tonight. One of tonight's discussions is Healthcare and Behaviour Management, which is part of our three-yearly review. These can be viewed on the SchoolDocs page. The easiest way to access it is through our school website. There is a function on SchoolDocs for you to leave your comments about the policies under review.

A special topic we will be looking at tonight is Offsite Technology for our Year 7/8 pupils at Plimmerton School.

Kelvin will also be sharing what Postgate teachers are doing to lift their own capability through Teaching as Inquiry.

Planning for 2023: Thank you for putting the word out as we had a number of people looking to enroll at Postgate for next year and the years after. A reminder, if you have a child who is turning 5 in 2023 please check with Louise that she has all your details. We will have to hold a ballot, like last year, and early notice is a great help to us. If you know of a family who is interested in sending their child/ren to Postgate School, please tell them to come and visit us ASAP.

COVID update: As of early this morning, we have 6 students (that we know of) either with COVID or isolating because of COVID.

Term Dates 2022

- Term 2** Monday 2 May to Friday July 8
(Queen's Birthday Monday June 6 - Public Holiday)
(Matariki – Public holiday – Friday 24 June)
- Term 3** Monday July 25 to Friday September 30
- Term 4** Monday October 17 to Thursday December 15
(Labour Day – Monday 24 October - Public Holiday)

There is a 'Teacher Only Day' set for Friday 3rd June; this has been confirmed. All of the Northern Porirua schools, including Aotea College, will be closed on this day.

Cohort Dates 2022:

- Term 2 = 2nd May and 7th June
Term 3 = 25th July and 29th August
Term 4 = 17th October and 14th November

Please phone 235 9358 or text 0277466791 or email the school office at absence@postgate.school.nz or notify us via the HERO app before 8:55am if your child is going to be away.

Thanking you for your support.

Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.