

Term 2 2022 Calendar

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



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 4 2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"I'm not perfect.
I'm just a simple person with a simple life, so if I
ever make a mistake, please read the first
sentence."**

- 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

Thank You: With Theresa away from the office this week, a huge thank you to the many parents who are using the HERO app (your first go to) or are ringing or texting the absence line to report an absence.

Samoan Language Week: Next week (29 May) is Samoan Language Week. As always, we will start our week with a Flag Raising and the singing of the Samoan National Anthem first thing Monday morning.

Pre-COVID days, we were very fortunate to have parents/families share with our children their heritage and language. We want to bring this back in 2022. We are sending the “please come and share with us” message to all our Samoan community. You do not need a set time, just whenever you can, please come in.

Teachers will be learning, with the children, teaching Samoan phrases in the classroom. It would be fantastic to see Samoan Aiga’s in our school sharing their culture and heritage; maybe you could come in this week and help teach the Samoan National Anthem to some classes. If that sounds like you, please contact your child’s teacher or me.

Last year’s theme for Samoan Language Week was: ‘Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive’.

When you’re building a foundation for a fale (house) it can’t have a weak foundation or posts. This is the same for the foundations of our families, schools, and churches that play an important role in strengthening Gagana Samoa (the Samoan Language) or any family. Language is important for the foundations of our overall wellbeing.

Also, if we pronounce your name, your child’s name, or your family name incorrectly, please let us know. There was a great article a few years ago by Teuila Fuatai entitled “Saying Names Right is About Respecting Cultural Identity”. This is for any child at our school.

Pink Shirt Week/Day: Thank you for your support with our Pink Shirt Week. Knowing and understanding what bullying behaviour is the key, for all parties. Special thanks to Cat Bland for organisation and planning. A photo from Friday’s assembly is attached.

Lockdown Drill: Our children were awesome during last week’s Lockdown drill. A little bit of a different experience for us all and one we hope we never have to do for real.

We will be having another drill in a couple of weeks; just for our parents/caregivers communication. A message was sent on Thursday to 273 adults; 78 responded to the post, 106 people opened the email and 89 haven’t read the email according to our HERO app.

SchoolDocs: A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs;

postgate.schooldocs.co.nz

User name: postgate

Password: pride

Sports Team Code of Conduct for Players, Supporters, and Families: Attached with this newsletter is Postgate School’s Code of Conduct. It is common sense, based on respect for all and for us to show Postgate PRIDE when supporting our child’s team and the opposition.

Children dropping out of sport increases when children enter college and if you have a shouty side-line parent, who could blame them; highly embarrassing for the child and their mates.

You should ask your child these three questions following their game:

1. What did you enjoy about your game?
2. What was your favourite moment?
3. What would you like to eat?

How we think they have gone, what we want to say, if we want to relive the game and continue to coach is irrelevant. Just enjoy your child playing sport, actually, just enjoy the moment because they soon pass. Kids play sport for their own reasons, not ours.

https://balanceisbetter.org.nz/5-golden-rules-for-sideline-supporters/?utm_source=Balance+is+Better&utm_campaign=8d2fca4dad-&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e66bce632-8d2fca4dad-408421877

COVID update: As of early this morning, we have 6 students (that we know of) either with COVID or isolating because of COVID. Thank you for letting us know as this helps us monitor the situation at school.

We have a large number of students and staff away today with coughs, colds and the flu. Thank you for taking the sensible approach and keeping children who are unwell at home. We expected this to hit around June, so not far off with our planning.

Today we have 72 students absent from school and 8 staff.

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.

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