

# Term 2 2022 Calendar

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

Taeao manuia	Good morning	Fufulu ou lima	Wash your hands
Talofa tamaiti	Hello children	Fa'alogo lelei	Listen carefully
Talofa faiaoga	Hello teacher	Mālō le galue	Commend you for doing the work
Fa'amolemole	Please	Tōfā soifua	Goodbye
Fa'afetai lava	Thank you very much	Feiloa'i taeao	See you tomorrow
Nofo i lalo	Sit down	Manuia le aso	Have a good day
Tu 'i luga	Stand up	Ia fa'apena fo'i	And you also

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## Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 2: Week 5 2022

#### Mission Statement

## To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Fa'aaau le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai –  
Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the  
Ocean."**

- Samoan Language Week

#### 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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May 30, 2022

**Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau**

## **Talofa Lava Aiga**

**Samoa Language Week:**

**“Ia a’oa’oina ma ausia fa’atasi tatou uma”**

**“Together, We Learn and Achieve”**

**“Ma te mahi ngatahi, ka tu pakari te matauranga”**

Due to the very unlike Samoan conditions outside, we have deferred our flag raising ceremony to the next fine break in the weather.

We are asking our Samoan community to please come into their child’s classroom this week to share their culture, their Fa’a Samoa,

This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is Fa’aaauau le Folauga i le Va’a o Tautai - *Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean.*

As part of this year’s overarching theme of ‘Sustainability’, the Samoan community chose a theme that would reflect the journey of language revitalisation and maintenance as well as recognising the importance of having the right tools, good leadership skills, relationships and the correct medium (va’a) that is adaptable to faring the ocean and its elements.

This year marks 12 years since Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand. Following on from 2021, Samoa Language Week 2022 is led by three key organisations – FAGASA, Fotu ō Malama and SAASIA.

2022 is also a significant year for the Samoan community, being the 60th anniversary of Samoa Independence. Communities are organising activities to commemorate this milestone, which coincides with Samoa Language Week.

Samoa has a unique historical relationship with New Zealand. It is the only nation that New Zealand has a Treaty of Friendship. The Treaty of Friendship between Samoa and New Zealand is about a commitment to partnership, friendship and a mutual endeavour to obtain for Tagata Samoa fuller opportunities for social progress. Language is critical in achieving this.

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.

We hope that everyone will draw on the skills and expertise of those who speak Pacific languages, and be brave, and have a go at speaking Samoan! Have a go today:

- Tālofa lava: Hello (formal)

- Mālō le soifua: Hello/Good health
- ‘O ā mai 'oe? How are you? (to one person only)
- Manuia fa’afetai: Good, thank you
- Manuia le aso: Have a great day
- Tōfā soifua: Good bye (formal)
- Uso – A male (tama) referring to his brother calls him ‘uso’
- Uso- A female (teine) referring to her sister calls her ‘uso’

But, a male cannot refer to a female as an uso and vice versa.

Promoting and preserving language and culture is an ongoing journey that never ends with one generation and this is true for all languages.

**POSTGATE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE. Teacher Professional Learning Day at Aotea College.**

**Postgate School is closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Queens Birthday – Public holiday.**

**Faafetai Lava/ Thank You:** With Theresa away from the office last week, a huge thank you to the many parents who are using the HERO app (your first go to) or are ringing or emailing to report an absence.

**Emergency Notification Drill:** On Wednesday we will be having an Emergency Notification Drill, just for parents and caregivers. Staff and pupils will not be involved. This is to check that you are able to receive any emergency notifications sent out from Postgate. There are many reasons why we may send an emergency notification. These include having to close the school because of health and safety reasons, we are in lockdown, a natural disaster has occurred or we have to close Postgate School.

The drill is set for Wednesday, 12noon.

Your youngest child will come home with a paper newsletter for you to fill out and return to school.

**COVID update:** As of early this morning, we have 9 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.

There are a couple of cases where only the Postgate student has it in the family which may mean they caught it at school. However, research shows that student to student transmission is unlikely.

There are 65 children away from school today, for a variety of reasons; colds, coughs, flu, COVID, isolating, Monday, or unknown.

We strongly recommend that children, if they can, wear a face mask in class.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 = 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 = 25<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August

Term 4 = 17<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Please phone 235 9358 or email the school office**

**at [absence@postgate.school.nz](mailto: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.**