

Term 2 2022 Calendar

9	27	28	29	30	1 July
10	4	5 Regional Cross Country	6 Teacher – Parent Conversations	7 Teacher – Parent Conversations	8 Last day of Term 2 Family Merit – 2pm

SchoolDocs: A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs;
postgate.schooldocs.co.nz
User name: postgate
Password: pride



Postgate School Newsletter

**Term 2: Week 9
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“A rising tide
lifts all boats”**

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”**

June 27, 2022

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Teacher - Parent Conversations: As the title suggests, the focus is on starting a conversation as we move into the post-COVID period. The focus for these conversations is to re-establish connections with families again. The last two and a half years have seen a disconnect in this partnership and this is impacting the learning of our pupils. We know with a strong partnership, we can accelerate learning.

We want to give all children the best quality education we can. We know we can enhance this with your family as part of the learning process. Disconnect from parents and caregivers will see a disengagement from children in the learning process. This is what we need to rebuild and restore.

On Wednesday last week, information about our Teacher – Parent conversation during Week 10 was sent home. This includes detailed information about when, where, and most importantly a 'Booking Form'; this works on a first-in, first-served basis. Leave it till late, get a stink time!

The goal is to have 100% attendance from our parents and caregivers. The conversation is only set for 10 minutes; just 10 minutes of your time to ensure there is a partnership in your child/ren's learning journey.

Thank you to the many families who have already booked a time, about 35% of our school.

Teachers have been asked to share with you current barriers to learning and you will also get a slip of paper stating how your child is travelling in relation to the Postgate School Expectations; unless your child has started school recently.

I have attached our Attendance Report for Postgate School comparing the past few years. All children should sit above 90% if quality learning is to occur. It is easy to see from the report how much our attendance rates have dropped this year. It is what it is and the message of "stay home if sick" has worked. At some stage, we need to focus on getting ourselves back to school.

Our first focus for our conversation, which will be one way (teacher to parent/caregivers) to start with, will be from four of the Key Competencies and Postgate PRIDE. If these areas are not in place, accessing the New Zealand Curriculum/learning (Using Symbols Signs, and Texts) is near impossible. We need a foundation in place to build on our learning.

Our partnership together is more important than ever, we need to get back to where we should be. We need parents/whānau's support to get fully involved in the learning process and to reinvest in education.

If you are unwilling and/or unable to invest in your child's education, we cannot give you the guarantees or assurances that your child will be where they need

to be to continue to assess the New Zealand Curriculum or have the "capabilities for living and lifelong learning".

Planning for 2023: A reminder about 2023. You'd be very surprised by the number of families looking to enrol their child/ren at Postgate School who did not know there was a ballot. And, to make matters worse, they have family already here. If people miss the ballot, they have missed maybe their only chance to enrol at Postgate School.

School Board Parent Election 2022: Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 3 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send these on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Friday 5th August at 12 noon.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Health and Wellbeing update: As of early this morning, we have 5 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 41 children away from school today, for a variety of reasons; colds, coughs, flu, COVID, isolating, Monday, or unknown. There were 12 students who we had no notification from the parents/caregivers.

Last week, due to a wide variety of reasons, we had, on average, 43 students away each day.

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)

Cohort Dates 2022:

Term 3 = 25th July and 29th August

Term 4= 17th October and 14th November

Please notify us via the HERO app or phone 235 9358 or email the school office at absence@postgate.school.nz 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.