

Term 3 2022 Calendar

2	1 August Good Time Music van in	2	3 Nominations close for BOT elections	4 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	5
3	8 Good Time Music van in BOT meeting 6pm	9	10	11 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	12
4	15	16	17	18 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	19
5	22	23	24	25 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	26 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
6	29	30	31	1 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	2
7	5	6	7 BOT Elections Junior School Swimming starts	8 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	9
8	12 ASB Get Wise BOT Meeting 6pm	13 ASB Get Wise	14 ASB Get Wise	15 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme -Parumoana Swimming Sports	16 School Disco
9	19	20	21	22 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	23
10	26	27	28	29 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	30 Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm



Postgate School Newsletter

**Term 3: Week 2
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"He oranga ngākau,

He pikinga waiora;

**Positive feelings in your heart
will raise your sense of self-worth"**

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 mai anō tātou katoa whanau

KIA ORANA Postgate kōpū tangata and welcome to Cook Island Language Week.

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors.

'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna reflects on the journey of Cook Islands peoples in New Zealand, as well as the longing of young Cook Islanders to connect with their language, culture, and identity. Acknowledging that while community elders are fundamental to the teaching and sharing of Cook Islands language, the leadership of young people as the next wave of cultural and language experts is also critical in keeping the connection to their homelands alive.

The theme reflects the overarching 2022 Pacific Language Week theme of *Sustainability*, by linking the importance of language sharing and cultural heritage being handed down over generations.

Stay connected online by visiting the official **NZ Cook Islands Language Week** Facebook page.

There are three distinct Polynesian languages spoken in the Cook Islands: *Cook Islands Māori is an Eastern Polynesian language with a number of dialects. This language belongs to the same language family as New Zealand Māori and the languages of Hawai'i and Tahiti.

*Pukapuka is a Western Polynesian language, belonging to the same language family as the languages of Sāmoa, Tuvalu, and Tokelau.

*Palmerston Island has its own unique and distinctive mixture of Cook Islands Māori and English. The Cook Islands community are the second largest Pacific ethnic group in New Zealand making up 20% of the Pacific population (Census 2013).

Welcome Back to Term 3: A belated warm welcome to the new families and students who started at Postgate last week.

We had a powhiri this morning to welcome our new families and our Retired Readers to Postgate School.

Board of Trustees Elections: Our school is undertaking a parent election for our School Board. This process started with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how

to place your nomination on 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 those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates. Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon.

Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Teacher – Parent Conversations: Thank you to the parents who attended the Teacher – Parent Conversations during the last week of Term 2 and the Family Merit Assembly.

We had a tremendous turnout for the conversations with **nearly** every family accounted for; if you cancelled or were one of a few people who were a no-show, please contact us this week. It is very important that we all follow up with our child/ren about their learning goals over the next few weeks and for the rest of this term.

We have been seeking engagement, and getting it, from our school community. Your engagement has been awesome. The main area we have been focusing on is to involve families in the learning process; making horizontal connections- linking home with school and school with home.

So, how can we involve you in your child/ren's learning? Please let me know your thoughts/ideas. principal@postgate.school.nz

We are also keen to hear your views about the Teacher – Parent Conversations- how were they for you and were they useful/informative?

Important Dates for Term 3: The Postgate calendar is on the back of this newsletter. It contains all the important dates, that we know of, for Term 3.

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.

Term Dates 2022

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.

**SchoolDocs: A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs;
postgate.schooldocs.co.nz**

User name: postgate

Password: pride

Thanking you for your support.

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