

# Term 3 2022 Calendar

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 3  
2022**

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**  
**"80% of success is showing  
up!"**

### 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 whānau**

**ArtSplash Choir Tickets:** A group of Voyager students have formed a choir and will be performing at the ArtSplash Festival alongside other Wellington Schools. Tickets for the 13th September show are on sale now at the office. \$5 per ticket. Grab yours while they are available!

**Postgate School Thank You:** Meitaki korereka to the Daniels' whāmere for the Cook Island flag raising and Cook Island dance this morning. It was a wonderful morning experiencing Cook Island dance, language, and culture. Meitaki Donina and your beautiful family.

**Attendance:** Today we have a school-wide attendance rate of 75%. A massive drop from last week. A friendly reminder that wet or cold weather is not an acceptable reason to keep children at home. As adults, we all must go to work in the rain. Teaching our children lessons for life while they are young is extremely important.

We currently have two teachers away on COVID-related issues. Tamara Mitchell was isolating and tested positive this morning. Cecilia Kennar has the COVID. Cecilia caught it while isolating at home as well.

We know that our attendance rates are having a negative effect on our achievement levels at school. We have seen an increase and we thank you for ensuring your child/ren are at school. 'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. Every day matters.

Our daily attendance rates for last week were – Monday 90%; Tuesday 88%; Wednesday 84%; Thursday 88% and on Friday we were at 89%.

Our average for Week 1 was 89% and last week we are at 88%. Ideally, we want to sit in the high 90% bracket.

Our Year 2s had the lowest attendance rate for last week, averaging 83%.

**Board of Trustees Elections:** At the close of the nomination period on Wednesday, we had 5 Postgate parents put their names forward for the upcoming elections. 5 people for 3 positions.

This is a very good sign for our school that people want to put themselves forward to serve our school. All 5 people bring something special to our school and in next week's newsletter, we will 'spotlight' each one.

Thank you to these wonderful 5 people for putting their names forward.

Kelvin Harper is the Staff Rep for the next three years. Kelvin was the only staff nomination.

**Enrolments for 2023 and Beyond:** The deadline for new enrolments for the 2023 school year is Friday 9th September. At this stage it looks like we will have 20 spaces available in Year 1 and looking at the Wait List the majority of these spaces will be for brothers and sisters of current students; which is priority 2- siblings of current students. We think there will be available spaces in other areas of our school in 2023.

Please note: We need all documentation before the ballot. If any is missing, we cannot include you in the ballot.

If you are planning to move schools, please let us know.

If you know of family or friends who would like their child to attend Postgate School, now is the time to send them to Louise, our Office Manager. We have an ever-growing waiting list and if we have to go to a ballot, priority is given to families who live in our 'Home Zone' followed by siblings of current students; there are 6 priorities.

Our school roll for the next few years is very full and it would be very helpful for our planning to know years ahead what potentially is coming.

**Thank You:** A special thank you to all our Postgate sports coaches and managers. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated. It is a huge time commitment and can cause the stress levels to rise slightly, however, I know you love spending time and gaining energy from our children; haha, more like draining energy! You guys are awesome! Thank you.

**Basketball/Waka Ama/Boxing:** Are all continuing this week for various groups across our school.

**Subway Lunches:** Subway Wednesdays continue again this term. Orders must be in by Wednesday 8:55am. Order envelopes are available at the office

## **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 = 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 notify us via the HERO app or phone 235 9358 or email the school office at [absence@postgate.school.nz](mailto:absence@postgate.school.nz) before 8:55am if your child is going to be away.

SchoolDocs: A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs;  
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Mauruuru kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.