

Term 3 2022 Calendar

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| 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 Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui 6pm - Staffroom | 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 Year 1-3 Swimming | 15 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme -Parumoana Swimming Sports | 16 School Disco |
| 9 | 19 | 20 | 21 Year 1-3 Swimming | 22 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme | 23 |
| 10 | 26 | 27 | 28 Year 1-3 Swimming | 29 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme | 30 Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm |

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

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Postgate School Newsletter

Term 3: Week 5
2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Be Here, Get There."

Every day at School Matters "

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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August 22, 2022

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Welcome to Grace McRobie (Rm1), Hannah Bagley (Rm12), and Kynan Featherstone (Rm9) who are student teachers from Victoria University.

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui: Te Whanau Kaitiki (our Maori Advisory Group) will be having their first in-person hui since 2020. The hui will be held on Monday 5th September starting at 6pm in the Staffroom.

People, from outside of Postgate and new Postgate families, ask why we have a Maori and Pasifika Advisory Groups. There are two short answers; The Treaty of Waitangi and equity.

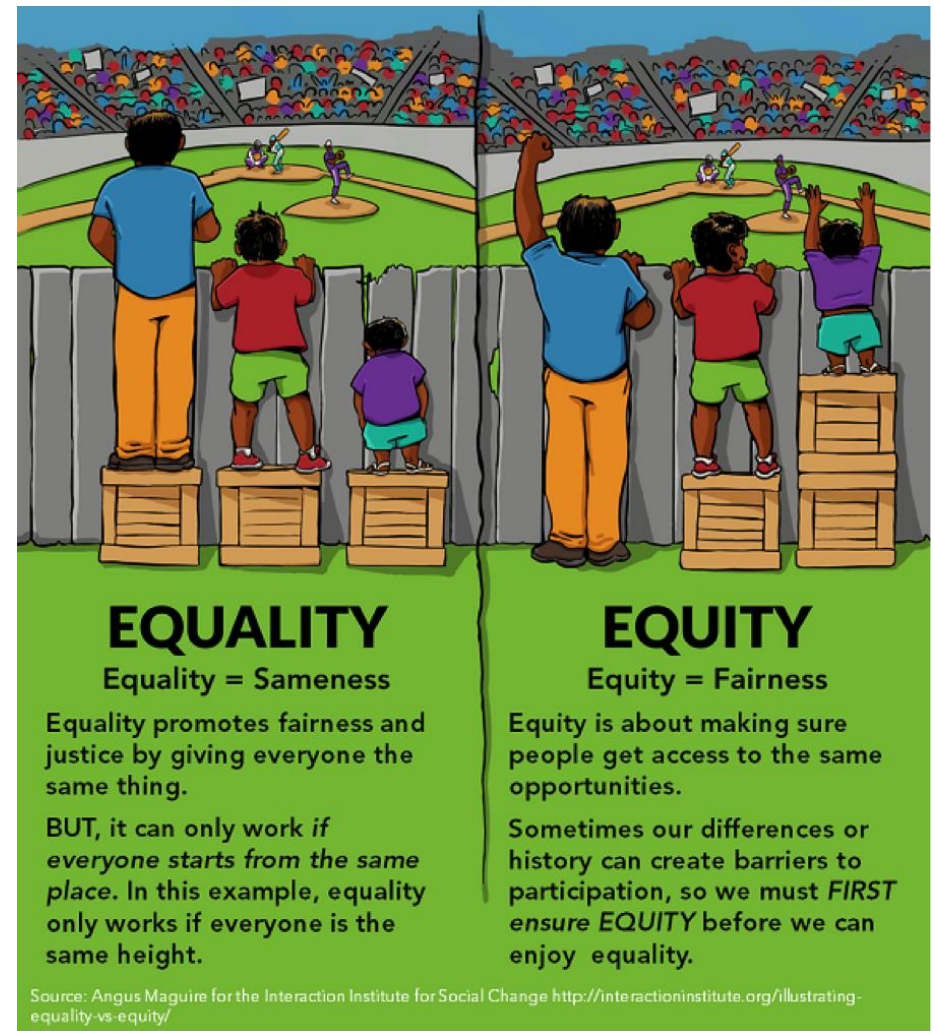
We all understand equality, however, this notion of equity is a bit foreign to some. I've attached a picture to best demonstrate what equity may look like in any setting. Basically, equality is about sameness; equity is about fairness. The number one challenge facing the New Zealand education system is to achieve equity and excellence in student outcomes.

Our school system is characterised by increasing diversity of students and persistent disparities in achievement and attendance. Although many young people achieve at the highest levels in core areas such as reading, mathematics and science, the system serves some students less well.

The *“Ministry of Education Statement of Intent; Priority Outcome 1 Improving education outcomes for Maori learners, Pasifika learners, learners with special education needs and learners from low-socio-economic backgrounds.”*

Translated in straight talking speak; We have to change the statistics for our priority learners to maximize the contribution of education to the New Zealand economy and Maori and Pasifika learners continue to be underserved by the education system.

Our Advisory Groups' are open to all members of our school community, you do not need to be Maori or Pasifika however the focus of these groups are on Maori and Pasifika achievement and success. We are open to establishing other advisory groups. Postgate School is a community asset and for us to grow/strengthen/succeed we need you and your family committing to our success.



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!

HERO: Hopefully, you are signed up on HERO. Very shortly, all communication will come via the HERO app. The Weekly Newsletter will continue to be posted on our school website for those not on HERO.

Attendance: Today we have a school-wide attendance rate of 86%. Our daily attendance rates for last week were – Monday - 86%; Tuesday - 89%; Wednesday - 88%; Thursday 86%; Friday - 82%

Our weekly average was 86%. Our Year 2s had the highest attendance rate of 91% with the Year 7s having the lowest at 79%.

Board of Trustees Elections: Please ensure you vote in our Board of Trustees elections. Voting information has come out via EMAIL, and all voting is online. Please take the 2-5 minutes to cast your votes.

Thank you to Alisha Devoe, Carla Gardiner, Adam O'Hara, Frieda Pitoitua, and Phil Townley for putting themselves forward.

It has been a while since we have had an election and we are very grateful to the five parents for putting themselves forward.

It is also a positive sign that we have two current Board members who have put themselves forward again.

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

Thanking you for your support.

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