

# Term 3 2022 Calendar

7	Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui 6pm – Staffroom Tongan Language Week	5	12	ASB Get Wise BOT Meeting 6pm Maori Language Week	19	26	8	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	9	Year 1-3 Swimming
8	ASB Get Wise BOT Meeting 6pm Maori Language Week	12	13	ASB Get Wise	20	27	14	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme -Parumoana Swimming Sports	15	School Disco Year 1-3 Swimming
9		19	20	Year 1-3 Swimming	21	28	21	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	22	Year 1-3 Swimming
10		26	27	Year 1-3 Swimming	28	29	28	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	29	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 = 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;  
[postgate.schooldocs.co.nz](http://postgate.schooldocs.co.nz)

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## Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 3: Week 7 2022

#### Mission Statement

## To Create Life-Long Learners

“Oua lau e kafo kae lau e lava

Stay positive and count your blessings.”

– Famous Tongan blessing

#### 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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September 5, 2022

## **Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau**

Mālō e lelei.

**Tongan Language Week:** Mālō e lelei. Tonga Language Week Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga celebrates the culture and language of the 82,389 people of Tongan heritage who live in New Zealand, giving lea faka-Tonga (the Tonga language) and anga faka-Tonga (Tonga culture) a special place here in Aotearoa.

The theme for Tonga Language Week 2022 is: Ke Tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tonga 'i Aotearoa - Sustaining the Tongan Language in Aotearoa.

Tonga Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga gives students of all ethnicities the chance to learn some basic lea faka-Tonga, and gives students who speak lea faka-Tonga the chance to be experts in the classroom.

Stats NZ revealed Tongans were the fastest-growing Pacific ethnic group in New Zealand in recent years, with their numbers increasing more than threefold between 1986 and 2006. Between 2013 and 2018, the Tongan population in Aotearoa increased by 20,000.

According to the 2018 Census, New Zealand had a Tongan population of 82,389, but only 12% of Tongans under the age of 15 spoke the language – a decline of 9% since 2006.

In the recent Leo Moana o Aotearoa survey, 72% of Tongans said listening and speaking to family members in one's household was an enabler.

This morning we had the raising of the Tongan flag and the playing of the Tongan National Anthem.

**Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui - Tonight:** Te Whanau Kaitiaki (our Maori Advisory Group) will be having their first in-person hui since 2020 tonight in the Staffroom starting at 6pm.

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 to commit to our success.

**Postgate School Enrolment 2023. Ballot closes this Friday:** We stress again, that we need all documentation (birth certificate, immunisation records) for children to be in the ballot for 2023. We cannot include children in the ballot with missing documentation.

**School Uniform:** Thank you for your support with the uniform standards.

**Junior School Swimming – Starts Wednesday:** Our Year 1-3s start their swimming programme on Wednesday. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to be involved in this programme. Swimming is Wednesday and Friday's.

**BOT Elections:** A reminder to cast your votes for your Board of Trustees. I have attached the candidates' statements. Please take the time to find the email that was sent a few weeks back from CES.

**Disco – Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** It will be free entry, however, you'll have to pay for what you purchase at the shop!  
Year 1-4 disco is from 5pm – 6:30pm and the Year 5-8 disco is from 7pm until 9pm.

**Year 7/8 Formal:** Our Year 7/8s will be having their Formal on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in our school hall starting at 6pm. An official invite will be sent home shortly. We were non-committal on a date as we wanted to see if our children will be able to learn all the dances in time; it might be a bit tight, but we have faith in our Master, the Grasshopper, of Social Dancing!

**Learning Conferences:** These are set for Week 10, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Attendance:** Today we have an attendance rate of 89%.

Our attendance rates are on the climb – Term 1 – 83%; Term 2 – 84%; Term 3 87% and improving by the week.

There has been a huge decline in COVID community cases and in the flu over the past week. This should see our attendance rate move up into the 90s and start to reflect pre-COVID times

Our daily attendance rates last week were: Monday - 89%; Tuesday – 89.6%; Wednesday – 91%; Thursday 88%; Friday - 89%  
Our weekly average was **89%**.

Our Year 1s, 2s, 4s, 5s, and 8s had a weekly attendance rate above 90%

**ArtSplash Choir (next Tuesday) 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.

**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.

