

Term 3 2022 Calendar

10	26 Mental Health Awareness Week	27	28 Year 1-3 Swimming Learning Conversations	29 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme Learning Conversations	30 Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm
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Term 4 2022 Calendar

1	17 October Powhiri to welcome new families Niue Language Week	18	19 School Athletics Day -Adventure Park	20 School Photos Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	21 School Photos
2	24 Labour Day – No school Tokelau Language Week	25 Life Education – Next two weeks	26	27 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	28 Girls Cricket Tournament
3	31 BOT Meeting – 6pm Life Education	1 November	2	3 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	4 Gumboot Friday
4	7	8	9	10 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	11 Uso Bike Riders – North Island Tour Last stop
5	14	15	16	17 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	18 Family Merit
6	21	22	23 St Johns Safety programme	24 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	25
7	28	29 St Johns Safety programme	30 St Johns Safety programme	1 December Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	2 Year 8 Organised Disco
8	5 BOT Meeting – 6pm	6 Aotea Orientation Day	7	8 Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	9 Family Merit Helpers Lunch
9	12	13	14 Leavers Dinner	15 Last day 2022 Final Assembly	



Postgate School Newsletter

**Term 3: Week 10
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
**"Mental health is not a destination,
 but a process. It's about how you
 drive, not where you are going"**

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"
**"Mā te mahi ngātahi,
 ka tū pakari te mātauranga"**

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Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whanau

Learning Conferences Years 1 – 8: Learning Conversations will be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Paper copies of the booking forms are coming home today and are also attached to this newsletter.

The Conversation is an opportunity to discuss the learning your child has been doing and the goals they have achieved this year. The focus is on the learning that has taken place, the learning that is taking place and the learning that will take place. The title “Learning Conversations” says it all. These meetings are about learning. If we thought there was a need to discuss behaviour or any other issues, we would have done this already.

You will receive a written report at the end of Term 4 via HERO. If you have not downloaded the HERO app, please do so.

You must bring your child to the Learning Conversation as they lead the conversation. The three-way Conversation allows your child to be more involved in the goal setting and take responsibility for his / her learning.

Learning Conversation appointments are 20 minutes each – Done in group sessions for Years 4-8.

Years 1-3 will be done individually, still 20 minutes.

Mental Health Awareness Week: This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme is **Reconnect** - with the people and places that lift you up, hei pikinga waiora.

The past couple of years have been tough and it's easy to feel disconnected from the people and places that are important to us.

Now is the time to reach out to someone you have lost contact with; life can change pretty quickly and sometimes people are going through a struggle we know nothing about.

This week at Postgate we will be participating in a variety of activities to help us Reconnect. We will be doing things such as:

- Discussing ways we can look after our own well-being
- Reconnecting with nature
- Talking and writing about our families and the things that make them special
- Talking about our fears and worries, and how we can manage these
- Coming together as a school for dancing and a lunchtime quiz

Health Consultation: Please click on the link to complete our Health Consultation form. <https://forms.gle/AHW2W9qTaMySZf2F7>

School Board of Trustees are required to consult with the parent community regularly when determining what is important for the students of our school regarding the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Seesaw App: Very shortly, our subscription to Seesaw will run out and many of the current features will be disabled. If there is any work on there that you'd like a copy of, now is the time to do so. Once we are kicked off, that's it. HERO will become the platform we use.

Message from our Office Ladies: Can you please advise parents that we have switched to ASB and not to use the Westpac account any longer.

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Postgate School Board of Trustees

And along with that, I have had a couple of parents asking if it's ok for them to pop \$5 per week or fortnight into our account ready for uniform purchases and/or camp etc. Can you let parents know that it is absolutely ok to do this - that as long as their child's surname appears on the reference, they can start paying whatever they want whenever and I will send them a statement every

few weeks for them to keep track. Easy peasy



School Photos- Term 4 First Week Back: Photos are being held the first week of Term 4, Thursday and Friday. No need to pre-order. Photos are taken and you will be given an envelope with a special code to view your child's photo and their class photo. From here, you can place your envelope order through the school or online via the photo people; Postgate is just the photo mule. The system is the same as last year; if you like - buy now, if you don't like - throw the envelope in the bin!

The photos are over two days as it can get fairly manic. This should help reduce everyone's stress levels and we will inform you of what photos will be taken on what day.

SunSmart Policy: Term 4 will bring with it higher levels of UVA and UVB rays. Bucket or wide-brimmed hats will now be compulsory. Caps and beanies are not acceptable. Postgate takes your kids health and well-being seriously. “No hat, No play!”

Our school policy clearly states that only wide-brim sunhats are acceptable or bucket hats. Caps are not part of the Uniform Policy and are unacceptable.

Any child who does not have a wide brim or bucket hat on during Term 4 (or Term 1) has to sit in the shaded area. The “No Hat, No Play” rule (or Yes Hat, Yes Play to put a positive spin on it) is school policy.

The “No Hat, No Play” rule will kick off at the start of Week 2; there is a week’s grace for children to get themselves organised.

Holiday Checklist: With two weeks holiday it is an ideal time to check your child’s hair for any unwanted visitors. A separate newsletter will come home at the end of this week reminding parents to check for headlice.

Postgate School Enrolment 2023: Done and dusted. If you haven’t heard, please come and see us. Some enrolment forms were not completed meaning we could not include families in the ballot.

Junior School Swimming: Our Year 1-3s swimming programme has started. Every Wednesday and Friday, **including** the last Friday of Term 3.

Year 7/8 Formal: Thank you to the families who helped set up the hall on Thursday and to all families for their support with attire and supper. T’was a wonderful evening.

Attendance: Today, our attendance rate is 84%. Surely not because some children were tired from Daylight Saving?

Our daily attendance rates last week were: Monday - 81%; Tuesday – 88%; Wednesday – 91%; Thursday 88%; Friday - 76%; the vast majority being in the Year 7/8 area – sore feet seemed to be the common cause!

Our weekly average was 85%.

Only our Year 4s had a weekly attendance rate above 90% this week.

Our averages so far this year are:

Term 1 – 83%

Term 2 – 84%

Term 3 – 87%

Year to date - 85%

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 = 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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Thanking you for your support.

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