

# 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 Room 8 and 10	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 Year 8 Organised Disco
7	28	29 St Johns Safety programme	30 St Johns Safety programme	1 December Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	2
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	

**Cohort Entry for New Entrant/Year 1 pupils:** Continuing next year will be our Cohort Entry. There will be two dates during each term when children who have turned 5 can start school. No longer at Postgate will children start school when they turn 5. A reminder to our 2023 New Entrants, your acceptance letters should be back with Louise.

## Term Dates 2023:

Term 1: Wednesday 1st Feb - Thurs 6th April

Term 2: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 30th June

Term 3: Monday 17th July - Fri 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October - Friday 15th Dec



## Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 1

2022

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**

**"Success is not final.**

**Failure is not fatal.**

**It is the courage to continue that counts"**

- Winston Churchill

### 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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October 17, 2022

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

**Fakaalofa atu!** And welcome to Niue Language Week. Niue Language Week celebrates the culture and language of Niue. Niue is a small island nation northeast of New Zealand and is located in the South Pacific Ocean. Niue is one of the world's smallest independent nations. It is commonly referred to as 'The Rock', a reference to it being one of the largest raised coral islands in the world. People from Niue make up the fourth-largest Pacific community living in New Zealand with around 24,000 residing in Aotearoa. Most people with Niuean heritage are born in NZ with only around 1600 currently living in Niue. This year's theme for Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue – Niue Language Week is - Fakatūleva e Vagahau Niue mo e Tau Aga Fakamotu ma e Tau Atuhau, which means - Sustain Niue Language and Culture for Future Generations.

Facts on Niue / Folafoalaaga haggaaioia ke he motu ko Niue

- Niue is an elevated coral atoll with fringing coral reefs encircling steep limestone cliffs. It has a landmass of 259km and its highest point is about 60 meters above sea level.
- Niueans are citizens of New Zealand.
- The capital of Niue is the village of Alofi.
- Niue (pronounced "New-e ('e' as in 'end' – which means 'behold the coconut') may be the world's smallest independent nation.
- Niue lies 2400 km northeast of New Zealand between Tonga, Samoa, and the Cook Islands.

**Welcome:** A very warm Postgate welcome to our new students and families that started this morning. We look forward to building a strong and positive relationship with you.

This morning was our last planned powhiri for the year.

**Athletics Day:** We are all off to Adventure Park on Wednesday for our Athletics Day, weather permitting. We will be 'beating our feet' (walking) to and from the park.

The first event starts at 10am and the last event is due to finish at 1:45pm. We will walk back to school following the last event.

No Subway lunch on Wednesday!

**Life Education Bus:** Marsha, Harold, and the Life Education bus is returning to school on Thursday.

Year 1s – We are Special

Year 2/3s – Needs and Resilience

Year 4-6s – Reputation

Year 7/8s – Leadership and Digital Safety

**Learning Conversations:** Thank you for your time at the end of last term. Our children love sharing their learning with you, showing how proud they are of their learning and work.

At the end of Term 4 you will receive a report via Hero. If you are not on Hero, no report as no paper copies; saving the environment!

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

**Community Survey – Last Days:** <https://forms.gle/ttPBpgKo9189oRbBA>

**School Photos:** Photos are being held on 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 it - 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.

**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.

**New Bank Account Details:** We have switched to ASB. Details are:

12-3254-0194961-00

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**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.

**Attendance:** Children can’t learn if they are not at school. Please, can we have our attendance rates back in the 90% bracket this term? There are only 43 school days this term!

We know we will need to balance this out with sickness, especially COVID.

**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 4** Monday October 17 to Thursday December 15  
**(Labour Day – Monday 24 October - Public Holiday)**

**Cohort Dates 2022:**

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)

User name: postgate

Password: pride

Thanking you for your support.

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