

# Term 4 2022 Calendar

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4		7	8	9	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	10	Uso Bike Riders – North Island Tour Last stop	11
5		14	15	16	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	17	Family Merit	18
6		21	22	23	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	24	Year 8 Organised Disco	25
7		28	29	30	1 December Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme			2
8	BOT Meeting – 6pm	5	Aotea Orientation Day	6	Voyager – Ko Wai Au Programme	7	Family Merit Helpers Lunch	8
9		12	13	Leavers Dinner	14	Last day 2022 Final Assembly	15	

**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 3  
2022**

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**

**"You can't start the next chapter in  
your life  
if you keep re-reading the last one"**

### 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 ngatahi,  
ka tū pakari te mātauranga"**

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October 31, 2022

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

**Literacy Newsletter:** Attached today is a newsletter from our Literacy Team informing you of what is happening in the four syndicates across our school.

Also, the Literacy Team wants to hear your thoughts about our Summer Challenge.

*“The Literacy team would appreciate your feedback about our school-wide Summer Challenge. Each year, we send home a Summer Challenge for our tamariki to complete over the summer. The purpose of this is to maintain student learning in Literacy and Numeracy over the holidays. We would like to know your thoughts about the effectiveness of this challenge, what your children enjoy engaging with, and how you think it could be improved.*

*Thank you for your time providing feedback,*

*The Literacy Team*

*Please follow the link below”*

<https://forms.gle/8qZSe4K3BSdeXaqu5>

**Gumboot Friday:** This Friday Postgate School is getting behind ‘Gumboot Friday’. This will be in the form of a non-school uniform day. Please bring a gold coin. We have had a large number of Postgate School children using this outstanding free service via I Am Hope - <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>. Children are encouraged to wear gumboots as well.

**BOT Meeting:** Your Board of Trustees is meeting tonight in the Glasshouse, Mr Harper’s office. As always, we will be looking at school policies. To review and comment on the topics for this term, please visit the SchoolDocs site

**Staffing for 2023:** Planning for 2023 is well underway and at this stage, we have the same teaching crew for next year, minus Ms Nicole Mitchell of course. She and the baby will be enjoying quality time together come mid-March 2023.

There will be a little bit of movement across our school of teachers.

Our Team Leaders are having discussions across the school about the best placements for our 2023 classes and families will be notified of 2023 class placements at the end of this year via Hero; yet another reason to be on this app.

**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.

Hats can be purchased through the school office for \$10.

**Seesaw App:** Very shortly, this week, our subscription to Seesaw runs 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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**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

Absence: 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

**Parihaka Day:** Every year on November 5 we burn money and celebrate a terrorist who, in 1605, tried to blow up the English Parliament; Guido Fawkes, or known to us as Guy Fawkes.

Unknown to many New Zealanders is that November 5 is also a day of remembrance for the people of Parihaka, which is located under Mount Taranaki.

As a country, we are probably aware of Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King. History tells us about their fight for justice for their people using passive

resistance. Well in New Zealand in 1879 we had two Maori rangitira (leaders) using passive resistance in their fight to protect/preserve/keep hold of their iwi's land in Parihaka; Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi, both of the Taranaki and Te Āti Awa iwi.

The story of Parihaka is a sad/terrible story of how early English settlers treated Maori and how as New Zealanders we are unaware of our own history. Most New Zealanders may be unaware that they have heard the story of Parihaka through the song by Tim Finn and Herbs. Tim was inspired to write the song after reading Dick Scott's book 'Ask That Mountain: The Story of Parihaka'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn7a7xMeRkw>

Te Whiti-O-Rongomai and Tohu ensured their turangawaewae was a place of peace. If the English settlers fenced off their land for farms, the people of Parihaka would take the fences down at night. Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi began a campaign to resist European settlement on land confiscated from south Taranaki Māori who had fought against the government.

This campaign used non-violent methods. In 1879 the government started surveying confiscated land on the Waimate plain, south-east of Parihaka. Te Whiti's followers disrupted these surveys by plowing and fencing land occupied by settlers. Many were arrested and held without trial in the South Island, but the protests continued.

On 5 November 1881, Parihaka was invaded by 1500-Armed Constabulary. They were met with passive resistance by the people of Parihaka. Instead of finding an iwi ready to fight, they found a warm greeting of children singing and doing poi. Instead of a war party, the English found a greeting fit for any manuhiri/visitors.

Te Whiti and Tohu were arrested and jailed for **16** months, **1,600** Parihaka inhabitants were expelled and dispersed throughout Taranaki without food or shelter and the remaining **600** residents were issued with government passes to control their movement.

Te Whiti and Tohu were sent to the South Island following their trial in New Plymouth. The trial was transferred to Christchurch, at the Crown's insistence, because it was clear that the Crown was losing its case in New Plymouth.

The Christchurch trial, however, was never reconvened. Te Whiti and Tohu were held at the government's pleasure' for a further two years. In their absence, Parihaka was effectively destroyed, certainly as a functioning community, with its people being forcibly dispersed and its economy put to ruin.

Te Whiti and Tohu returned to Parihaka in 1883, seeking to rebuild Parihaka as a place of learning and cultural development, though land protests continued. Te Whiti would be imprisoned on two more occasions after 1885. Te Whiti and Tohu died months apart in 1907.

On June 9, 2017, the Parihaka community met with Crown officials to hear a reconciliation apology, and to receive \$9 million in restitution for the past Crown actions.

Te Whiti and Tohu taught peace and unity – they wanted people to live together, side by side. That was their legacy. And, this is my reason why the 5<sup>th</sup> of November is Parihaka Day not burn my money on five seconds of getting my jollies for some Guy we know nothing about!

**Thanking you for your support.**

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