



## Postgate School Newsletter Term 2: Week 3 2024

### *To Create Life-Long Learners*

*We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional, and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.*

***"We want young adults who would rather engage in a conversation  
then bury their face in a phone"***

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

**Term 1 Testing Results - Years 4-8:** We noticed this while analysing our Term 1 National Norm Testing Data.

**Academic Success** = High attendance over their years at Postgate + a quality teacher(s) + Summer Challenge completed + started at Postgate School + engaged whanau/aiga. All pretty simple?

The number of children in the high stanines or improved on last year's testing after completing the Summer Challenge is awe-inspiring. The six-week holiday 'drop-off' is real; our results show this.

**Pink Shirt Week/Day:** Postgate School is looking at bullying as part of our Pink Shirt Week. Bullying is a term we hear a lot, however, knowing the true meaning can go a long way to improving our mental health and interactions with others. Our children will explore the differences between; being mean, rude, or bullying. Our children will have many disagreements, and incidents as they navigate life. Knowing when someone is mean, rude, or bullying will help them on this lifelong journey.

On Friday all children are encouraged to wear something pink to support anti-bullying. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities, and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

**Attendance:** Last week 78% of children attended school 90% or more of the time. However, over the past two weeks this number has dropped - 67% 90% of the time.

Our weekly attendance rate was 91% compared with 92% for Term 2. The colder mornings?

Nationally, the attendance rate for last week was 85%. The Wellington region was at 84%

Year 7s had the highest attendance rate of 96%. Our Year 2's, 3's, 5's and 6's were also in the 90% bracket

Year 1s were the lowest at 85%.

**Why is Attendance important?:** Attendance is linked to both student wellbeing and attainment. Ministry of Education insights studies show that attending school and kura regularly is, on average, associated with more positive well-being outcomes. Ministry analysis found that 15-year-old students who reported skipping a greater number of days of school in the previous fortnight reported worse outcomes on average for a number of measures of wellbeing; schoolwork-related anxiety, sense of belonging, exposure to bullying, motivation and experiences of teacher unfairness.

Attendance is also linked to student attainment in secondary students. Recent research shows that each additional half-day of absence from school and kura is associated with a consistent reduction in the number of NCEA credits students subsequently attain – whether that is a student moving from 100% to 99% attendance or moving from 71% to 70% attendance. Students who are absent even 5-10% of the time (which is still considered “regular” attendance) nevertheless obtain fewer NCEA credits than those with higher attendance rates. In short, evidence suggests that there is no “safe” level of non-attendance which has no impact on student and ākonga wellbeing and attainment.

**Children’s Sport:** Children dropping out of sport increases when children enter college and if you have a shouty side-line parent, who could blame them? This is highly embarrassing for the child and their teammates.

Maybe try asking your child these three questions following their game:

1. What did you enjoy about your game?
2. What was your favourite moment?
3. What would you like to eat or would you like a milkshake?

How we think they have gone, what we want to say, if we want to relive the game and continue to coach is irrelevant. Enjoy your child playing a sport, enjoy the moment because they soon pass; before you know it, your Saturdays are empty again. Kids play sports for their reasons, not ours.

**Planning for 2025:** Yes, that’s right, 2025. Planning for 2025’s intake of pupils is well advanced. If you have a child turning 5 in 2025, please check with Louise that she has all your details. We will have to hold a ballot, like last year, and early notice is a great help for us. If you know of a family interested in sending their child/ren to Postgate School, please tell them to come and visit us ASAP.

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Your BOT are meeting tonight, 6pm, in our Staffroom/Whanau Room

**Thank You:** Thank you to the parents/grandparents who gave up their time last week to help with our House of Bricks rotations

**SchoolDocs:** A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs. To log in to school docs, go to - [postgate.schooldocs.co.nz](https://postgate.schooldocs.co.nz)  
User name: postgate

**Password:** pride

Our Review Topics for Term 2 are:

| Term 2 review topics                             |              |
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| · <a href="#">Employer Responsibility Policy</a> | Board review |
| · <a href="#">Appointment Procedure</a>          | Board review |
| · <a href="#">Equal Employment Opportunities</a> |              |

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| · | <a href="#">Teacher Relief Cover</a>               |              |
| · | <a href="#">Safety Checking</a>                    |              |
| · | <a href="#">Police Vetting for Non-Teachers</a>    |              |
| · | <a href="#">Classroom Release Time / Timetable</a> | Board review |

**Important to Know Dates for Term 2:** Please note the following dates Postgate School is closed for Term 2:

- Monday 3rd June - Kings Birthday
- Friday 7th June - Teacher Only Day - Government Given
- Friday 28th June - Matariki

**Postgate PRIDE Rain Jackets:** A reminder, please see Louise or Theresa if your child needs a Postgate PRIDE rain jacket. These are free. If your current one no longer fits, bring it back and exchange it. If you have lost their one, no stress, come and get another one.

### **Aotea College 2025 enrolments**

Enrolments are now open for students wishing to attend in 2025.

Our open evening will be held on Thursday 13th June. We will be running two sessions 3:30 to 5pm & 5:30 to 7pm.

All out of zone enrolment applications **MUST** be received by Monday 24th July to be included in the ballot.

Please check our website [www.aotea.school.nz](http://www.aotea.school.nz) for details on how to enrol. If you have any questions, please contact our enrolment officer on [aln@aotea.school.nz](mailto:aln@aotea.school.nz)

**Thank you for your support.**

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

### **Term Dates 2024**

**Term 2** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

(Kings Birthday - Monday 3rd June; Government Given Teacher Only Day - Friday 7th June  
Matariki Friday 28th June)

**Term 3** – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
(Labour Day - 28th October)

## **Term 2 Calendar**

| Week     | Monday                      | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--|
| <b>3</b> | 13                          | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17   |
|          | Rotuman<br>Language<br>Week |         |           |          | Pink Shirt Day<br>Mufti Day - Gold<br>coin donation, |

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|    | Board of Trustees Hui - 6pm<br><b>Pink Shirt Week - Anti Bullying</b> |                           |  |                                 | please   |
| 4  | 20  | 21                        | 22   | 23                              | 24   |
|    |   |                           | Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui - 6pm                             |                                 |  |
| 5  | 27  | 28                        | 29   | 30                              | 31   |
|    | <b>Samoan Language Week</b><br>ASB GetWise catch-up days              | ASB GetWise catch up days |  |                                 | Family Merit Assembly  |
| 6  | June 3  | 4                         | 5  | 6                               | 7  |
|    | King's Birthday - <b>Public Holiday</b><br><b>No school</b>           |                           |  | Interschool Cross Country       | <b>School closed -</b><br>Government Given Teacher Only Day - Curriculum Refresh |
| 7  | 10  | 11                        | 12   | 13                              | 14   |
|    |   | Postgate's Got Talent     |  |                                 |  |
| 8  | 17  | 18                        | 19   | 20                              | 21   |
|    | Board of Trustees Meeting - 6 pm - Staffroom<br>Jumping June Week     | Postgate's Got Talent     | Jumping June Jump Off                                    | Year 7/8 Careers Expo Afternoon |  |
| 9  | 24  | 25                        | 26   | 27                              | 28   |
|    |   | Postgate's Got Talent     | Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui - 6pm<br>Matariki Breakfast - 7am |                                 | <b>Matariki - Public holiday</b>   |
| 10 | July 1  | 2                         | 3  | 4                               | 5  |

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|  |  | Postgate's Got Talent | Learning Conversations | Learning Conversations | End of Term 2<br>Family Merit<br>Assembly 2pm |
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**“Together, We Learn and Achieve”**

**“Ma te mahi ngatahi,**

**ka tu pakari te matauranga”**

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