



Postgate School Newsletter Term 3: Week 2 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.

"Your vibe attracts your tribe!"

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

Cook Island Language Week: Next week we are celebrating Cook Island Language Week. If you can help, please contact Kelvin or Aroha Pokai (Arohapokai@hotmail.co.nz). Aroha has planned a full and exciting week and we need your help to make it a successful week.

Pasifika Parents Group Fono: This Wednesday, 6pm, in our staffroom. Good company, nice coffee, making a difference to Postgate School. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fundraising Committee Meeting: We are meeting next Wednesday, 7th August, at 6pm in our Staffroom. This is our first meeting since our Food Fair last year. We are looking at early planning for next year's Food Fair.

Book Week: Postgate is having our inaugural Book Week in Week 4 this year. The theme is "Reading is our Superpower." The library team has a range of activities throughout the week, with special reading visits from Barbara Edmonds, Anita Baker, Bee Trugeon (Porirua Library) and author and illustrator, Paul Beavis. We will finish the day with a Book Character Day on Friday 16th August, where students are encouraged to dress up as a book character for the day. Look out for our poster, coming this week!

Disco- we need you! We are holding a Book Character Disco from 5-7.30pm to finish book week. If you are a parent who is interested in helping with the organisation of supplies or you are an expert hot dog maker, please see Ms Flett in Room 11 at some point this week, or email kelsey@postgate.school.nz

Attendance: It just falls away if we don't talk about it!

Hopefully, you took the time over the holiday period to check your child/ren's HERO accounts to see how their academic and attendance have been tracking.

Our attendance rate for Term 1 was 91%

Our attendance rate for Term 2 was 90%

During Term 1, 71% of students attend school 90% or more of the time. Compare this with Term 2 when 65% of our students attend school 90% of the time.

10% of our students have an attendance rate of 80% or lower; that is 30 children. At this rate, these students will have missed a term of learning in 2024 by the end of the year.

Monday is the day of the week with the lowest attendance level.

Bee Healthy Dental Van: The school dentists are back. All students will have their teeth checked and families will be notified if their child requires additional work at the Dental Hub at Brandon Intermediate.

Cultural Concert: Early Notification: Monday 4th November at Te Rauparaha Arena. A 6pm start (TBC) Tickets will go on sale in Term 4.

Planning for 2025: If you have a child turning 5 in 2025, please check with Louise that she has all your details. We've had many out-of-zone families entering the ballot in September. If you know of a family interested in sending their child/ren to Postgate School, please tell them to come and visit us ASAP.

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, return and exchange it.

GKR Karate: Did you know karate classes run in our school hall? Karate is best known as a form of self-defence, but it also helps to develop discipline, concentration, coordination and self-confidence. To organise a free trial karate class on a Tuesday night or Sunday morning call Sensei Nick on 027 6425 457.

Thank you for your support of Postgate School.

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

Term Dates 2024

Term 3 – Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Term 4 – Monday 14th October – Friday 13th December

(Labour Day - 28th October)

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 - Thursday 30th January – 11th April

(Waitangi Day - 6th Feb; Easter and ANZAC are during the holidays)

Term 2 – Monday 28th April – 27 June

(Kings Birthday - 2nd June; Matariki - 20th June)

Term 3 – Monday 14th July – 19th September

Term 4 – Monday 6th October – Friday 12th December

(Labour Day - 27th October)

Term 3 Calendar

	29	30	31	1 August	2
2	Bee Healthy Dental Van is still here	KiwiHoops With classes	KiwiHoops With classes		
	5 August	6	7	8	9
3	Cook Island Language Week Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm	KiwiHoops With classes	KiwiHoops With classes		

4	12	13	14	15	16
	Book Week	KiwiHoops With classes	KiwiHoops With classes		School Disco - Book Character theme
5	19	20	21	22	23
	Tongan Language Week	KiwiHoops With classes	KiwiHoops With classes		Family Merit Assembly - 2pm
6	26	27	28	29	30
	Cohort 6 starts				
7	2 September	3	4	5	6
					Deadline for 2025 Enrolments
8	9	10	11	12	13
	Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm				Ballot for Out of Zone Enrolments
9	16	17	18	19	20
				Year 7/8 Formal School Hall	
10	23	24	25	26	27
					Family Merit Assembly - 2pm End of Term 3 - 3pm



“Together, We Learn and Achieve”

**“Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga”**