



Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 5 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.

**“Share our similarities
Celebrate our differences”**

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

Postgate PRIDE Congratulations: Nova Tupai (Yr 8) has been selected to play in a team representing the wider Wellington region at the 3P Tag Tournament in Brisbane from November 15 to 17. 3Ptag is a non-contact modified Rugby League game that focuses on development and performance.

Parumoana Athletics Sports: Best wishes to the 40 students representing Postgate tomorrow at the Parumoana Athletics Day. (Weather permitting, otherwise, it is on Thursday) Our students are competing against students from Discovery, Adventure, Pauatahanui, Plimmerton, St Theresa’s, Paremata, Papakowhai and Rangikura Schools.

CULTURAL EVENING: Thank you for your support! We hope the evening will last long in your memories and also with your child/ren.

- Thank you to our students for their dedication, the quality of their performances and the passion shown on stage. It has been a while since we've had a live Cultural Evening (2019). This will be a memory for us all
- Thank you to Aroha Pokai (mother of Riviera), Te Rehia Matthews (ex-Postgate parent), Robert Pitoitua (father of Olivia and Tafaoga and now living in Samoa), Lizzy Rahi (ex-Postgate parent) and their crew of helpers for all their outstanding work with all our cultural groups. A very skillful and talented group who, like everyone else, has a deep passion for Postgate PRIDE
- Thank you to Junior and Leta Telea (parents of Zephy, Christina and Elia) for their awesome work with our school band. Leta also helped Aroha and Heather sort through our outfits at school
- Thank you to Kitiona Yala-Tauira (grandmother of Carmella), Pati Taii (father of Elisa, Emma, Evie and Esme) and Livingston Finau (father of Laryah) for offering to be our M.Cs for this evening
- Thank you to Micheale Vermunt (mother of Ella and Sawyer) and Andrew Matautia (father of Peyton) for offering to be our ‘official’ photographers for the evening. The first lot of photos are through. How awesome... <https://saintandrew.pixieset.com/postgateschool/culturalnight/>
- Thank you to Levi Faamau (father of Issac and Faith) for operating the lighting for us
- Thank you to Theresa Pauga (mother of Corryn) and Louise for the ticket selling and taking the time to ‘investigate’ who didn’t have tickets and calling them
- Thank you to Leilani, Puni and I.J (ex-Postgate pupils) for coming back to help with our groups
- Thank you to Cooper Renshaw (Postgate pupil) and our Board of Trustees for their Front of the House work

- Thank you to the many parents who have been busy sorting out the attire for students
- Thank you for supporting your (our) child/ren in the evening. An audience of 1,000 plus to celebrate our/your child/ren
- Thanks to our wonderful staff for all their extra work leading up to this evening and during the concert. The passion and commitment they have towards your child/our students is top-shelf
- And finally, thank you to Heather Browne who had the overall responsibility for organising our evening; plans, plans and more plans to ensure a smooth and enjoyable evening

We were running the cultural concert with a zero budget. 960 tickets were issued, including free tickets; however, I didn't see many spare seats. 1,300 seats were available.

The total cost for the Arena, lights and sound was \$6,300. This is at a discounted price as we follow the College Sports Awards, which were on the night before.

There were some other costs (extra costumes, materials, 'ei katu, additional hours to Support Staff) which came to approximately \$2k.

So, we do have money left over and Mr Whippy will be booked to celebrate our awesome concert, as long as students continue to show Postgate PRIDE. (Approx. \$1600) We will let you know when Mr Whippy is coming and we will also sort something for those people who have special dietary requirements.

With all these costs, we will break about even.

Teacher Only Day: Thank you for your support on Friday. Postgate is well on-target to introduce the refreshed curriculum.

BUSY! - Postgate has been hectic over the first four weeks of this term and there is no slowing down; 2025 class lists, future-proofing Postgate, future puzzles, 2024 Reports, refreshed curriculum, IEPs, extra-curricular activities, Cultural Concert, Grandparents/Special Persons Day, Teacher Only Day and squeezing in a personal life while remaining fully focussed on lifting student achievement and improving student outcomes.

Possible Motorway Delays: Please be mindful of possible delays next Monday and Tuesday. There maybe upwards of a few thousand people staying at Ngati Toa Domain and at local marae's.

CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS NOW - Library Help Wanted: Our wonderful librarian, Barbara, needs help with covering new books. If you have some spare time please contact library@postgate.school.nz I believe this 'work' can be done in the comfort of your own home.

School photos: A special notice has been sent home with your special code for ordering your child/family photos. Everything is done online through School Memories

Sunhats: Term 4, "Yes Hat, Yes Play". Otherwise, it is sit/play in a shaded area. All hats must be a wide-brim or bucket-style hat.

Baseball/Trucker hats are not permitted under our school policy. We have hats for sale from the office for \$10

A Reminder - NO MORE ENVELOPES FOR SUBWAY: Please use the HERO App to order Subway

Uniform Prices: Our current uniform prices are \$30 for polo tops and **\$55 for school hoodies**; the hoodies were \$70. Louise has been "wheeling and dealing", again!

Schooldocs Details: All our school policies can be found at this website address: <https://postgate.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Term 4 review topics

- [Finance and Asset Management Policy](#)
- [Managing Income and Expenditure](#)
- [Financial Conflicts of Interest](#)
- [School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income](#)
- [Expenditure](#)
- [Asset Management and Protection](#)

Community username - **postgate**

Community password - **pride**

Thank you for your support of Postgate School.

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

Term Dates 2024

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

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 - Thursday 30th January – 11th April

(Waitangi Day - 6th Feb; School Picnic - 13th 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 4 Calendar

5	11	12	13	14	15
	Papua New Guinea Language Week	Regional Athletics			
6	18	19	20	21	22
	Delays on motorways	Delays on motorways	Year 8 - Road Patrol Function		
7	25	26	27	28	29
	Solomon Island Language			Pasifika Tamaiti Group at Aotea	Disco organised by our Year 8's

	Week Board of Trustees Meeting - 5pm			College	
8	2	3	4	5	6
				Aotea College Orientation Day - Year 9s 2025	Helpers Lunch Family Merit Assembly 2024 Reports available on HERO
9	9	10	11	12	13
	2025 class placement available on HERO	With 2025 class middle block	Fun Assembly	Leavers Dinner 6pm	Last day of school for 2024. School finishes at 1pm



“Together, We Learn and Achieve”

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

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