



Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 8 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.

“Parenthood is a verb. It is something you do not who you are”

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

Postgate PRIDE: Greater Wellington Regional Athletics: Delta-Jade - Champion! Year 5 Girls Vortex. Delta-Jade smashed the field with the 2nd place getter 7 metres behind her!

Jacob Kahu was placed 2nd in the Year 6 Boys High Jump on a count back. He jumped the same height as the winner.

Special mention to Nova Tupai who competed in four events, finishing 2nd in the Long Jump and 3rd in his sprint events.

Many of our other athletes just missed out on top 3 finishes.

Well done and thank you to Brody, Colin, Delta-Jade, Faith, Neriah, Savannah, Jacob, Siana-Lee, Stella, Jasper, Nyro, Manaia, Solomon, Sione, Joshua, and Nova for their display of Postgate PRIDE last Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents of the children involved in last weeks Regional Athletics finals at Newtown Park. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Staffing News: At the end of this year we are farewelling:

- Kylie Joseph has accepted a teaching position at Tairangi School.
- Jo Sims (nee Riley) and her family (Peter and Micah) are moving to Christchurch.
- Jerry Lambert who is jumping the ‘ditch’ for a warmer climate

We thank Kylie, Jo and Jerry for their many years of service to Postgate School and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Welcome to Postgate 2025: We will welcome two new staff members to Team Postgate next year.

- Amanda Roche is joining us from Titahi Bay School. Amanda will be teaching a roll growth class in Year 2/3.
- Myfanwy (Myf) Edge will be joining us from Raroa Intermediate School. Myf will be teaching a Year 7/8 class.

Our teaching team for 2025:

Year 1: Cat Bland, Heather Browne and Charlene Koekemoer

Year 2/3: Kelsey Flett, Keely Saunders, Tamara Mitchell, and Amanda Roche

Year 4-6: Rochelle Maass, Adam Smith, Jodie Gray and Niamh Swift

Year 7/8: Cecilia Kennar, Kayne Leighton and Myf Edge

All our release teachers and our Support Staff along with Deb and Kelvin are also at Postgate next year.

End of Year School Disco: Thank you for supporting our Year 8 pupils at Friday night's disco.

A huge thank you to our Year 8 parents for the food, cakes and lollies on sale at the disco.

School Photos: These are now with you. Some made it home on Friday, the rest will get home today!

Strategic Plan Survey: Thank you to the whānau who have completed this form. We all must have our say as to the future direction of Postgate School.

Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.

Postgate School is about continued improvement, for everyone, including your Board of Trustees.

I've attached a link for feedback/feedforward on our [Strategic Plan Survey](#) for the next two to three years.

We need to hear from all of you!

The [Strategic Plan Survey](#) will be open for a couple of weeks. We will start formulating a plan for the next two to three years based on the feedback/feedforward we receive.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Lots On: Please know what is happening school-wide over the next 10 days, what your child is expected to bring home, and anything else needed at school. The “What You Need to Know” is in chronological order below. Some syndicates have things planned and these will be or have been messaged out on HERO.

Year 7 Leadership Group: Last week they were at Otari Bush, today they are at Nairnville Park working with Sefa and his team.

Syndicate Planning Days: Most teachers will be out of their class for one day this week, planning for 2025. This is like a Teacher Only Day but students are also here. We know it is a pain to take extra time off during term time so we get relievers in so we do not disturb working families.

Ongoing Resource Scheme Hui with Parents: Thursday after school there is a meeting with our ORSs-funded pupils' parents - 3:10pm in the staffroom.

Hikoi Down to School and Join Us! Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui / Pasifika Parents Fono: Please lock in Thursday 5th December for the final meetings of 2024. At this meeting, our groups will be making the ula lole lei's for our Year 8 final assembly. The meeting starts at 6pm in the Staffroom.

Aotea College Orientation Day: Thursday 5th December. Students who are attending Aotea College in 2025 are picked up and dropped off from Postgate School. Please ensure you have completed the permission form and have sent it back to Aotea College

Postgate School Helpers Lunch: This is set for Friday 6th December starting at 12:30pm.

Letters inviting parents to the lunch have been sent home. We would love to see you there.

The support we receive from our community is tremendous and we would love to thank you. Sometimes we do miss people who have helped us, just come along as well. It's just an oversight if you do not receive an invitation, however, we will try our best to invite everyone.

Please, if you have been helping out to make Postgate a better place, keep Friday the 6th free. Come for lunch and have an early finish.

Family Merit Assembly: Our final Family Merit Assembly for 2024 is Friday 6th December. All assemblies, except for our Final Assembly, start at 2pm.

End of Year Reports: On Friday 6th December, your child's End of Year Report will “go live” on HERO. These will go live when Kelvin has made his way back to school after Road Patrol Duty; approximately 3:13pm.

Class Placement 2025: On Monday 9th December, your child's teacher for 2025 will be available to view on HERO. All children will spend time with their 2025 teacher the following day. These go ‘live’ at approximately 3:14pm or when Kelvin remembers to flick the switch.

Fun Assembly: Wednesday 11th December. This is an opportunity for some Christmas songs, items from classes and extra PRIDE Card draws as we use all the remaining prizes. A bit of organised chaos.

Mr Whippy is also booked for this day.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prizegiving: This is being held on Thursday 12th December in our school hall. The Year 8 Dinner will start at 6pm and the prizegiving section will start at approximately 7:30pm.

End of Year Final Assembly: This will be held on Friday 13th December with an 11:45am start.

Please note that school finishes at 1pm or not long after.

Day One 2024: Thursday 30th January with an 8:55am start. A full school powhiri for new students, families, and staff will start at 9:30am. Our 2025 Year 8 Leaders have been working under the expert eyes of Te Rehia and Aroha as they ready themselves for the first powhiri.

School Picnic 2025: Thursday 13th February at Waikanae Pool. More details next year but for now, book your day off work!

Cultural Concert Photos: Thank you Andrew Matautia for the awesome photos. For those who are interested in downloading the photos, the PIN is 7452 <https://saintandrew.pixieset.com/postgateschool/culturalnight/>

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: 130 students completed the Summer Challenge last Summer! And, what a difference it made for those students and what a powerful message parents gave to their children about the power of learning!

Literacy and Numeracy have combined forces again to come up with the ultimate Postgate Summer Challenge; Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. It has been split into a Year 1-3 and Year 4-8 challenge. Your child/ren will each get a copy of the challenge that suits their current year group. So, grab your family and friends and get ready to take on the Postgate Summer Challenge 2024/25, and help your child collect points that will tally towards winning certain prizes. The 'summer lag' continues to be a barrier to children's academic success; time spent away from school can set a pupil back many months. Please find time to help your child learn over the next six weeks.

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

***"Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga"***

Sports Uniform: Please check throughout your house for any Postgate School Sports Uniforms. Please return any sports uniform items this week. Thank you.

Overdue Library Books: Please, send those books back to school.

SchoolDocs: A reminder that our policies are on SchoolDocs.

To log in to school docs, go to - postgate.schooldocs.co.nz

User name: postgate

Password: pride

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.

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!

Thank you for your support of Postgate School.

Mauruuru 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

(Grandparents/Special Persons Day - 24th October

Labour Day - 27th October)

Term 4 Calendar

8	2	3	4	5	6
	Selected Year 7 Leadership @ Collaboration Day at Nairnville Park Hearing and Vision Testing - Year 1s and re-testing from before.			Aotea College Orientation Day - Year 9s 2025 On Going Resource (ORS) students parents meeting - 3:10 Te Whanau Kaitiaki and Pasifika Parents Hui/Fono - 6pm Staffroom	Helpers Lunch Family Merit Assembly 2024 Reports available on HERO
9	9	10	11	12	13
	2025 class placement available on HERO - 3:30pm	With 2025 class middle block	Fun Assembly Mr Whippy visit	Leavers Dinner 6pm	Last day of school for 2024. School finishes at 1pm



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Term 1 Calendar 2025

1			29	30 January 2025	31
			School office is open for uniform orders	Day 1 2025 for students = Full school powhiri 9:30am approx.	
2	3	4	5	6	7
				Waitangi Day - No school	
3	10	11	12	13	14
				School Picnic Waikanae Pool	
4	17	18	19	20	21
			Education with Nurses for Year 7 - Immunisation		