



Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 9 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.

“How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

- Winnie the Pooh

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

As this is the last official newsletter, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank:

Our awesome kids. We are very fortunate at Postgate to have students who are focused, want to succeed and want to show Postgate PRIDE daily. One of the best things about my job is that I'm not tied down in dealing with negative behaviours from children. Our students, your child/ren, are friendly, polite, and respectful; a mirror image of the children you have grown at home. The old-age proverb, “The apple doesn't fall far from the tree” springs to mind.

There is huge power in positive parenting and we see this in your children at Postgate.

You; our school community. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to support all our children is top-shelf. The pride that reflects out of your child reflects their home environment.

As a staff, we are truly grateful for your support of Postgate. From our Board of Trustees, Te Whānau Kaitiaki and Pasifika Parents Group, to the parents who tutor our children on a Friday for Kapahaka/Samoan Language, to the parents who regularly meet with their child's teacher, keeping engaged with the learning process.

People ask me what is special about Postgate. I always say our awesome community. Events like Grandparents Day, our Cultural Evening and Family Merit assemblies are very special.

The staff at Postgate: that is everyone that works here. It takes a special kind of person to work at Postgate School; it isn't an 'easy' place to work as we are professionals practising teaching. This isn't a vocation. Our staff see their role here as more than 'just a job' and they support one another. Their energy, passion, and commitment to your children motivate me in my role. Postgate is fortunate to have such wonderful people, who put the needs of the children before themselves.

Best wishes to Jo Riley, her husband Peter, and son Micah for their move to Christchurch.

We farewell Kylie up the road to Tairangi School where we are sure she will add value and energy to her new school.

We wish Jerry Lambert all the best in the future and a new chapter in his life.

To our Retired Readers (Readers who are retired) thank you for the great work you do with our young readers. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

To the families leaving Postgate School at the end of this year, we wish you and your families every success in your new ventures.

To the families who have been with us for many years, we have many families who have been with us since their child was 5 years old, thanks for all your support over the years.

A special farewell to the Cherrington, Misky, Galola, Daniel, Mataio-Summers, Prasad, Pauga, Masoe, Leaf-Morrell and Craig families that have had a long association with Postgate, I think maybe stretching over many years.

The Cherrington whanau have been with us for 24 years and still, Rex can't get out of Postgate. ***"On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair..."***.

The same can be said for Pauga aiga. After 12 years, 4 children through and Theresa having been a Postgate student as well and now our office lady... ***"We are programmed to receive. You can check out anytime you like BUT, you can never leave"***

A solid group of year 8 parents have put tremendous time, energy, and commitment into our school. Their devotion to our school is greatly appreciated.

Top of this list is the Misky aiga (Sarah and Tala) who have coached and managed sports teams, served on the BOT, led the Pasifika Parents Group and attended 5 school camps at Teapot Valley. Tala was on our BOT when the school uniform was adopted.

A special farewell to our Year 8's; your leadership and role modelling have been greatly appreciated. We know you will make us all proud of your achievements at college.

Thank You: Last week was a busy one around school and we thank you for your support.

Thank you to the parents who came to the sports hui on Wednesday and the ORSs meeting on Thursday.

A special thanks to Te Whanau Kaitiaki and the Pasifika Parents Group who were at school Wednesday evening making ula lolo lei's for our Final Assembly.

It was wonderful to see some of our wonderful helpers on Friday and to see families celebrate student successes and achievements at our Family Merit Assembly on Friday. We are very grateful for your support.

What is the Haps Over the Final 5 Days of the School Year?

Class Placement 2025: Today, your child's teacher for 2025 will be available to view on HERO. These go 'live' at approximately 3:14pm or when Kelvin remembers to flick the switch.

All children will spend time with their 2025 teacher on Tuesday.

Fun Assembly: Wednesday starting at 11am the madness begins! 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 due to arrive at 12:30pm. That's right but wait, there is more. Send no money to school on Wednesday as our Cultural Evening is paying for this pleasure. If your child has special dietary requirements, please let your classroom teacher know so we can sort a treat for them on Wednesday as well.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prizegiving: This is being held on Thursday 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 with an 11:45am start.

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

Day One 2025: 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!

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.

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: Last summer, 130 students completed the Summer Challenge! 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 develop 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 hinder 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.

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"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.

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

(Grandparents/Special Persons Day - 24th October

Labour Day - 27th October)

Term 4 Calendar

	9	10	11	12	13
9	2025 class placement available on HERO - 3:30pm	With 2025 class middle block- 12pm	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

			29	30 January 2025	31
1			The school office is open for uniform sales	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	School Information Afternoon	
5	24	25	26	27	28
		Colour Run		Immunisation for Crowsnest	Family Merit Assembly
6	3 March	4	5	6	7
7	10	11	12	13	14
			Junior Swimming		Junior Swimming
8	17	18	19	20	21
		St Johns Responding in an Emergency till Friday	Junior Swimming	Parent / Teacher Meetings	Junior Swimming
9	24	25	26	27	28
			Junior Swimming	School Cross Country	Junior Swimming
10	31	1	2	3	4
			Junior Swimming		Junior Swimming
11	7	8	9	10	11
					Family Merit Assembly End of Term 1