



Postgate School Newsletter Term 1: Week 3 2025

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.

**“Teamwork is the secret that makes common people
achieve uncommon results.”**

And this is what we strive towards for your child/ren!

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau,

School Picnic, No Permission - No Go: Waikanae Pool - Thursday 13th of February; one of the best days in the year!

The main points are that we are all go for Thursday, there is no cost for your child and your family; everyone is invited to the picnic. Also, NO PERMISSION, NO GO.

We are at the pool from 10:30am until 1:30pm. The hydro slide will be open, the inflatables will be blown up, the BBQs will be cooking and the sun will be out!

A roster will be up for the Dunking Machine. I'm down for 1:45pm. Line up, take your best shot!

All children must have permission.

Please follow the link to complete the permission form: [School Picnic 2025](#)

Partnership Hui: Thursday 20th February. This is the old school Meet the Teacher.

These will be in Syndicate Teams, spread over a few hours:

- *Years 1-3 = 3:05pm - Expectations, Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) and how you can help will be discussed*

The Better Start Literacy Approach Whanau Workshop (Literacy/BSLA) will start at 2:30pm. This is for Postgate families who have NOT done this previously, regardless of the student's year level. All families must complete this workshop.

- *Years 4-6 = 3:50pm - Expectations, what happens, how you can help will be discussed*
- *Years 7-8 = 4:30pm - Expectations, what happens and Camp 2025 will be discussed*

Board of Trustees Meeting: Your BOT is meeting next Monday at 5pm in the Staffroom.

Pasifika Parents Fono: The first fono (meeting) for the Pasifika Parents Group is scheduled for Wednesday 26th Feb, 6pm, in our Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend the Pasifika Parents Group

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: Books/evidence need to be in by the end of this week. Books/evidence can be delivered to your child's teacher.

Our Summer Challenge assembly will be held at the end of Week 7.

Whitby New World Wishing Well: When shopping at Whitby New World, please place your token in our 'bucket'. We are raising funds for a new Junior Playground; the nearly \$200k price tag is a killer. Any funds we can get make a huge difference. Please ask your family and friends to give us their tokens! Thank you



Parking Before and After School: For those families who are new to Postgate School or if you have someone different dropping off or picking up after school, some key points:

- The safety of our students and school community is our number 1 priority. Safety comes before an adults need to get to their next destination
- Just relax when doing drop off or pick up. For a short time, Postgate has a heavy traffic presence
- There are always parks in the office carpark, HOWEVER, once the cone is in place, there is no getting out. You'll just have to wait a few minutes more
- This isn't Bad Jelly the Witch - Your children will not melt if they get wet. You'd be surprised how many parents try to drive right up to the front door! Back in the day...
- Remember, puturi haere - slow down (speed and mind); Fai fai lemu - Take it easy; Keep cool till well after the school bell.

Attendance: We cannot stress enough the importance of being at school, regularly. As parents, we make decisions for our children that will shape them for life; good and bad.

Ordering lunch: Subway on Wednesdays and Sushi on Fridays (order online via the HERO app) If you are unsure how to do this, please ask

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.

Thank you for your support of Postgate School.

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

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 - Thursday 30th January – 11th April

(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 1 Calendar 2025

3	10	11	12	13	14
		1st Technology		School Picnic	

		for Year 7/8s		Waikanae Pool	
	17	18	19	20	21
4	BOT Hui - 5pm - Staffroom		Education with Nurses for Year 7 - Immunisation	School Information Afternoon Kelly Sport Yr 4-8 = Endzone Yr 1-3 = Fitness Fun - Oxymoron for sure?	
	24	25	26	27	28
5		Exploration (Year 1) Trip	Pasifika Parents Fono (meeting) - 6pm - Staffroom	Immunisation for Crowsnest Cohort 2 visits Kelly Sport Yr 4-8 = Endzone Yr 1-3 = Fitness Fun	Family Merit Assembly - 2pm -Languages start
	3 March	4	5	6	7
6	Voyager (Year 4-6) Trip		Junior Swimming	Kelly Sport Yr 4-8 = Endzone Yr 1-3 = Fitness Fun	Junior Swimming
	10	11	12	13	14
7	Cohort 2 starts - Powhiri 9:15ish		Junior Swimming	Kelly Sport Yr 4-8 = Endzone Yr 1-3 = Fitness Fun	Junior Swimming Voyager (Year 4-6) Trip
	17	18	19	20	21
8	BOT Hui- 5pm - Staffroom	St Johns 'Responding in an Emergency' till Friday - student training	Junior Swimming	Parent / Teacher Meetings Kelly Sport Yr 4-8 = Endzone Yr 1-3 = Fitness Fun	Junior Swimming
	24	25	26	27	28
9			Junior Swimming	School Cross Country	Junior Swimming

10	31	1	2	3	4
		Colour Run! Full afternoon of activities	Junior Swimming		Junior Swimming
11	7	8	9	10	11
	Endeavour (Year 2-3) Trip	Endeavour (Year 2-3) Trip			Family Merit Assembly End of Term 1



“Together, We Learn and Achieve”

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

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