

# Patricia Avenue School Newsletter

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## ***From the Principal***

What a busy and successful term filled with enriching learning experiences and participation in special events out in our local community! It was lovely to have some parents join us for our first junior Athletics day at Porritt Stadium as well as the 'Special Olympics Athletics' for the senior students.

One of the events our local community provides is "Sailability" at Lake Ngaroto run by a volunteer group. It was a real testament to our staff, the students, and families who have participated in this to have the head organiser Micheal Maloney make an appointment to come and speak with me. He felt compelled to share after many, many years of doing Sailability that he needed to recognise Patricia Avenue School. Stating that:

***"You are exceptional"***

***"Patricia Ave people are a cut above the rest"***

***"Organisation and care for your students is outstanding"***

and I agree that we have an amazing hardworking team here doing what is at times, really difficult and challenging work but one that is full of purpose!

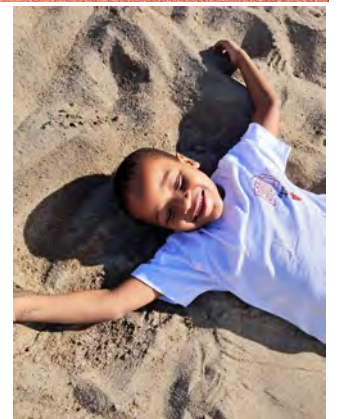
This year is the triennial board elections. With some longstanding members whose children have 'graduated' Patricia Avenue School, ready to move on, we are on the lookout for new trustees! If you have any interest and capacity to join the school board and want to know more, please reach out. We are a supportive team and experience is not essential.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Daleen du Toit, who is leaving after 12 years to be closer to family, and Gerry, who is retiring after 17 years as an LSA at Patricia Avenue School. They have made a significant contribution to our school over a long period of time. Additionally, we acknowledge and thank Rachel, Sophie, and Megan, who are also moving on.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful term break!

Noho ora mai,  
Andrea

## **Juniors Athletics**





## Well done Zac!



Zachary Murray, a year 9 student at Base school has been selected from a large number of schools in the Waikato region, to exhibit his artwork at the ANZAAE (Aotearoa New Zealand Arts Educators Association) Student Art Exhibition this month. This is a great honour, congratulations Zac!

*Irma Luka—Art Therapist and Art Teacher*



**WAIKATO STUDENT  
ART  
EXHIBITION**

**E 2025 CONFERENCE 14-16 APRIL KIRIKIRIROA**

**EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

Opening: Saturday 12th April 2025 ~ 3-4.30pm  
~ Karakia/blessing of our taonga @ 3pm

Exhibition open from:  
Monday 14th April ~ 10am - 4pm  
Tuesday 15th April ~ 9am - 3pm  
Wednesday 16th April ~ 9am - 3pm

Location: X block, Wintec, 52 Alexandra Street, Hamilton.

## Room 11



Room 11 students enjoy exploring a variety of activities across their day. Some of their favourites are using the Numicon resources, pre-writing activities with mini whiteboards and magnetic letters, and H.O.P (Hanging Out program) games with cause-and-effect toys. All students have really taken to exploring the Core Board especially at meal times.

*Jade Dobbs—Teacher*





## Silverdale 18a



Silverdale Room 18A has been actively participating in various group activities this term, providing many opportunities to develop essential social skills. Through these activities, students have learned the importance of sharing, taking turns, and listening to each other's ideas and perspectives. They have also practiced accepting differences, which has helped create a positive and inclusive environment. Most importantly, these interactions have allowed students to enjoy collaborative experiences, strengthening their friendships and fostering teamwork in a fun and supportive way.

*Mansi Doshi—Teacher*



## PAS Band 'Five50'



The PAS Band 'Five50', have been working hard, learning new songs in preparation for the Hamilton Competitions. This event is a live show held on the last Thursday of Term 2, 26th June, at Hillcrest High. Our students compete against other schools in either dance, drama music or song with trophies up for grabs for the best performances.

*Renee Manning—Dance  
Therapist and Music Specialist*





## Parents, we need to know .....

**Updating Details:** Considering our recent emergency management practice recently held, this is reminder for parents and caregivers to please update the office with any new contact details. This includes mobile numbers, addresses, and emergency contact details in case we cannot reach primary caregivers.

Email [office@patave.school.nz](mailto:office@patave.school.nz) for any updates.

**Sick Child:** To avoid the transmission of bugs, if you suspect or know your child is sick please keep them at home. We have a number of vulnerable students.

To report any absences please choose the student absence line 078569350 or submit an absent message on the **SKOOL LOOP APP** and provide a reason why your child is absent. **You must notify the transport company too.**

Cross Country: 027 556 0994

Go Bus Hamilton: 021 314 442

Go Bus Te Awamutu: 021 0759 084

### SKOOL LOOP STEP BY STEP GUIDE



Download the SKOOL LOOP APP via Google Play or App store

- Open the Skool Loop App—will land on welcome page

- Click 'Select your schools'- menu to search your school
- Once you reach your school, tick on the right hand side
- Tap 'select schools' button in the right corner
- Tap big orange Choose button. This will load your school and bring up the settings page
- Subscribe to the relevant groups—for parents choose Whole School then click 'go back' to main page

### Satellite Unit Contact numbers:

Woodstock: 07 8556686 ext 828

Marian: 07 8557515 ext 325

Fairfield: 07 8559718 ext 853

Silverdale: 07 856 7604 ext 818

Te Awamutu Satellite: 078714199 ext 240

Transition Unit: 07 839 4438

Cambridge, Melville Primary, and Mangakootukutuku

Satellite Units call: main office 078569350 and ask to be transferred.

## Community Info .....

Note: Satellites follow Patricia Avenue School calendar dates

### 2025 Term Dates and Calendar

**Term 1** 04 Feb—11 Apr

6 February Waitangi Day

**Term 2** 28 Apr—27 June

Teacher only day 30 May

King's Birthday 02 June

Matariki Day 20 June

**Term 3** 14 Jul—19 Sep

Teacher only day 15 Aug

**Term 4** 06 Oct—17 Dec

Labour Day 27 October



The team from Parent to Parent have created 'About Autism' booklet launched on Wednesday 2 April, Autism Awareness Day.

The booklet is designed as a practical tool to educate and empower.

To get a free copy and to go to the Parent to Parent Website click on link below

**Get your free copy now!**

<https://parent2parent.org.nz/resource-hub/about-autism-a-guide-to-autism-in-childhood/>

### New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

It's FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

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Aotearoa