



Patricia Avenue School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Ngaa mihi nui – Thank You for Celebrating Matariki With Us

A heartfelt thank you to all our whaanau who joined us for our Matariki Day celebration. We had a super turn-out and your presence made the day truly special, filled with warmth, connection, and aroha.

We were especially proud of our tamariki and rangatahi for their kapa haka performance—it was a moving tribute to our culture and heritage. The student art display was equally inspiring, showcasing creativity, pride, and the spirit of Matariki.

A special thank you to the staff team and whaanau who helped prepare the kai and generously donated food items. Your contributions made the day even more memorable and were deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Wayne Munro Snr who ensured everything with the hangi went to plan!

Ngaa mihi maioha moo too koutou kaha, aroha me te tautoko. Kia pai too koutou tau hou Maaori. Maa te waa!

Have a wonderful term break

Andrea

Matariki Celebrations



Introducing....



Hi!

My name is Annabel and I'm really excited to be joining Patricia Avenue School as a Speech Language Therapist. I have recently finished my studies and feel so grateful to be starting in such a welcoming and supportive school community.

I am passionate about working alongside students to help them grow in confidence, independence, and find joy in their own unique ways of learning and communicating.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading, spending time with friends and family and getting outside in nature. I am new to Hamilton, so I'm really looking forward to settling in and getting to know everyone.



Kia Ora,

My name is Angus and I am very excited to be working in the Patricia Avenue Satellites at Mangakotukutuku College and Melville Primary school. For the last 15 years I have been working as an ECE teacher. My teaching philosophy is creating an engaging learning environment that enables the students to achieve their full

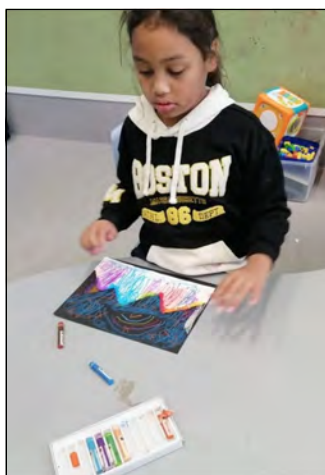
potential to become the best that they can be.

I live with my partner who also works at Patricia Avenue School and our two children and three dogs which keep us very busy.

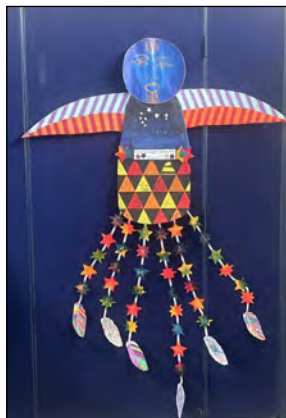
Base Room 8

Room 8 has been preparing for Matariki by getting our creative juices flowing. As we painted our stars and sang waiata, we talked about how Matariki is a time for remembrance, celebration, and looking forward to the future. Room 8 made beautiful artworks to acknowledge the changing seasons, learn about Maaori culture, and enjoy the festivities.

Anja Steyn—Teacher



Matariki' Artwork



Room 9: A Love of Reading

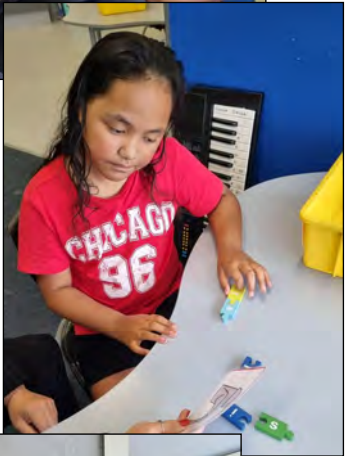
In Room 9, our students *love* reading! Whether it's shared reading, listening to stories read aloud, exploring stories through language experience, or choosing their own books to browse and enjoy - reading is a daily highlight.

This term, our literacy programme has focused on building strong foundations through systematic phonics instruction. Students had fun learning to distinguish sounds, recognise letters and their corresponding sounds, and blend these into words. Their enthusiasm was matched by their progress, with many making exciting gains in decoding skills and reading confidence.

We've also seen wonderful moments of independent reading, as students selected new and revisited their favourite books. It's been a joy to see their curiosity and love of language grow.

We're so proud of the progress Room 9 readers are making - and we can't wait to see what the next chapter brings.

Dorota Broda—Teacher



Lunch time Playground Engagement

Here are photos of some lunch time engagement play. Each day is a different theme to get as many students as possible to engage with their peers or an activity. The bikes are a big hit.

Christina, Niki and Debbie—Senior Playground Engagement Team



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 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 need to 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

***** SKOOL LOOP IS FREE—NO DATA COSTS*****

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

Arbor Day

On June 5th, students from the Transition Unit proudly took part in Arbor Day celebrations at Minogue Park and Gardens, joining other schools in a well-attended and busy community event. Despite the threat of rain, the weather held out, allowing everyone to get stuck into the planting. Our students were enthusiastic and successful in their efforts—digging holes, placing young trees in the ground, and carefully covering them to ensure a strong start. It was a rewarding day of teamwork, environmental care, and hands-on learning.

Transition Team - Tania Hamman and Karolina Poor

