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Congratulations to everyone that performed at the **Hamilton Competitions** at end of Term 2. You were all amazing! Special mention to our band 'Khloe & the Lads' who won the cup for best overall item. Transition dancers - first equal in the group dance and 'Fearless' from Fairfield second in the group music section. Ka pai!



From the Principal

I'm incredibly proud of the outstanding efforts and achievements across our school this term. Our students shone at the recent Hamilton competitions, showcasing talent, teamwork, and determination. Jumping June was another highlight—full of energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit, all in support of a great cause. Despite dismal weather at times, with new play spaces in the junior and senior areas and the relationships between staff and students, and students with one another is lovely to see. It is evident that there is real intent from our staff team to develop play, recreational and physical skills of our tamariki and aakonga in a fun and engaging way.

There is plenty more to come this term and hope to see some of you at the regional Kapa haka festival, Run, walk or roll Cross Country event or Book Week!

Please don't forget that there is a Staff only Day on Friday 15th of August. I appreciate these are inconvenient but please know that we treat these days like gold and really try to optimise the opportunity to engage in high quality professional learning to ultimately benefit the work we do here and the learning for our students.

Ngaa mihi

Andrea

Nominations for the School Board is now closed. We have received 6 nominations and will be going to voting process. Voting papers together with candidate statements will be posted so please keep a look out for these and return your voting papers! Thank you to nominees for putting themselves forward.



2025 Dates to Remember!

14 July – 19 Sept	Term 3 Dates
15 August	Friday Staff Only Day – school will be closed for students
21 August	Kapa Haka Festival
10 September	Junior Cross Country
11 September	Senior Cross Country
15-19 September	Book Week
06 Oct – 17 Dec	Term 4 Dates



There's been a buzz of excitement in the **Junior Base playground** as students return to an ever-evolving playground designed to support their development and ignite their imagination. The latest addition — a **climbing mound with a tunnel** — has quickly become a favourite, offering opportunities for challenge, adventure, and fun!

Our approach to play is purposeful. Alongside traditional equipment, students have access to a **range of thoughtfully curated play options**, including:

- **Sensory play** experiences
- Activities aligned with **Montessori play schemas**
- **Seasonal activities** that reflect the world around us
- **Sound making** equipment, including xylophones, drums and chimes

Equipment supporting **gross motor skills development** such as wobble boards, stilts and scooter boards

It's been wonderful to see our tamariki exploring, experimenting, and engaging in ways that support both their physical and cognitive development. Play is a vital part of learning — and we're proud to provide spaces where it's taken seriously!



A section of our senior playground which was revamped during the term break.



The big bright smiles says that the students from **Mangakootukutuku Satellite Room 3** are enjoying their dancing sessions with Hayleigh our dance teacher who visits every Thursday.



Our ingenious and talented Te Awamutu students! Here are the photos of the cardholders we made. Students used old CDs. They covered them by stitching the fabric on batting first and then gathering it around each CD. Then, they attached the CDs using two buttons. They can now easily hold their cards, have it visible and flip them more easily when playing Uno flip.



From this.....

To THIS!



Exciting News from Silverdale Unit!

Every Wednesday, the Silverdale unit go together to gymnastics, and it has been an incredible experience! In addition to improving their motor skills through balancing and jumping, they are also developing vital social skills. During these sessions, students practice listening to instructions, following directions, taking turns, and sharing space. These activities not only enhance motor coordination but also encourage teamwork, patience, and respect among peers. We are so proud of our students for their growth and dedication! Keep up the great work, everyone!!



Thanks to **Room 4** students and staff for the wall art on display at our Base library. The library is looking good thanks to Kay Saunders our library and resource coordinator, making it a cosy and inviting area for our students to enjoy reading books and story time.

Talking about books, a flyer will be sent with this newsletter with information about our **BOOK WEEK/FAIR @Base** planned for the last week of this term. More information in the flyer and more information to be sent via teachers later this term. Diarise the dates: 15—19 September.



Jumping June – What a Success!

A huge congratulations to everyone for an incredible Jumping June! It was fantastic to see so many tamariki jumping, skipping, and smiling their way through the challenge. Your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment helped make this a truly special event. Together, we raised funds and awareness for The Heart Foundation — a special thank you to all our whaanau for your generous support and encouragement. Your involvement plays a vital role in the success of events like this, and we couldn't have done it without you.

A special shoutout to our top-performing teams:

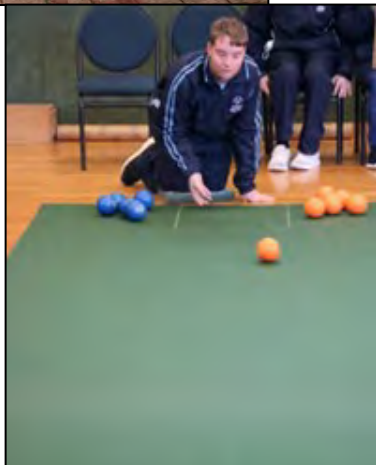
- ♫ Te Awamutu Satellite
- ♫ Melville Primary Satellite
- ♫ Transition Unit

We are so proud of everyone who participated. Keep those ropes swinging and your skills growing!



Well done!

Jordan from our Te Awamutu Satellite Unit who took part in the Special Olympics Lawn bowls representing Te Awamutu for the first time in first the weekend of August. He did so well coming 3rd in Division 3.



Community Events



Hamilton Brick Show—Lego Galore!

This weekend August 9—10 at Claudelands Event Centre.

There will be a Sensory hour from 8—9am on Sunday.

Tickets from Ticketek or door sales



For out students age 5– 12year only

The Waikato Special Children's

Christmas Party 2025 will take place on Saturday December 6 @ Mystery Creek Event Centre from 11.30am until 2pm.

The party is for children with challenges, there can be many different reasons, including but not limited to disability, illness or home circumstances. It is a fantastic few hours of fun with entertainment, many activities, food and of course gifts – every child attending will receive 2 or 3 high quality prezzies.

The party is an invitation only event, one invitation entitles one child plus parent / caregiver to attend the day (the accompanying adult does not require an invitation) for this party to be a success we ask that only children with an invitation attend the day—no siblings.

There will also be a quiet hour for children who are sensitive to noise and crowd overload.

An email will be sent to caregivers in the above age group to respond with the relative information needed to register for the e-tickets. Please keep a look out for the email or the general notification which will go out via SKOOL LOOP from which you can email.

Reminder when your child is absent from school to please notify the school by calling 078569350 select student absent option and leave a clear message providing the reason for absence. You can also send a message via the SKOOL LOOP APP (downloadable data free to your phone) or the website

<https://www.patave.school.nz/report-an-absence/>

If you do not provide a reason we have to follow the Ministry's guidelines and mark them as truant.



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.

BOOK WEEK

SEPTEMBER 15- 19



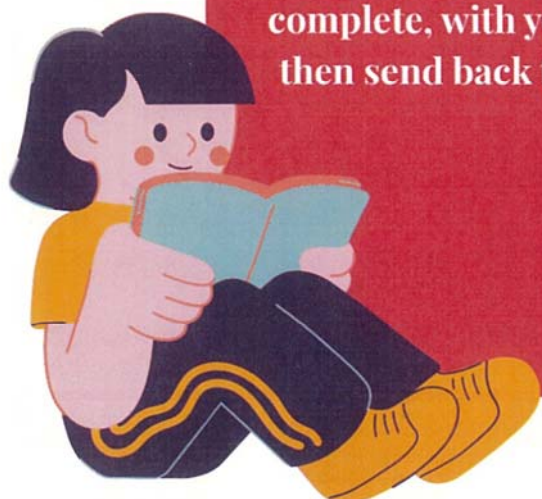
We will be holding a Book Week this term in Week 10 (15th - 19th September) across the school.

There will be opportunities to share books each class have created, join in a Teddy Bear's Picnic or Mad Hatter's Tea Party and dress up as our favourite book characters. There will be opportunities to win prizes for individuals or classes as well.

As part of this we will have a Scholastic Book Fair in the Multi-purpose Room at Base school. A variety of books and items will be available to purchase for your child or to donate to the school.

There will be specific time slots for each class and their whaanau to visit as well as times for parents / whaanau to browse on their own. More information about all the book week events will come home in the next few weeks so watch out for flyers and invites in your children's home-school books and/or on Seesaw.

To get you started a book template is attached for you to complete, with your child, around their favourite book and then send back to school so we can display them in class / around the school.



book an adventure..

JOIN US AT

Patricia Avenue School
Whole School Cross Country



SPRING

Run, Walk or Roll



Juniors 10th September 2025, 11am.

Seniors 11th September 2025, 11am.

**Hillcrest Park, Masters Avenue, Hillcrest,
Hamilton 3216. Parking at Hillcrest Kindergarten.**

We encourage whaanau to come along from
10:45am and support your tamariki in this event.

This event will be weather dependent and this will be
decided the day before and communicated via SkoolLoop.

