



Patricia Avenue School Newsletter

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From the Principal

What a varied and busy term it's been! We've celebrated culture, embraced inclusion, and are now turning the page toward encouraging a love of books.

A huge highlight was the Kapa Haka Festival, where our tamariki shone with pride, showcasing their talent, unity, and connection to te ao Māori. Their performances were a true testament to living the values of our school.

We also took to the water with **Sailability**, an incredible programme that offered a small group of students the chance to experience sailing in a safe and supportive environment. The joy and confidence gained through this experience is always a highlight.

These kinds of events and opportunities are a key part of our school's strategic plan, which focuses on increasing access for all students to be physically active and to continually explore and engage with our local community. We are also celebrating milestone achievements through the Student Passport Awards and are planning a medal ceremony in the near future.

And now, we're gearing up for a magical finish with **Book Week and our Book Fair** next week! It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate stories, imagination, and the joy of reading and storytelling.

Thank you to all our whānau, staff, and community members who have supported us throughout this term, and a special thanks to the Board. This term marks the final one for three of our members: George Prescott and Scott Marshall, who have both served for three terms, and Rupert, who has served for two terms. They have made a fabulous contribution to our school and will be sorely missed.

We look forward to an exciting Term 4 ahead! **Ngā mihi Andrea**

Kapa Haka Roopuu

On Thursday 21st of August, our Kapa Haka Roopuu 'Te Ao Maarama' (Shine Bright), travelled to Tauranga to perform at the Special Schools' Kapa Haka Festival. Our Roopuu representatives left early in the morning to attend the Poowhiri and everyone else travelled there on a big bus. A big thank you to whānau and staff for the early morning start and late afternoon finish!

Also thank you to all our whānau and supporters who came to watch us on stage. It was a very exciting day! Our roopuu performed with kaha and won a trophy for their amazing Haka. Special congratulations to our Kaitaataki taane (Jacob) and Kaitaataki wahine (Lillyana) who commanded the stage, encouraged the roopuu and presented themselves with confidence and mana.

Our next performance is in the last week of this term at the Launched Festival. This is a local event and is open to the public so please come along and support our roopuu! We are expecting to perform at 11am.

Renee Manning—Dance Therapist and Music Specialist



2025 Dates to Remember	
14 July – 19 Sept	Term 3 Dates (satellites follow PAS dates)
15-19 Sept	Book Week and Book Fair
06 Oct – 17 Dec	Term 4 Dates





Look who came to visit our Base Students ...Firefighters and Reuben the Road Safety Bear.

The students and staff in the Junior Base classes were excited to have three firefighters visit after spending this term learning about healthy communities and environments. Abi, Jamie and Rob showed us the Command Unit Fire Truck where Jamie turned on the lights and sirens. Rob wore the full uniform and showed us the special mask they wear when going into a fire. Abi, Jamie and Rob taught us that although they may look scary in the full uniform, they are just there to help us. Abi gave us lots of stickers and we were allowed to try on a helmet if we wanted to.

After a long absence from our school and as this visit to PatAve was so successful they are going to come back every year.

We were also fortunate to have Reuben the Road Safety Bear visit to teach our juniors all about road safety especially when we are out on our community walks.

Jade Dobbs—Room 11 Teacher



The Fire and Emergency website has some great resources, scroll down to online resources <https://www.fireandemergency.nz/teachers-and-schools/get-firewise/>



Planet Protectors in Action!

Room 8 has been busy learning all about *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!* We now know which items belong in which recycling bin, and we even created our very own mascot, **Reggie Recycling**, using recycled materials. With cartons and leftover craft supplies, we designed a crew of silly monsters, giving old items a brand-new life. To top it off, we started a mini worm farm to recycle our food scraps and feed our wiggly friends. Room 8 is well on the way to becoming true **Planet Protectors!** *Anja Steyn—Teacher*



Sailability....Our senior students were given the opportunity to go sailing. Thanks to Sailability Waikato for giving our students the opportunity to enjoy this awesome experience.



Community Events

**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 has been sent to caregiver of our 12yrs and under students to forward me with the relevant information to register for tickets. Please refer back to this email.



Reminders

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.



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

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.

**You must inform the school if
any of your contact details
have changed—in case of
emergencies.**