



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have made it to the end of another school year and finishing with a flourish!

Last week many of our senior students spent time at the Pirongia Forest Lodge on school camp. We hope this was an experience filled with challenge, friendship and adventure that they will remember for years to come. A special thank you to the staff team that made this happen. It is no small undertaking! For other students, there have been special end of year events and a few more to come over the following days.

As we look ahead to 2026 there are a some exciting things on the horizon. We have a new sensory garden area planned for the senior playground and new swings and shade going into the junior playground. We have a few upgrade 'opportunities' for satellite provision... I won't say more until these are a little more definite!

We have a small group of staff we farewell at the end of this year. A special goodbye and good luck to Ms Lexi Byram who joined us two years ago and is returning to the US after many years teaching abroad, to Hannah Bevins who began at Patricia Ave many years ago as part of our support staff team and has undertaken her teacher training during this time and takes up a teaching role next year at Marian School and Karin Smith who has been at the Transition Unit. There are a number of support staff who move on to other things. Thank you to Aynan Tajriya, Jennifer Freeman, Kayla Wood.

Lastly to our graduating students - we wish all of you the very best.

To our students and whaanau - a very Merry Christmas from the Pat Ave team. We wish you all a safe holiday period and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Nгаа mihi nui
Andrea



2026 TERM DATES

- Term One Wed 04 February - Thurs 02 April
- Term Two Mon 20 April - Fri 03 July
- Term Three Mon 20 July - Fri 25 September
- Term Four Mon 12 October - Fri 16 December

Teacher Only Days and Public Holidays During Term Time

06 February Waitangi Day

12 and 13 February MOE funded school literacy professional learning and development

27 April Anzac Day

01 June King's Birthday

26 Oct Labour Day

SCHOOL CLOSSES THIS YEAR ON WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 12PM

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL BOARD

5th December 2025

Teena koutou Patricia Avenue School Community,

At the heart of Patricia Avenue School is our commitment to respecting all learners – embracing their differences and honouring all cultures.

This letter is to provide a response to you, our school community, on the recent legislation removing Te Tiriti o Waitangi from the Education and Training Act 2020.

The Patricia Avenue Board of Trustees remains firmly committed to ensuring that Te Tiriti o Waitangi continues to inform our governance and decision-making, and we will uphold the principles of Te Tiriti in all aspects of our school's work.

The importance of Te Tiriti is woven through our school. We acknowledge and value our relationship with mana whenua and openly celebrate the unique place Maaori culture has within Aotearoa New Zealand.

Embracing Te Ao Maaori helps us create a rich learning environment that honours our children's mana, celebrates their cultural identity, supports their language and whakapapa, and strengthens our relationships with whaanau so every learner feels valued and is supported to achieve.

Nгаа mihi nui

Patricia Avenue School Board



TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS



Term Four has been an exciting and memorable time for our school community.

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight some of the amazing events our senior and middle schools have enjoyed. These include the ultimate camping experience at Pirongia Lodge, the Senior School Leavers' Dinner and Dance, and a successful fundraiser organized by our Marian Satellite Unit to support Marian School's fundraising efforts for a much needed new turf. For their efforts; car washing and a lemonade and bake sale they raised an impressive \$512 dollars. A huge thank you to all who contributed.

Our Cambridge Satellite Unit also had a special visit from the Police, which was a fantastic learning opportunity for our students.

As we celebrate our seniors moving on to new adventures, we also acknowledge the achievements of our juniors who are transitioning to middle school and students transitioning to a new class. Staff and parents joined in these celebrations, making this truly special for everyone.



CAMP



SENIOR LEAVERS DANCE



WOODSTOCK SATELLITE GRADUATES



MARIAN SATELLITE HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday 28th November Marian Satellite students were invited to join Marian School for their Gold Card Assembly. Together, the students worked hard to learn and perform A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman. Their performance was outstanding—each student represented Pat Ave with pride, and both staff and students received numerous compliments for their efforts. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved.

Lillyana Hart also received a very special award for her Service to Marian, supporting others as one of the librarians and received a certificate for her work. Well done, Lillyana.

Cari Emslie and Ann Hartshorne - Teachers





Marian Satellite students waiting to start their car wash business at Base and the team who joined in the Marian School Colour Run Fundraiser



CAMBRIDGE SATELLITE

Students at the Cambridge Satellite Unit are learning about the people in our community who help us. During week 6, we focused on the police. A police officer visited our class to showcase their equipment, and we had the chance to explore a police car. Some of us even had the opportunity to sit inside the police car. The police lights were bright and beautiful, and the siren was very loud. We are thankful for the police who support us!

Izanne Potgieter and Sarah Mitchell - Teachers



Santa's Grotto

At Patricia Avenue School, we recognize that families may face challenges when trying to capture a family photo with Santa at public locations. Therefore, every year, we provide parents with the chance to have this special moment captured at our Base, creating a relaxed and familiar atmosphere. This event was held on Thursday 4th December



To our whaanau, families and friends a very Happy Christmas and all best for 2026 from the Team at Pat Ave