



Patricia Avenue School Newsletter

Learning for Living

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Kia ora koutou Patricia Avenue whaanau,

Term three is well underway with everything going full steam ahead, except for our school pool unfortunately. This has meant we have a number of disappointed students, however we are keeping them busy with other activities getting them out and about working on certificates for their EOTC Passports.

The Matariki celebrations at the end of term two will be well remembered for the amazing performance by our kapa haka group. The group are continuing to work towards the regional Special Schools event in Rotorua on Friday 13th September. *Ka mau te wehi.*

The first Pat Ave hangi was a big learning experience for all. It was really encouraging to see everyone working together to make this a successful experience for everyone involved.

'naa too torourou, naa taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi'

'with your food basket and my food basket, the people will prosper'

Take a look inside at other highlights for your tamariki over the last few weeks. Photos of some great learning expeditions and experiences, and the new equipment to engage with during breaks at our base site and most of the junior satellite spaces are a very small snapshot of what is going on. We had some very happy Olympians yesterday after a successful senior event at base – so keep an eye out for those in your child's Seesaw posts.

Keep well and stay warm over this long wintery term.

Noho ora mai

Christina

Patave's Inaugural Hangi



Therapy Programmes at Patave..

In this issue we're highlighting an Occupational Therapy session at Melville Primary.

The students at Melville Primary have been learning to ride a bike as part of the Occupational Therapy programme. Bike riding helps to develop balance and gross motor skills. It also provides opportunities as a leisure activity and it's a great thing for families to do together. As the students get older it also provides means for community access and transportation. Most importantly of all, it's heaps of fun and builds a sense of accomplishment as students become more independent.



Fairfield Satellite Unit

This term, the Fairfield Intermediate Satellite has been lucky enough to join Hayleigh for Tiaho Dance sessions at Base school. Everyone is very excited about it as Hayleigh is challenging us to create our own dance movements using high, medium, and low levels; fast and slow movements; and moving in time to a variety of musical pieces. We look forward to seeing what we can achieve by the end of the term!

Rachel Wade-Swelim—Teacher



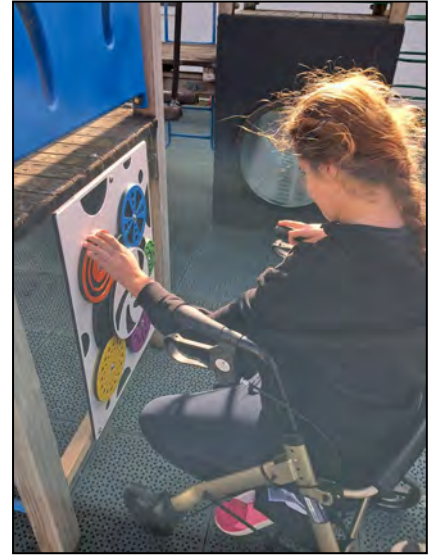
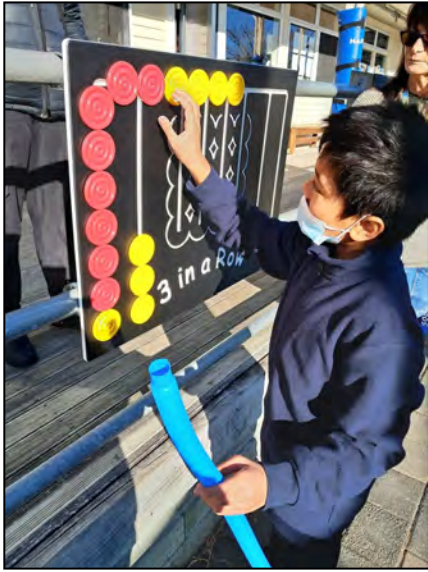
Learning Sign Language

Evie has been working with Kayte Shaw and Vanya (LSA) on Sign Language for a couple of years now and when Kayte retested Evie on some vocab last term she scored over 91% and had an absolute blast doing it. Well done Evie and Vanja!



Interactive Sensory Panels

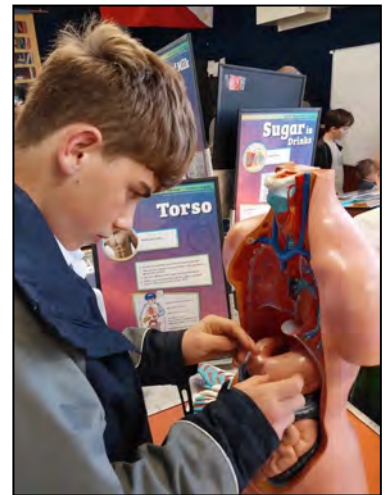
We have purchased a variety of interactive/sensory panels which have been installed at Base, Woodstock, Silverdale, Melville Primary, and Cambridge Satellites. The panels will help encourage engagement within the playgrounds and meet the diverse needs of our students.



Te Awamutu Science Roadshow

The Te Awamutu students had an excellent time visiting the science roadshow! They enjoyed two new shows: "The Hidden World," which investigated invisible aspects of our environment, and "Spectacular Changes," which examined physical and chemical changes. The students also got the opportunity to interact with the exhibits, which addressed topics such as digestion, energy, materials, and more.

Kalpna Pillay—Teacher



Base Senior Students—Bush Walks



Parents, we need to know

Home Addresses: If your child is currently receiving Specialised Education Transport Assistance (SESTA) you must notify the school immediately you are aware that you will be moving home (R1 address). A new transport application needs to be submitted and applications can take some time (possibly up to 4-6 weeks) for approvals to be confirmed.

Telephone Numbers: To keep our records current and in case of emergencies please notify your teacher and the office for any changes in parent/caregiver contact details.

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 absent line 078569350 or submit an absent message on the **SKOOL LOOP APP** and provide 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



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 righthand 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 223

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 call main office 078569350 and ask to be transferred.

Community Info

Note Satellites follow Patricia Avenue School calendar dates

2024 Term Dates and Calendar

Term 1 07 Feb—12 Apr
(Easter 29 March—2 April)

Term 3 22 Jul—27 Sep

Term 2 29 Apr—5 Jul
02 July Hangi @ Base 11.30am
(Matariki Day 28 June)

Term 4 14 Oct—20 Dec
(Labour Day 28 October)

Patricia Avenue School Junior School Parent Group

Thursday August 15th from 1pm to 2pm
Linda McBride from Disability Support Link will be visiting
Contact Alta Mostert—New Entrant Teacher and Group Facilitator
Alta.mostert@patave.school.nz

For parents/caregivers of students coming up to their 18th birthday or past 18 years who are not yet sorted.

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