



COMING EVENTS

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Monday 16 May	High School Accord Day (Teacher only day for HS)
Tuesday 17 May	High School Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 17 May	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Thursday 19 May	Class 3 Parent Meeting
Friday 20 May	Kindy Lantern Festival
Tuesday 24 May	Class 2 Parent Meeting
Friday 27 May	Talent Show

Kia ora whānau,

Wow, your children are fabulous. We have had another great week to start a busy term of learning, with close to 90% of students at school. Students in the classrooms throughout our school are engaged in some great learning activities (thanks teachers) and are bright eyed and keen to be back in class after their break. Additionally, it has been wonderful to have class parent meetings resume this week.



Winter sports within the high school also started this week with our senior boys and girls basketball teams and netball team playing the first of their grading matches. Our girls football team will have their first game next week.

A couple of dates to put in your diary are Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th June. We will be holding two parent workshop evenings of information gathering and community discussion to assist with reshaping our school mission, vision and values. More information will be sent out closer to the time; hopefully you can make it.

I look forward to seeing you at the class meetings over the next couple of weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

WHĀNAU AND COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has made changes to schools' planning and reporting, as legislated in the Education and Training Act 2020, and this will come into effect on 1 January 2023. Instead of a charter, schools will be required to publish a three-year Strategic Plan, an Annual Implementation Plan, and an Annual Report.

Schools need to work in partnership with their communities to develop their plans so they reflect local needs and priorities.

The MOE would like feedback from our whānau and community on this matter. Please help by completing the following survey: [Whānau and community survey](#) by 3 June 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL - NO CLASSES MON & TUE

A reminder that there will be **no classes for High School students on these two days next week.**

Monday 16th May: Teacher only day. The 3rd step in updating curriculum areas with a National Accord day. These days are set aside to support the implementation of changes to NCEA and support progress and student achievement.

Tuesday 17th May: Parent Teacher Student conferences starting at 12pm and running through until 7pm. Students are encouraged to be part of these meetings but there will be no formal classes on this date.

TAKURUA FESTIVAL

The chill heralds the time! As the sap slows down in the tree, so does our activity; as the nest falls to the ground along with the dry leaves, so do we start our inner journey to a more reflective state of mind; as the seed rests underground in hope of warmer days, so do we feel the need to deepen our perception and rekindle our inner light during the colder days.

Come join us at the **Takurua Festival** on the evening of **Thursday, 23 June, 5.30pm**, as we walk with our lanterns in search of deeper insights and an opportunity to rekindle our connections together.

RSST SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The RSST is looking for new members from our community to apply.

The RSST's main objectives are to establish, raise and provide the means and management for Kindergarten and schooling according to the methods advocated by Rudolf Steiner.

The RSST is made up of parents and a representative from the College of Teachers, for the following aspects at Michael Park:

1. we are the proprietors and manage the grounds of the Kindergarten and the School;
2. it holds the special character at Michael Park;
3. the RSST works with the Kindergarten for its educational, licencing and other ongoing requirements, by working closely with Karen Affleck the Kindergarten Manager to ensure that the kindergarten is as best served by the RSST as possible;
4. we manage our financial affairs and policies; and
5. we collaborate with the MPS Board and the College of Teachers.

The RSST meets monthly. The following attributes would be beneficial:

1. passionate about our school and its vision;
2. critical thinking; and
3. experienced in the fields of finance, property, communications or public relations.

If you are interested in joining the RSST please email us at RSST@michaelpark.school.nz

CHARITY TEAM UPDATE

Amnesty Update

Last year our Students in the High School were made aware of a campaign by Amnesty International, regarding asylum seekers being held in our prisons.

Charlotte Stuart and Alex Geng organised an assembly and we heard from Sarah MacDonald from Refugees as Survivors. A petition was also signed and sent to Parliament.

We have heard this week that New Zealand Government has announced they will stop imprisoning people seeking asylum in Aotearoa. Great job High School - together you have helped make change happen. People power works!



The Royal Variety Performance

The excitement is building, we are getting the entertainment ready, now all we need is the audience. Come along to support our students and support our sponsor student Swaita.

ONLY \$5 a ticket (or \$20 for a family of five or more).

We are looking for prizes. If you can help, please email cathyd@michaelpark.school.nz

7.00pm Friday 27 May in the Auditorium

Tickets on sale from the office from Monday 16th May (morning tea, lunch time and after school). Door sales will be available on the night.

MPS ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 27 MAY
7 PM

**PRIZES, ROYAL JUDGES,
SENIOR SHOWCASE SECTION**

TICKETS \$5

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COMEDY, MAGIC, BAND,
GYMNASTICS**
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DIVING INTO TERM 2

For the first week of term two we, the level 2 P.E students, embarked on a scuba diving course run by Dive HQ. We completed the PADI open water course gaining our open water scuba diver licence. The course ran for a total of four days in which we spent the first two days in a pool learning all the new and challenging skills we needed to keep us calm and safe in the water. These were incredibly long and challenging days, spending hours on end in the pool.

The last two days of the course were spent at lake Pupuke where we got to do our first open water dive. This was exhilarating as we had never been more than a few metres down in a pool. We dove to a whopping 17.5 metres down which made all the hard work in the pool worthwhile. Being that far down was nerve-breaking but truly an experience I will never forget. The realisation really hits you when you're so deep in the water that you can no longer just swim to safety in a few seconds. It's honestly quite terrifying at first but I just reminded myself to remain calm, trust my own skills, and trust my friends.

Overall this was an incredible course that pushed us all out of our comfort zones, allowing us to not only gain new skills and confidence but also score some credits whilst doing so.

-Tabitha Yearbury, Class 11



TE AO MĀORI

Kia Ora koutou,

Community Kapa haka - If you are interested in joining us, please email me so I can include you in communications.

andreag@michaelpark.school.nz

This is an adult kapa haka group. Children are welcome to come along with you. We meet Tuesday nights 5.30 - 6.30pm in the whare.

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday 17 June - Matariki blessing and potluck breakfast 6.30am start in the whare.

Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June - Matariki week
23 June - Te rā whakanui i ā Matariki (Celebration Day)

Thursday 23 June - Takarua Festival (5:30pm start)

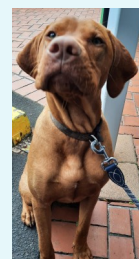
WHAKAARO O TE WIKI: *Thought of the week*

WHANAU: *Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.*

WHANAUNGATANGA: *relationship, kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging. It develops as a result of kinship rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. It also extends to others to whom one develops a close familial, friendship or reciprocal relationship.*

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Wanted: Dog person** to look after our energetic, affectionate 7-month old puppy (Vizsla x Labrador) during school hours, 3 days a week. Payment to be negotiated. Please phone Marco Liguori 021 236 9147 for more info.



- **House for sale on Amy Street.** 3brm 1 bath, garage and OSP. A short 3 minute walk to school. Contact Wanda 020 4077 3144 wandaignatievsky@gmail.com

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz

Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline Thursday lunchtime.

Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6 portrait (¼ page).

Whole page ads are not accepted for non school-related activities. Ads may be published a maximum of twice per term, at the editor's discretion.



BONE AND STONE CARVING (Toi Manawa workshops)

For students in Class 5 to 12.

Bookings essential. Space available for the following dates: Saturdays and Sundays 21/22 May, 28/29 May, 4/5 June (10am to 5pm). Workshops are held in the Woodwork Room.

These workshops are funded by Creatives in Schools; there is no cost for MPS students to attend.

Please email arlenec@michaelpark.school.nz






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Friday 13th May

Friday 8th July

Start date

End date

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This popular postgraduate course is being offered after a hiatus of two years. It will run from July to October 2022, being offered mainly online with a face-to-face weekend in Auckland

It is suitable for those new to Steiner education as well as those more experienced from ECE to secondary, and can be taken independently or as part of Master of Education degree.

Content includes:

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For enrolment details and general enquiries, contact samira.saraf@aut.ac.nz

For details about the course content, neil.boland@aut.ac.nz

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Our gymnastic and learning centre runs programs designed for early childhood and school age kids. Our programs are focused on both locomotor and cognitive development. Our philosophy is learning through fun in a positive, clean and safe environment. The areas of locomotor learning are: Spring & Landing, Balance, Rotation, Swing, Manipulative Skills, Spatial Awareness and Imaginative Play. Our educative goals: Patience, Working cooperatively, Conflict resolution, Interacting appropriately with adults and peers, Following safety rules, Persistence, Discipline, Separation, Character, Resilience, Confidence and Self-esteem.

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Natalija Matas-Stankovic and Bratislav Stankovic

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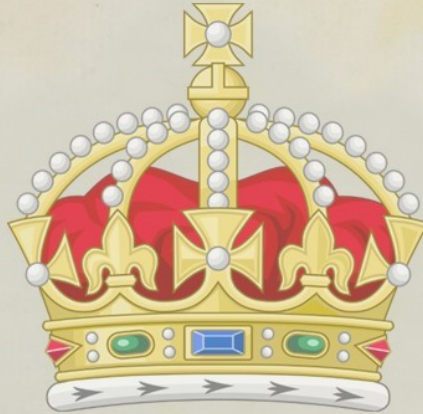
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