



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 20 May	Kindy Lantern Festival
Tuesday 24 May	Class 2 Parent Meeting
Friday 27 May	Talent Show
Thursday 2 June	Class 4 Parent Meeting
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 7th June & Wednesday 8th June	Parent Mission, Vision & Values Workshops
Thursday 9 June	Class & Team Photos

Kia ora whānau,

The past 8 days have seen both COVID and other winter illnesses already having an impact on our students and staff.



As always, we want to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and to have as many students learning at school as we can. The health measures we already have in place to reduce the risk of COVID will also help to prevent seasonal illnesses. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well ventilated, regularly washing hands, encouraging the wearing of masks when indoors, covering coughs and sneezes and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

It was wonderful to have high school parents attend conferences with their child on Tuesday night as well as talking with Class 5 parents who also had their class meeting the same night. It's hard to believe that, for a number of parents I was talking with, it was the first time in 2 years that they had been back on site.

Staffing announcements – our high school music teacher Ms Christine Hart will be going on maternity leave later this term. Taking over her classes is Mary Chun. Miss Chun has previously taught in the Lower School and currently tutors some of our students in piano and violin. Miss Chun has a master's degree in Music Performance teaching as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in secondary teaching, and her main area of expertise is high school curriculum.

Another teacher starting at our school is Mr Ciaran Overton.

Mr Overton is our new HOD of PE and Sports. Mr Overton comes from Mt Roskill Grammar School where, in addition to his current role as a senior PE teacher, he is also the Dean of Hillary House where he oversees the pastoral care of 420 Class 9 -12 students. Mr Overton is also an accomplished rugby coach - he is currently head coach of their Senior Girls Rugby team and was previously head coach of the Boys 1st XV rugby team. He is excited to be coming to our school and will be joining us at the start of next term.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Louise Michaux. Our wonderful Louise who, amongst other things, has been our librarian and amazing costume designer extraordinaire, has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of the term. We will be acknowledging Louise's contribution to Michael Park School sometime this term and will have more to share in a later issue. In the meantime, if you are able to drop into the library to touch base with Louise, please do.

Next Friday, we will have our first school-wide event, our Royal Variety Performance Showcase. I hope to see you there.

Poipoia te kaakano kia puaawai - nurture the seed and it will bloom.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mauri ora,

Desmond Pamerika
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.

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.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are currently accepting expressions of interest for students whose birth year is from 2007 - 2013 (Classes 3 - 9).

If you know whānau who are interested in bringing their child to our school, please direct them to our school website. All of the information they need will be found there.

We will have an **Open Day on Wednesday 15th June**.

ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE

Book your night out next **Friday 27 May**

We have acts from our amazing students to wow and entertain you... gymnasts, comedy, dance, music and song and other surprises in store!

The show will start at 7.00pm. Doors open from 6.30pm to get the best seat!

There will be intermission with delicious food for sale, fit for a Queen. There will also be a photo booth and a Royal VIPs!

We hope to be finished by 9.30pm. Please note that electronic music will be used in some acts.

Please come along and support our students and help us raise money for our sponsor student in India, Swaita.

Tickets are just \$5 or \$20 for a family of five or more.

Tickets are available from the office this week or door sales on the night.

SNAPDRAGON TE PĀTAKA

Open Fridays during term time 8am-9am & 2pm-3pm

Dear Whānau,

Our school shop, Snapdragon, will be open again from next week onwards!

Snapdragon is parent-run and provides our community with beautiful Steiner/ Waldorf inspired crafts and school supplies. Any funds raised will be donated back to our school. We always aim to support our Special Character. Recently we have supported the Outdoor Classroom with funds to finish the new tool shed, and Handwork with new craft books to inspire.

We need parent support! If you are interested in helping to open the shop and sell on Fridays, please contact Nina on 021 208 6206 or Leela on 021 211 6845 for more information.

If you are a crafter, we would be delighted to sell your handmade, Steiner inspired wares. Please contact us for more information.

Thank you for your support as always,

Your Snapdragon team



FULLY BOOKED

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

CROCODILES

Gymnastics & Learning Centre

for 2+ years old

Pre-school classes

School age classes



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.

About us

We have been coaching and educating for 25 years in New Zealand and for more than 35 years including our experience in Croatia. Our passion is teaching the children and seeing them developing and improving. Our qualifications are:

- * Bachelor of Health and Physical Education * Life Coach Diploma
- * NZ Postgraduate Diploma of Teaching * Playgym Manager Diploma
- Artistic Gymnastics Senior Coach * Artistic Gymnastics Junior Judge
- * Diploma in Psychology and Counselling

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Friedrich von Schiller

His Life and Idealism

A talk at The Christian Community

Friday 27th May, 7pm

10 Rawhiti Rd, One Tree Hill

His life was much too short. He had always known that he would not grow old. And so he kept working. The last ten years, united in friendship with Goethe, Schiller was carried by his idealism beyond illness and pain. His work was not finished, yet his example keeps inspiring us.

Please do not hesitate to join us on Friday night.

With your donation, between ten and twenty dollars, you support the ongoing work of our community. Everyone is most welcome.

With your questions please contact Hartmut on 09 5252 305

The dates for the upcoming Friday evening talks are:

27/5 24/6 29/7 26/8 23/9 28/10 25/11



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ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE



**PRIZES,
ROYAL JUDGES**

**SENIOR
SHOWCASE
SECTION**

FRIDAY 27 MAY

7 PM

VIP

TICKETS \$5

PURCHASE FROM THE OFFICE AND AT THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS TO SWAITA OUR SPONSOR STUDENT IN INDIA

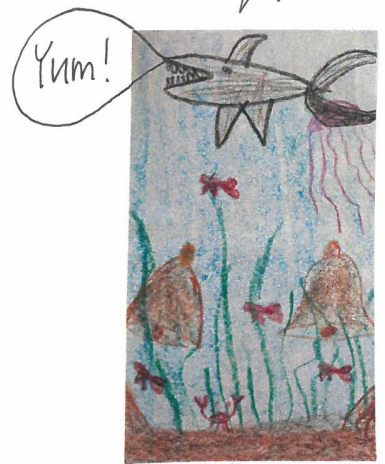
★ Please support class 1's First Lunch Bar ★

Friday 3rd June

Lunch
Bar
is back!



Yay!



Yum!

- hot soup
- samosas
- muffins
- hot chocolate



- dumplings
- sushi
- biscuits
- & Lots more!

