



COMING EVENTS

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Monday 6 June *Queen's Birthday*

Tuesday 7th June **Parent Mission, Vision & Values Workshops**

Thursday 9 June **Class & Team Photos**

Friday 10 June **Class 5 Lunch Bar**

Wednesday 15 June **Open Day, 9am & 3pm**

Friday 17 June **Matariki Breakfast**

Tālofa, susū mai, afio mai, maliu mai!

Welcome to the end of Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa - Sāmoa Language Week. Gagana Samoa is the second most spoken language in Auckland and incorporating it into everyday language responds to the language, culture and identity of our Samoan children throughout the motu and in our school.

Below are our COVID figures for May. The numbers are confirmed cases only.



| Confirmed COVID cases for Michael Park School | | |
|---|------------|-----------|
| | Students | Staff |
| February | 2 | 0 |
| March | 69 | 2 |
| April | 6 | 3 |
| May | 43 | 12 |
| Total | 120 | 17 |

Last Friday's first community event, our Royal Variety Performance evening, was a wonderful evening. It was a packed house where we enjoyed a wide range of acts including musical items, comedy skits and dance performances. A huge thank you to our staff and students from our charity team, who worked behind the scenes to make it happen and a massive thank you to all of our students (and dad) who performed. You were all amazing!!! It was such a pleasure to be part of the audience, watching your talented acts.

Finally, it is with sadness that I need to inform our community that our Cathy is moving on to embark on a new career. Cathy is taking up a position at AUT, at the Refugee Resettlement Centre, where she will be bringing joy and care to our newest and most vulnerable New Zealanders - a role we all know she is perfect for. Cathy's last day with us is Friday 17th June. Unfortunately, Cathy is one of the statistics above with COVID and is hoping to be back at school next Wednesday, so that we can say farewell to her personally. We are so happy for Cathy's new appointment, yet also sad as she will be leaving such a big void in our aiga.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Manuia le afiafi,

Desmond Pamerika Tamaseu
Puleaoga | Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school / teams and Group photos will be taken by PhotoLife on **Thursday 9th June**.

Classes 1-6 and any new students who missed ID photos will also have individual photos taken. *These are available for purchase but they are also used to update our Student Manager System.*

Sibling photos

If you wish to have a sibling photo taken please complete the form attached (last page of this flyer). Kindergarten children are welcome for the sibling photos and these will be scheduled

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th June
7-9pm in the Auditorium

Community discussion/parent input to assist with reshaping our school mission, vision and values.

The information that will come out of both evenings will help in developing our strategic plan for 2023-2025.





Michael Park School
Relate Create Inspire

Talk & tour 9am - School Classes 1-12

Talk & tour 3pm - Kindergarten & School Classes 1-12

- Building imaginative and resourceful problem solvers; flexible learners, equipped for life.
- A broad, well-rounded, human-centred Steiner education from Kindergarten to senior High School.
- A rich curriculum of outdoor education, outdoor classroom, crafts, music, circus, environmental studies, drama and eurythmy combined with traditional and academic subjects.
- High rates of course endorsement for NCEA and a pass rate well ahead of the national average for New Zealand secondary schools.
- As an area school we are not zoned. Students can commence Steiner Education at any stage of their schooling.

Enrolling now for 2022

For further information, or to enquire about an expression of interest pack visit our website or contact our enrolments officer on 579 3083.

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 15th June 2022

55 Amy Street, Ellerslie

www.michaelpark.school.nz

first on the day. Kindy children will require a parent/caregiver with them. (Parents - we will need you to wear a mask if you are coming in, thank you). Photos will be taken in the gym.

After the photos are taken you will receive your unique keycode where photos can be viewed and purchased online.

Please help us by making sure your child is in correct dress code. Any questions contact cathyd@michaelpark.school.nz

Ngā mihi

Cathy Downey Parish

TAKURUA FESTIVAL

We need empty, clean glass jars (label removed please) in preparation for the Takurua Festival. These can be delivered to the school office. Many thanks.

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**.

CLASS 12 FIRE ART

"We are star dust in the highest exalted way, called by the universe, reaching out to the universe." - Neil deGrasse Tyson

Main lesson C12 students using science principles to create art while experiencing something quite extraordinary. Heat is controlled by a layer of water covering the arms.



CONGRATULATIONS TOPAZ

Topaz, Class 10, has achieved outstanding results at gymnastics in this year's competition season. At various competitions she has placed 1st, 3rd and 4th overall, winning her a spot to compete at Nationals in Invercargill during the July school holidays.

She also placed second representing MPS at the NZ secondary schools competition. Well done Topaz!

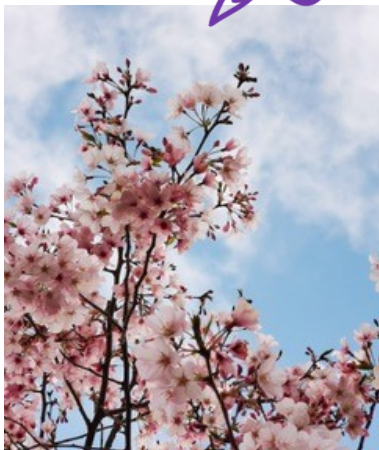


CONGRATULATIONS AMBERLEY

Amberley, Class 9 entered a photo for the Youth Law Photo Competition advertised in the Friday Flyer a few weeks ago. The topic was "what inspires awe". She was awarded 4th place and a \$50 prize. Here's Amberley's submission:

"Every year in spring, cherry

blossoms are in full bloom for less than a month. During this short period, they showcase their beauty to us, a reminder that we should give every opportunity big or small our absolute best. This is why cherry blossoms, and this photo brings me awe".



SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO BE BORED BY YI SHUN, CLASS 12

My journey all started in lockdown when I was bored, and I decided to reach out to various organisations for fun - a test to determine what opportunities existed out there in the world.



One of those emails I sent out was to the NZ Sailing Trust to see if I could come sail as crew on their amazing yachts, Lion NZ and Steinlager 2. To my surprise, not only did they reply but they generously gave me a job on the spot. After some official documents to fill in, I was officially a crew volunteer to help sail the boat with other young people from schools for corporate charters as team building experiences.

My latest trip was to the Bay of Islands to assist with the delivery of Lion NZ which is essentially a racing superyacht, 80ft in length and sailed by Sir Peter Blake to come 2nd in the Whitbread Round the World Race. His last Whitbread boat, Steinlager 2 is 84ft and won all of the 6 legs in the Round the World Race.

Lion NZ was brought up on the 26th April 2022 to give northern schools the opportunity to experience a fine piece of history, and I was invited to sail the boat back down to Auckland. I embarked on a two day voyage, sailing past the amazing Hole in the Rock with massive 2 metre swells against us. Unfortunately the wind was not in our favour and we had to sail upwind all through the night, and I got slightly seasick due to the awkward motion of the boat (this boat wasn't designed to sail upwind for the most part, although they will do that quite happily in flatter water). We did this trip in two parts - Opuia to Whangarei and then back down to Auckland.

What I learnt the most from this profound experience is that if you have something that you would like to do in life, just go out there and do it. It does not matter if you have no experience in that field. In my experience, to score a great job you need to be motivated, turn up, be willing to learn, and have a good sense of humour. Fortune favours the brave and sometimes all you have to do is ask.

Mathematically, this provides you with *some* chance of success compared to a 100% chance of failure if you have never asked. It's a compounding effect and one opportunity will often open the doors to many unexpected great places.

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Class 5 Lunch Bar june 10th

Warm your self up with
some nice warm food.

There will be pizza ,
dumplings, cupcakes ,
sushi ,cookies, hot -
chocolate & more



BABYSITTING

Reliable and will tidy
up! References
available

Volunteered as teacher
support for youth martial-
arts

Can teach maths and
guitar

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
\$12 PER HOUR

Miles Miller Class 9
Contact-021 090 66776

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By Spike Milligan
Adapted by Tim Bray

LIVE ON STAGE

AUCKLAND TOUR
2-30 JULY
timbray.org.nz

Class Three Sock Fundraiser

NZ Merino socks, tights and other apparel
for babies, kids and grownups.

Please order online at:

www.cosytoes.co.nz

within the month of June.

Be sure to write
'Michael Park School'
in the message box at
checkout.

20% of your purchase
spend will be donated
to Class Three.





CHESS COACHING CLASS

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held weekly on **Fridays** from **1:30pm to 2:30pm** in the **Library** starting **Friday 3 June 2022**. The last session will be held on Friday 8 July 2022.

The fee is \$130 for the term per student.

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 2, please visit our website:

www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

It is easy to register. Just choose your school and **fill out the online form**. A payment link will be available to you on the form.

To learn more...

Visit our website **www.chesspower.co.nz** and click **Parents Centre**



**TARUNA
COLLEGE**

Connect, Nourish, Sustain

Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education

Discover the True Art of Teaching



Discover the true heart and art of teaching while undertaking a rich and exciting journey of personal and professional development.

The certificate is an introductory course to Rudolf Steiner Waldorf education. This part-time year-long programme gives a broad overview of the many-faceted dimensions of Waldorf pedagogy, curriculum and culture. Alongside lectures and workshops that will deepen and extend your understanding of child development and approaches to teaching and learning, you will have the opportunity to engage your creative side with many practical activities including arts, crafts, music and movement. Biography work, observation and reflective journalling recognise the importance of schooling and nourishing the inner life of the teacher.

The Certificate programme is designed for:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education who wish to extend their knowledge or to enliven and re-examine their classroom practice.

It also provides a helpful foundation for:

- Teacher aides in Steiner Waldorf schools
- Student teachers looking to teach in a Steiner Waldorf school
- Home-schooling parents or parents wishing to accompany their children's development and education in a Steiner Waldorf school.

Enrolments for 2022 seminars are now open (revision maybe needed with any Covid restrictions):

Seminar 1: 17-22 July

Seminar 2: 2-7 October

Seminar 3: 17-22 January 2023

Cost: \$1200 per seminar (Early bird price for enrolments up to one month prior \$1100)

Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.

All inquiries please contact

info@taruna.ac.nz or see our website www.taruna.ac.nz

or call +64 6 8777174

PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL
BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN.

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**

Name: Room No:

Name: Room No:

Name: Room No:

Name: Room No:

Name: Room No:

I authorise the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo:

PARENT / CARGIVER SIGNATURE:

After Photo Day you will receive a Photo Access Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE

We are here to help



If you have any further questions
please contact us
09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040

PhotoLife
www.photolife.co.nz

SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH

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so that you can view your childrens photo online.

CHOICE OF TWO SIBLING PACKS

ULTIMATE Family Pack 12 ITEMS



1 large 20 x 25cm
with mount



2 medium 13 x 18cm
with mounts



2 medium 13 x 18cm
black and white



1 calendar 18 x 13cm



2 postcards 9 x 13cm



4 small 6.4 x 9cm

CLASSIC Family Pack 5 ITEMS



2 medium 13 x 18cm with mounts



2 small 6.4 x 9cm



1 postcard 9 x 13cm