



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 21 June Kindy Koru Festival

Wednesday 22 June High School Sports

**Thursday 23 June Takurua Festival 5.30pm
Food for sale from 4pm**

Friday 24 June MATARIKI HOLIDAY

Wednesday 29 June Kindy 6-Year-Old Talk

Wednesday 29 June Class 7 Parent Meeting

1-3 July World Vision Weekend

all excited and are looking forward to having her back.

Have a wonderful weekend whānau.

GO THE BLUES!!!

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki

WOOL INSULATION

We would love to recycle your wool insulation from chilled food delivery services (Hello Fresh/My Food Bag etc.) We are using it in our gardens and other projects in the school. These can be dropped off at the school office.

Kia ora whānau,

Ka mahua a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta
oo tatou tuumanako ki te tau

When Matariki rises above the horizon,
our aspirations rise to the year ahead

We have had another wonderful week at school with lots of things going on, our open day on Wednesday, our Matariki potluck breakfast this morning, Class 8 on play immersion, Class 9 on camp, our Cathy's farewell and rehearsals in the lower school for our Takurua Festival happening next Thursday that we are all looking forward to.

This week I received a resignation letter from Andrea Gordine. Andrea is taking up a new role as a Kura Whakaue, Maori Cultural Advisor, for Radio NZ. Andrea is looking forward to the new challenges this position will provide and we wish her all the very best in her new role. Fortunately, we will still have Andrea within our kura as a parent and she is still committed to our community kapahaka that she holds weekly in the whare. Andrea will be taking up her new role at the start of term 3.

Lastly, with Cathy leaving this week, I am pleased to announce that Brenda Davidson has accepted the position to come back into our kura as our new person at the front desk as well as overseeing our enrolments and attendance. Brenda will be starting back at school before the end of the month - if all goes well it could be as soon as next week. We are



ROBOTICS GROUP

The Michael Park Robotics group has a junior team for C6 and C7 and senior teams for High School students from C8 up, competing in the Auckland Region VEX Robotics competitions this year.

We meet every Wednesday 4pm to 5.30pm in the woodwork room, and would welcome any students interested in joining. Parents are welcome to come along to see what we are doing and decide if it would be suitable for their child.

More information about the competition can be found at www.vexrobotics.com. Juniors use the VEX IQ system and High School use the V5 system.

NAU MAI HĀERE MAI KI TE KURA O WAIATARUA MŌ MATARIKI

Come and join us for Matariki celebrations at Michael Park School

Thursday 23 June

Takurua Festival

5:30pm start

Food for sale from 4pm

Ngā mihi nui ki ā Whaea Beverley Findlay mō ngā mahi toi o Matariki
A big thank you to Whaea Beverley Findlay for the Matariki artwork

B. Findlay 2015

CLASS 10 MAIN LESSON

The Meeting of Cultures was an assignment given to the students, including Alijah Williams, at Michael Park School. The students were asked to talk about where they came from and the objects, symbols, colours, images that visually communicate their cultural identity.



We talked about Alijah's family coming from Denmark and how their life has been shaped by moving to NZ. We identified symbols from both cultures that he identified with and fused them together. The students then had to create a realistic and symbolic sculpture of the fusion. He chose to create and represent himself with a viking ship with its shields representing Denmark / Viking protection symbol and NZ / Maori hook of good luck and safe travel on water.

Andrea Chauval
OutReach Teacher



CHARITY TEAM 2022

Once upon a time (well 16 years ago to be exact) a young office girl (not that young but it sounds better) started work at Michael Park School. It was filled with amazing buildings, lovely teachers and kind students from Kindergarten to High School.

One day a teacher came to the office girl and said they were having a dress up day: Princesses, Kings and Queens... the office girl was very excited as she loved dressing up.

She got out her velvet bridesmaid dress, her gloves and of course her tiara! The teachers were so impressed that the office girl would join them in their fun, they let her practice her royal wave and give out the prizes.

"This is a good kingdom," thought the office girl "I will stay a

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Seeking a house to stay in during the winter school holidays.** If anyone has a house near Ellerslie and wants to rent it out, please contact Xuesong, 02102344942.
- **Walk to school! For rent:** Sunny, quiet, 2 bedroom flat in Ellerslie. \$460 per week, available from end of June. Short walk to MPS, carport + 1 off street parking, plenty of outdoor space, garden shed, raised garden bed. Contact David 021 273 4801.
- **House and Dog Sitter Available?** Would you consider house and dog sitting for us during the upcoming school holiday and for the following week and a half? We are so lucky to be able to go away for a few weeks, but we would love to leave our dog, Lucy, with someone in the home rather than kennels. The house is in Meadowbank, with lots of space; comfortable but not flashy! Lucy is friendly and fairly easy to look after. She has 2 walks a day and enjoys spending the evening on the sofa with the humans or curled up in front of the fire. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch with Kate 021 151 1775.

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).

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while". However, at the end of the dress up day the other office lady Raewyn the Wise said "It's a shame they do not bring a gold coin when they dress up and donate to Charity!"

A beam of light came across the office (and not just from the photocopier!) and struck the young office lady. "Great idea," she thought "the next time we dress up, we will collect money and give it to Charity!" And so, the journey began.

The young office girl got the lovely teachers to agree and soon another dress up day was organised with a parade and money given. It was fun and we raised some money, but the office girl though we could do more. "If we have our dress up days on Fridays, we can use the lunch bar. I will ask the amazing office staff to help, and we will sell baking" and so we did, and made more money!

The office team were amazing and helpful. One day a year 13

student came and asked if they wanted some help and offered to organise and bake too. Finally, some student involvement!

One of the high school teachers (his name was Colin) also helped and ran the World Vision weekend. Then got sick with cancer. That August it was Daffodil Day, so with the help of the office team and senior students we raised the bar - Wild Hair Day, face painting, a talk to the High School students about Cancer, and a Sausage Sizzle. It was a huge day.

In September our school gave Colin his wedding to the beautiful Irka and then, two weeks later, his funeral. His sign hangs in the gym: "Make the most of every opportunity."

The office girl thought "Yes - now we must take his challenge. We need to raise awareness, not just money", but it took a while to grow the dream. She tried to inspire some other high school students, but it was hard work. They had so much going on with exams and other activities and dressing up wasn't always their thing!

One day in 2015, across her desk came an invite to World Vision Leaders Day for middle school students. "That's it" she thought, "I need to start early with the Charity Team and grow it through the school." Four students came along and from there we formed the team.

In 2016 the Gift of Hope Charity Team was born and we had two representatives each from classes 5-8. Our motto was created by the

students "Give Hope, Grow Happiness" or "Te koha o te manawa ora" which means 'the gift of the living heart'. Our amazing logo was created, thanks to Kate Le Pelley.

The office girl was joined by Whitney Syverston and we had our first crazy Wheels Day! Then a World Vision journey through the eyes of a young Syrian refugee and a visit to the Mangere Refugee Centre. We were joined by Janette Feenstra with her incredible heart for looking outwards.

PJ days with "midnight feasts", Daffodil Day, Book Character Day, Pink Day, Christmas Kindness, talent shows, volunteers to the after school programme at the Refugee Centre. Movie nights, Cultural Day, Crazy Hair, 40-hour Challenges, High Tea with Mercy Parklands, Reading Buddies, Canteen Café... we even managed events in lockdown!

Then our amazing Tarquin Hooker joined our staff with passion and a heart for service. We painted a fabulous mural at the Refugee Centre. Artwork inspired by refugees was entered into ArtEllerslie exhibition. Sustain-a-Ball was born for recycling ball dresses. Charity cafés were hosted in the high school. Visits to the Refugee Centre, and in return we invited our newest NZ citizens to a day at MPS, with an amazing programme and a basketball game with our fabulous welcoming and warm students.

The Gift of Hope Charity Award was created for senior prizegiving. We have a representative on the student council and, in our last photo we took, we have about 43 students on the Team. WOW!

I am so proud of the team and, although I'm leaving my role at MPS, I am not leaving the Gift of Hope team. By going to the Refugee Resettlement Centre, I hope to strengthen the ties that we have. I will be back - there are still plenty of dress up days to be had! My heart is firmly imbedded in the community of Michael Park.

Thank you to the past and present admin team for your support. Thank you, Louise, for all the help with costumes! Thank you staff for helping and encouraging your students to be involved. Thank you MPS community for supporting and giving us so much encouragement and gold coins!

I will be at the Takurua Festival so I look forward to seeing you lovely parents there.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

With love, blessings and rainbows

Cathy (the now old office lady!)



Class 8 Presents...
BEYOND INK
Two stories, one play.

We class 8 students are performing our play **BEYOND INK** on the 7th-8th of July at 7pm. Our play integrates aspects of the stories of Jane Eyre and Treasure Island, presented in a modern stylized way. Two young characters go through adversity and adventure and find themselves along the way.

Immersion

We have started full immersion and it has been tiring but very rewarding. I'm extremely excited and a little nervous about performing, but not only has our acting improved, but also our confidence and our focus. We have been working on our speaking and sending our energy out when we speak. We have all been given our parts and are already learning the movements and lines.

Seeing others make breakthroughs is really exciting and it is particularly exciting to take up a leadership role and see others taking on leadership roles. It is like they have been given permission to care and take control of their learning. Ms Wilson talks about being the "Master of yourself" and we can already see people starting to do exactly that. Sometimes it feels like we are expected to behave like young adults but treated like kids. It is very tiring working on the play, and it is confronting to be challenged, but it is refreshing to be expected to behave like a young adult and be spoken to as a capable person. I also find it exciting and terrifying but mostly exhilarating. I'm sure that week three (when we are all exhausted) will come with new challenges and hardships.

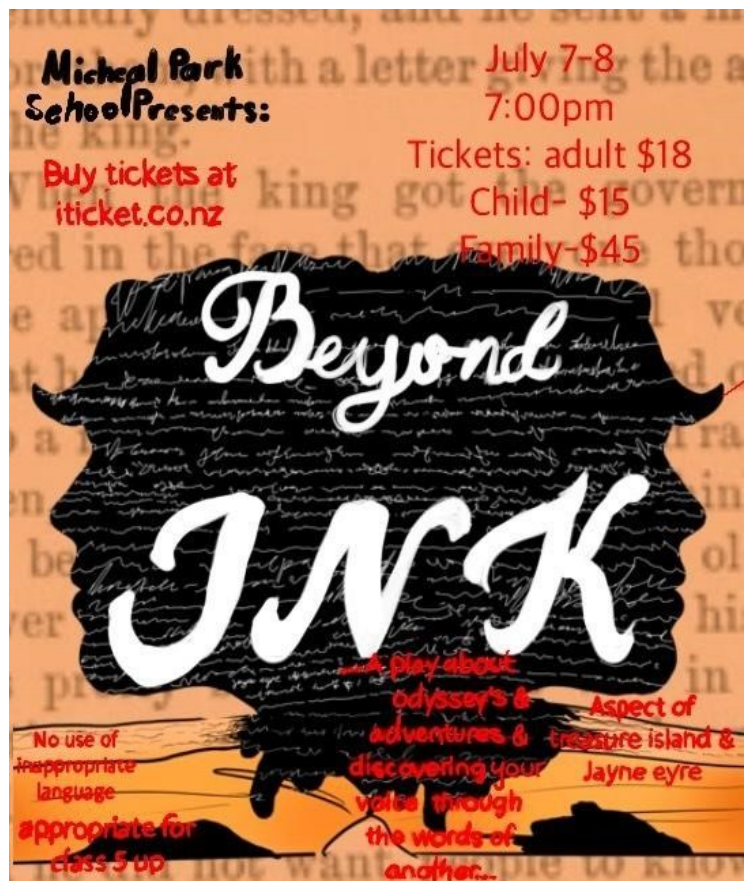
We all hope you come and see the play and the amazing improvement we have made during this time. Although it is a scary thought, we would love a full house!

The play has no swearing or romantic content. It is presented as a story rising up within a young reader's mind and then dissipating. There is no inappropriate content and we feel it is appropriate for Class 5 and above. Jane Eyre faces some hardship in Lowood institution and is treated unkindly by teachers and mildly bullied by some peers. Ultimately it is a 'hero's journey' story, where hardship is overcome and adventures had.

Tickets are now on sale online. Please don't miss out as there will be few door sales. ITICKET.CO.NZ

Ailie, Class 8

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- ➤ Ms Wilson's Class 8 Play Diary
- ➤ Day 3 of Play - Wednesday
- ➤ Today was a hard one - gruelling. Tired bodies, reports to juggle, writing a song for Cathy's farewell, weary teacher and kids and a bit like pulling teeth. An early night needed for our tamariki is the remedy as this process requires large energy output and stamina building. Keep calm and carry on Ms Wilson and back on the horse tomorrow!
- ➤ Day 4 of Play - Thursday
- ➤ A great morning training session with huge breakthroughs and moments of understanding - phew! Yesterday I was feeling daunted at the task ahead, but today the muse has struck, laughter rings through the building and people are breaking out all over the place - yippee!
- ➤ Note to self
- ➤ That's what it's like when you are mining for treasure, some days are gruelling and others the gold it flows!!
- ➤ **20 days till C8 Play Opening Night!**
- ➤ Keep calm, carry on and breeeeeathe! 😊

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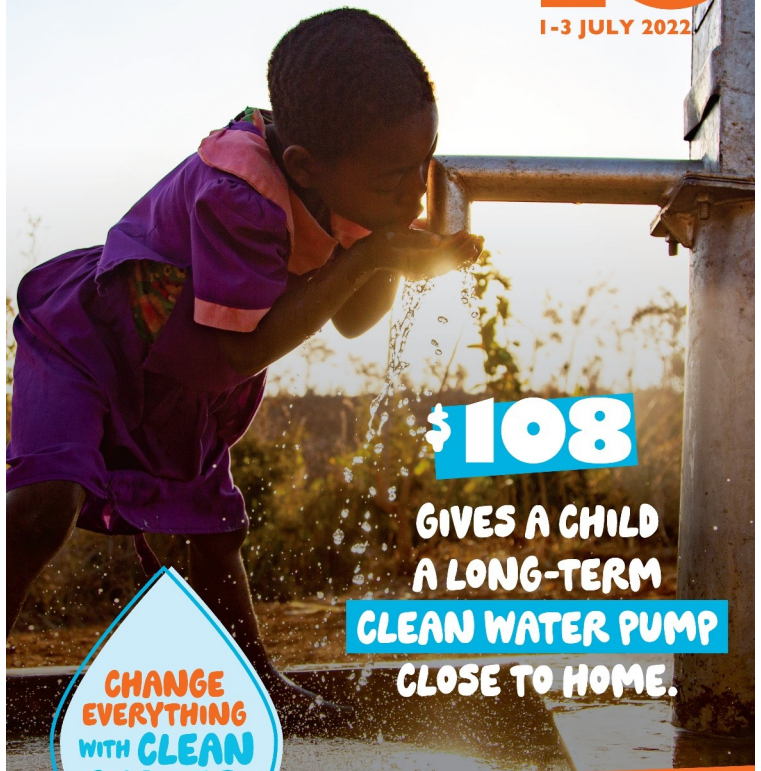


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Friedrich von Schiller

His Idealism and Death

A talk at The Christian Community

Friday 24th June, 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.

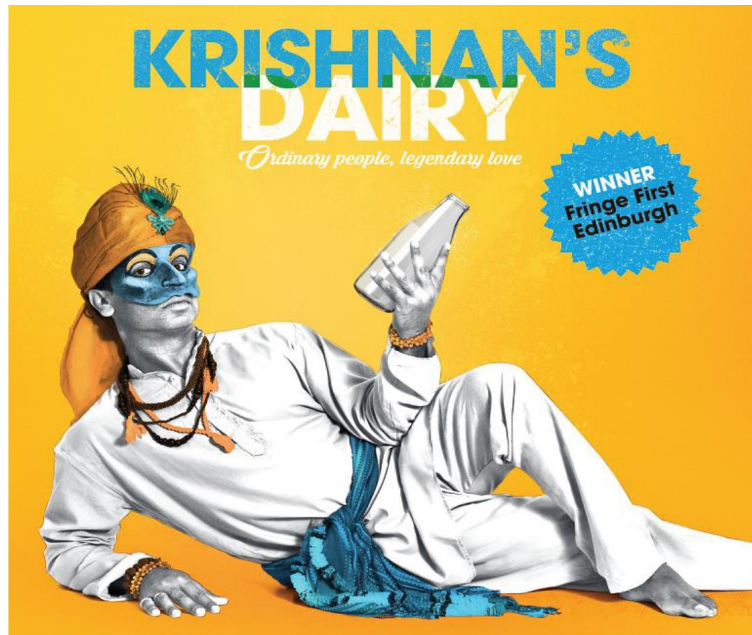
Please do not hesitate to join us on Friday night.

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:

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



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