



COMING EVENTS

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Wednesday 17 August	High School Information Evening for Class 6 & 7
Friday 19 August	Class 5 Lunch Bar
Tuesday 23 August	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Friday 26 August	MID TERM BREAK
26-28 August	NIWA Science Fair at MPS

Kia ora whānau,

What wonderful days we have had this week with sunshine and the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Our high school had their sports tournament earlier in the week competing for the house shield, more information and pictures are in this week's issue.



A final reminder about our upcoming Board elections taking place next month. Nominations for parent representatives close at noon this Sunday. Please submit your nomination to our returning officer, Raewyn Farley before the deadline.

Finally, Wednesday evening, there is an information talk in the auditorium about our high school. The talk is specifically for whānau whose child will be coming into the upper school next year and for whānau who are interested in what is offered within the senior section of our kura. All are welcome to attend the presentation.

Kia pai tō wiki,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

On **Wednesday the 17th of August, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium**, we are hosting the High School information evening. This is particularly aimed at families with Class 6 and 7 students who wish to look ahead at what our High School offers.

We will address how we educate the whole human being while challenging and supporting our students to achieve their academic potential. We will speak to our main lesson programme, Independent Projects, Play, subject lessons, and how these learning experiences emerge from, and engage with, our Steiner-Waldorf impulse. We provide a presentation, information to take home, and will be available to either talk with you after the meeting or arrange another time to do so.

We warmly invite Class 6 and 7 families to this event. Parents/caregivers as well as students are welcome to attend.



Michael Park Kindergarten
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OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Kindergarten talk & tour at 3pm

Enrolling now

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

55 Amy Street, Ellerslie

www.michaelpark.school.nz

Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Returning Officer

Raewyn Farley
raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz
Michael Park School
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland



You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. **Nominations close at noon on Sunday 14 August 2022** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

KINDY SEEKING STAFF

Are you interested in working in our kindergarten? We are looking for registered teachers and teaching assistants to work as casual relievers when staff are away.

Contact Karen Affleck karena@michaelpark.school.nz 09 525 8996 for an application pack or to discuss further.

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

As many of you know, we are a cell phone free school and we see the technology within a phone as large distraction towards the holistic education of our students.

We have started to notice an increase in cell phone use during break times. This is a time when students should be interacting with their peers rather than buried in their devices.

Could parents please have a conversation with their children to remind them that we are a cell phone free school. Important phone calls can still be made via the office.



Classical Soloists Concert

Friday 9 September 7.00pm

ATTENTION: CLASSICAL MUSICIANS

- Do you learn a musical instrument?
- Do you play classical music?
- Are you about Grade 4 or above? (no exam experience necessary - ask your teacher if unsure)
- Are you looking for a chance to perform a polished piece of music?

If you answered yes to the above questions, please see the music teachers (Amanda Lawrence or Mary Chun) to sign up for the "Classical Soloists" concert.

SAVE THE DATE MPS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Friday 16 September
7pm in the auditorium

Details in next
weeks' flyer



SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE

92 days 'til the Fair!

- We have held our first Fair meeting; your class fair coordinators will liaise with you about your class activity.
- The Fair Shed will be open on Sunday 14th August 9.00am till 1.00pm.
- If you are interested in helping out on the Fair committee please contact me.
- If anyone has any wool we can use to tie sesame tickets please contact me.
- Next class fair coordinators meeting will be held 19th September, 6pm in staffroom.
- Pre Loved Clothing - it's time to start going through all your pre loved clothing. The clothing bin will be out in front of the auditorium foyer from 5th September.

Any queries please contact me

Erin Wilson fairadmin@michaelpark.school

Class 5 lunch bar Friday August 19th

Pasta, pizza,
sushi, bao,
hot chocolate,
juice, cupcakes,
cookies and
more



High School Sports Tournament

Classes 9-12 braved the cold on Tuesday for the High School sports tournament. Students played rotations of ki-o-rahi, football, basketball and volleyball. It was an enjoyable day of great sportspersonship, with Jacaranda scoring top of the points table.

Jacaranda	31 points
Maple / Kowhai	30 points
Magnolia	25 points



THE SHED

Storage is a big issue at MPS... that is, lack of it! There is always stuff to store away for a rainy day, be it desks, chairs, computer equipment, sports gear, etc,. So when Fleur came to me and said she and her husband Roger were on the move and had a shed available, I was quick to go around to Michaels Avenue and have a look.

Fleur told me her dad, a builder, had constructed the shed for them and that it was all ready to disassemble and move off the section. Fleur said the school was welcome to take it away at no cost, so Mr Johnstone organised a bunch of Class 10 boys to help with the move. We used the school trailer to transport the sections of the building. All went well and in a couple of hours we had completed the task. Steve and I reassembled the shed last week and it sits proudly alongside the Fair Shed.

A big thank you to Roger and Fleur Simmonds for their generosity and also to the Class 10 boys for their help.

Cheers
Chris Farley
Caretaker



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Looking for a house/dogsitter** to care for our 1 y/o labrapdor between 26 Nov & 26 Dec in Mt Wellington. Contact chloedewaele@gmail.com for more info.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline Thursday lunchtime.

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

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Reflections on MUNA 2022

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an international event organized by Rotary and held in many countries around the world. Two teams from Michael Park School argued, negotiated, and presented their respective views at MUNA 2022.



Traditionally held at Auckland Girls Grammar School, every year MUNA receives hundreds of Year 12 and 13 students from all over Auckland and Northland, from Papakura High to Kerikeri College, gathering to represent the UN-participating countries they drew. MPS entered the fray with two teams: a Class 11 team composed of Alex Geng, Charlotte Stuart and Bibi Miller representing Morocco within the Africa Bloc, and a Class 12 team of Joel Bennet, Imogen Gadd and Louie Maze representing the Eastern European Bloc nation of Azerbaijan.



Before the assembly, each team prepares extensive research on the background and political stand of their country, as well as two speeches addressed to the entire assembly on a chosen remit (between five predetermined agendas for the UN to discuss), illustrating the reasons for their stand and to sway other nations towards their case and influence the outcome of the upcoming vote. The Moroccan team argued for Remits 2 and 4, while Azerbaijan chose to speak on Remits 1 and 4. The construction of these speeches were assisted by the knowledge of second-timers Alex and Charlotte (who represented Indonesia last year), and the Kaitiaki of the two classes; Ms Meek and Mrs Valyashko, who both accompanied the teams over the two days.

The two days themselves were filled with lively debates, tense arguments and tough compromises. Friday began with 'lobbying' (polite mingling in-character) accompanied by breakfast bagels, before the official welcome and the speeches of Remit 1. The Moroccan team immediately demonstrated ambition and leadership, beating out twelve other competitors to become elected as the African Bloc Leader, with Alex representing over twenty nations to voice the concerns of deadly diseases overshadowed by COVID-19 and its proposed solutions to the entire Assembly, while Azerbaijan was forced to hold themselves strong against a barrage of questions following their speech outlining their opinion on the development of renewable energy sources financed by the UN. Many allies and enemies were formed through the passing of notes, some stuck on blow-up llamas or cups of mint tea, fears of public speaking were confronted and most importantly we all made many new friends!

Both teams are very thankful to Ellerslie Rotary for sponsoring our teams for this event, and we are looking forward to next year's Assembly!

Remits of MUNA 2022

1. The UN to support the aid and relocation of Ukrainian refugees across Europe.
2. The UN to support the distribution and funding of COVID vaccines to countries that remain largely unvaccinated.
3. The UN to support countries' food supplies disrupted by the conflict in Ukraine
4. UN to support the development and distribution of renewable energy sources to prevent climate change
5. UN to support an end to conflict in Yemen.

Alex Geng, Class 11



NZ Engineering Science Competition

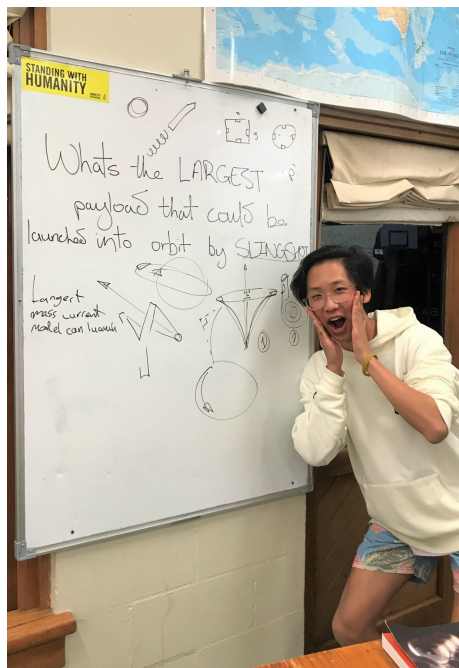
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Class 11 Science Department students Leo Cilliers, Alex Geng, Julia Chemin, and Bibi Miller were very busy last Saturday before the Ball (and not with the dress-up!) Each year, the Auckland University Department of Engineering Science puts an open-ended question to secondary students in New Zealand to problem-solve and present a report within 10 hours of teamwork. The question is sent by email to everyone at exactly 10am and the report must be emailed back to the organizers by 6 pm that day. This is the first time in the history of Michael Park School that a team of four is competing at a national level with schools like Westlake Boys, St. Peter's, St. Cuthbert's, Rangitoto College as well as schools in Wellington.

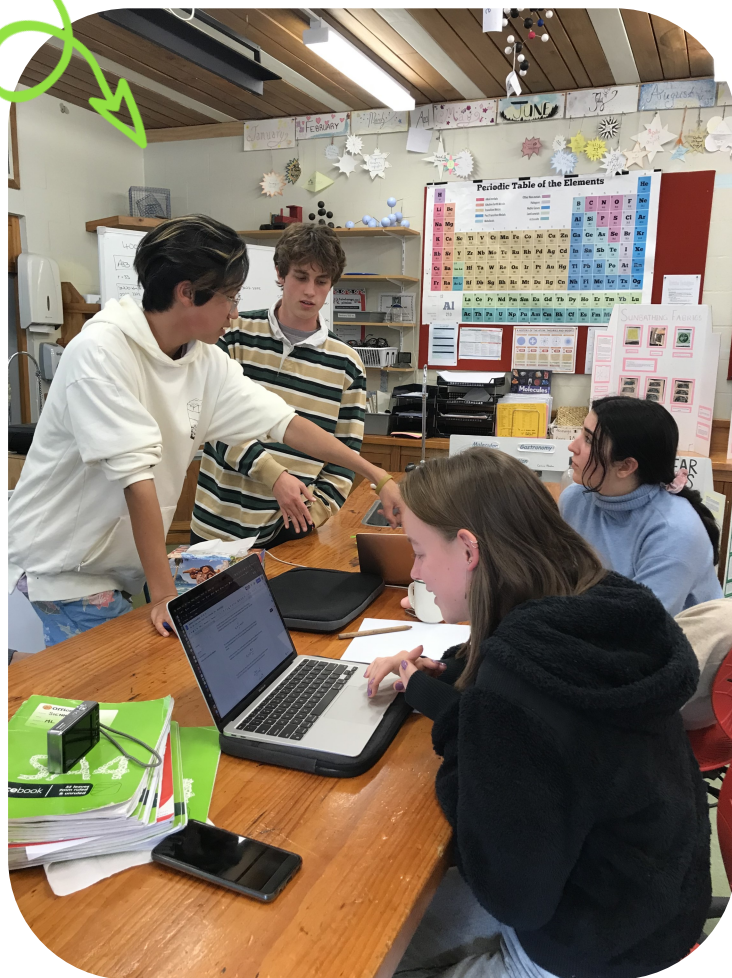
This year the question was: *"What is the largest payload that could be launched into orbit by slingshot?"*

In their report our students wrote:

"Orbital spaceflight from earth has been achieved before, but only by launch vehicles that have the use of rocket engines for propulsion. Never before has orbital spaceflight been achieved with just the use of acceleration from the force output of the slingshot. By using a model that uses no additional rocket engines this could enable more sustainable ways of launching probes, supplies and satellites into orbit. With the huge amount of fuel used in launching a single rocket with the ability of reaching orbit, this is an extremely unsustainable way of exploring beyond our planet. With the impacts of climate change catching up with us, this exploration could become impossible without a massive improvement on fuel-efficient launching techniques."



We are very proud of our students - they demonstrated great teamwork, perseverance and love to solve problems using their knowledge and available resources. We are looking forward to hearing back from the judges. Fingers crossed! Well done, team! Mrs. Valyashko



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