



### COMING EVENTS

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**Monday 24 October** Labour Day -Public Holiday

**Tuesday 25 October** *Class Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm (staffroom)*

**Wednesday 26 October** **Class 1 2023 Parent Meeting, 7pm**

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to term 4 and I hope you managed to get some rest and relaxation with your tamariki over the school break.

As we turn our attention towards our school fair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fair coordinators who have been working behind the scenes, setting up the rosters, delegating jobs and ensuring that their fair activity will be ready to go come November 12. Please read the important information that is in this week's issue about what we need to do.

This is our time to showcase everything that is wonderful about our kura and our whanau to the wider community of Ellerslie and Tamaki Makaurau. Lets' do this!



I am reminded about the following whakatauki:

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

This whakatauki refers to collaboration and a strengths-based approach that we carry out together as a community. It acknowledges that we all have something to offer, we are a piece of the puzzle, and by working together we can all flourish.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Nga mihi nui,

Desmond Pamerika

Tumuaki



#### What we need from you:

1. Please make sure you have signed up for your class roster
2. Advertising – can you help **deliver the Fair flyers** in your local area? Please collect flyers from reception and tell us which streets you can deliver to.
3. **The last day for dropping off clean pre-loved clothing will be Monday 31 October**
4. **Cake Stall** – Each year every school family makes 2 cakes plus a third item (preserves, meringues, biscuits) for the cake stall. Packaging for these will go home 31st October.
5. Do you have a BBQ we can borrow on Fair Day,? if you are able to help please let us know
6. Calling on performers – Dancers, musicians, etc, to perform at the fair. Please see Amanda Lawrence or email her on amandal@michaelpark.school.nz

To get a chance to perform you need to contact Amanda by Friday 28 October.

Contact erinw@michaelpark.school.nz if you have any Fair queries

#### **Message form the Vege Cafe**

The Fair Vege Cafe is a mammoth job which involves preparing an estimated 4,000 portions of food and drink.

Our steering team is doing a great job but we realise that Class 10 will need help from enthusiastic parents from other classes this year, particularly if you have experience cooking for crowds.

If you are able to offer any support in the MPS kitchen during the following morning and afternoon slots:

Thursday 10th Nov: 8:30 - 13:30 and then 15:00 - 20:00

Friday 11th Nov: 8:30 - 13:30 and 15:00 - 20:00

Please can you contact Tyrone Williams (027 629 8649) or Roger Firth (027 230 9149) if you are able to help.

Thank you



## TE AO MĀORI

### *Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti – Niuean greetings for Niuean Language Week!*

This week we are sharing a write up from Troy Gardiner, the te reo Māori teacher at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, about his experience attending the Te Reo Ki Tua Language Symposium in Heretaunga, Hawke's Bay in September. This symposium is 'the' event of the year for people wanting to get motivated on their te reo journey, bringing together all the big names from of the te reo Māori revitalisation movement from all over the motu into three days of entertainment, laughter and real inspiration. Ngā mihi Troy for sharing your experience.

Kua huri te tai – The tide has turned!

E rere ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa, mai te hiku ki te ūpoko, mai te ika ki te waka! Mauri ora ki a koutou katoa!

Last week I was fortunate enough to be one of the 1100 attendees at this year's Te Reo Ki Tua. This symposium enlists some of the world's greatest language exponents who come from all facets of the language revival world. The theme of this year's symposium was 'Kua huri te tai! – The tide has turned!' Since the inception of the Ngāti Kahungunu Māori language revitalisation journey in 2006, this region has seen a huge growth of the language. Initiatives like Te Reo ki Tua help inspire language advocates and champions to ensure that they are energised to continue fighting for the survival of the language.

It has been two years since the last Te Reo Ki Tua, and tino hīkaka au – I was excited! The calibre of kaikōrero and to be immersed in a Te Reo environment for two days! I set myself a wero to not use the translation head gear that allows you to hear the simultaneous translation of what was being presented. I wanted to gauge where I might sit within my level of understanding. I carried a notebook with me that I could write any kupu I didn't know and find the meanings at the end of the day. I also chose to kōrero i te reo Māori as much as possible, as it was the dominant language being spoken.

I absolutely felt inspired by the kōrerorero of people's ongoing language journeys; the why's, how's and what's of it all. My journey as a second language learner of te reo Māori is to keep on going. Being in an immersion situation would help fast track my knowledge and higher use of te reo. However, like all the kaikōrero said, you must make the language learning fit for you. Be realistic about what is possible and at times challenge yourself and push a bit further. Nau mai ngā hapa – all mistakes are welcome as these are moments of learning ... Tūwhitia te hopo – Feel the fear and do it anyway!

Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo.

My language is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious.

Mauri ora, nā Matua Troy

Kiwaha o te Wiki

Tūwhitia te hopo – Feel the fear and do it anyway!

Moana: I'm abit nervous about starting te reo classes.

Timoti: Tūwhitia te hopo, e hoa. You'll love it!



**Michael Park School**  
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# Classical concert



Venue: MPS Auditorium  
Entry Fee:  
Child \$5 Adult \$10


**Friday**  
**21st October**  
**7pm**





# Class 5 lunch bar

## Friday October 28th



Sushi, pizza, dumplings, samosas  
muffins, brownies, cake, juices  
and more

