



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>Monday 28 November</b>	<b>C10 Play 'Pandemonium' - 7pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	<b>Kindy Muffin Morning 8.45am</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	<b>C10 Play 'Pandemonium' - 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	<b>High School Accord Day</b>
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	<b>High School Accord Day</b>
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	<b>Class 9 Independent Project Presentations - 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	<b>High School Prizegiving - 11am</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	<b>Class 9 Independent Project Presentations 6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	<b>Class 12 Graduation - 11am</b>
<b>7 - 14 December</b>	<b>High School Craft Week</b>
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	<b>Community Advent &amp; Carols Celebration - 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	<b>Last day for Classes 8 and 9 - 3pm finish</b>
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	<b>Last day for Lower School and Kindy - 12pm finish</b>

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe that we have less than three weeks to go until the end of the school year!

Next week, Class 4 and 5 are heading away on their separate school camps. I wish you all the very best and thank you to our parents and teachers who are travelling with our tamariki, we could not have been able to run both camps without your help.

This Monday and Tuesday night Class 10 will be showcasing their play that they have been rehearsing and working on throughout this term. We would love to see you there to enjoy a night of laughter and merriment.

On Wednesday after school there is a whānau hui in the staffroom where I will have the opportunity to review the mahi that has been carried out this year to support tikanga throughout the school. This is also an opportunity to gather feedback while we look towards 2023 to see what is coming towards us next term. The hui will be from 3:20pm - 4:30pm.

A reminder to high school whānau that there is no school on



Thursday 1 & Friday 2 December next week for Class 8, 9 & 10 students as high school teachers have accord days that they will be attending on those dates.

Finally, from me - heads up that the last day of school for the year is Friday 16 December and on that day school and kindergarten will close at 12pm.

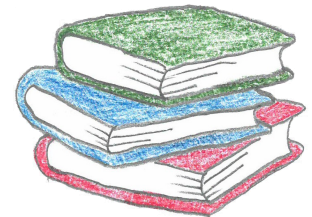
Heoi anō tāku mō nāiane!

Have a wonderful weekend whānau.

GO THE BREAKERS

Ngā manaakitanga,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki



**Reminder: all school library books are due back by 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

### TE AO MĀORI

#### Kiwhaha o te Wiki

**Pai noa iho - All good!**

**Mata:** Kia e Huia. I can't make it to the picnic today, I've got to start my Christmas shopping.

**Huia:** Pai noa iho e hoa! Let's try and organise something again soon.

### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Studio-like room for rent for 2 people**, in case you need accommodation for your visiting family. Access to fully equipped kitchen & private bathroom, veggie garden. Available from December 14-January 19. Ellerslie. \$ 380 per week!! Forget Airbnb!!  
[normaahp@gmail.com](mailto:normaahp@gmail.com)

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz)  
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline Thursday lunchtime.

Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6 portrait (¾ page).

Whole page ads are not accepted for non school-related activities. Ads may be published a maximum of twice per term, at the editor's discretion.

# PLAY PROCESS 2022

## THIS YEAR'S CLASS 10 PLAY

Each class play is unique, and each class rises to meet the challenge in a different way, reaching different heights according to where they are at in their development personally or collectively as a group. For all classes the challenge is there to be met, and the mountain is offered up to be climbed.

Class 10 2022 have really come alive in this process, and we have seen them at their very best. There has been a strong ethos of personal responsibility and a great spirit of collaboration and unity. I am aware that this atmosphere of self-expression and engagement has been helped greatly by the nature of comedy itself, and the strength and fun of the material. It was a conscious choice on my part to create very particular material in order to engage them. The level of engagement may also be in part because this is the first play where students designed the costumes and lights, in large part, themselves. This has been a really fruitful and uplifting experiment. There has also been strong collaboration between the Drama and Crafts departments in terms of teacher and student mentoring. It has always been a dream of Luis' and mine that we would reach a place where we would have even more inter-departmental collaboration and, this time, we have managed to uphold that ideal.

The other unique condition of this play is that we have, in large part, constructed and written our own play. Although it is not unusual for me to write large sections of the class plays, and pepper in classic texts, in this case, we have really written our own complete narrative - a play within a play. Pandemonium is full of Drama department jokes and crazy Patrice-isms. We had fun laughing at ourselves and the process of making plays, although I suspect much of the laughter was directed at me!

I started this journey with the specific goal that it be particularly fun and collaborative, and it has been, even for me! Plays are always hard work, challenging

and sometimes uncomfortable, as nothing really good can ever be born without some hardship and sacrifice, especially within such short timeframes. Despite three days' less rehearsal time than any other play, the class has pulled it off in style. The laughter that has rung

through our auditorium in the last three weeks will be felt by you, the audience, when you come to our performance on December 28th and 29th (four days away!).

This will be Class 10's last play at Michael Park School and I urge the community to come out in force to support and witness them. This class's wonderful Class 8 play had to be performed under covid conditions, so they have never experienced the thrill of a jam-packed auditorium. As their teacher, I feel that this class really needs a chance to shine, and they need the community to witness it. I absolutely guarantee that

you will have a fantastic evening, as this will be true Pandemonium and a very funny production.

So, dear community, this play is absolutely NOT to be missed! I know you are tired; I know it is the end of the year; I know that Mondays and Tuesdays are not ideal days for people to attend plays, but... we need you... and you will be rewarded for that effort, I promise! The magic and curse of theatre is that it will exist only for two nights and then, as Shakespeare said, will "melt into air, into thin air".

We are all prone to a bit of apathy in these covid times, but please make the extra effort for this class. When you hear how fun the show was, you might kick yourselves if you

miss it. Finally, Cathy has got her Christmas pantomime! Pandemonium is in the spirit of pantomime, but with wittier material.

Although fairly harmless, there are some saucy jokes, most of which will go over young ones' heads, and a few naughty words. Our recommendation is that Pandemonium is appropriate for class 6 and above.

It will be a raucous, cheeky, hysterical evening of Pandemonium!

See you at the show,

Patrice.



**TICKETS HERE:**

[www.iticket.co.nz/events/2022/nov/pandamonium](http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2022/nov/pandamonium)





# Christmas Kindness

Christmas Kindness returns again this year. The elves have been in, decorating the office ready for Advent.



We are collecting festive food and gifts for the Salvation Army again this year. Over the next few months we will see thousands of Kiwis in desperate need. Increased costs of living are further stretching families who already have so little, meaning they don't have the luxury of participating in

festivities like gift-giving and shared meals this year.

## *Can you help with providing items that we can gift them?*

Think festive treats and gifts for 12 -14 year olds (deodorant, nail polish, hair accessories, colouring books, etc.). These should be unwrapped. This is the age group that often gets overlooked and they really struggle with gifts for them.

There will be a box in the office from today and also at the Community Advent & Carols Celebration on 9th December in the Auditorium - a lovely way to finish the year.

In our home we started the white envelopes that sit in the tree. On Christmas morning there is a chosen charity for each family member and a donation given in their name.

Please think about some of the charities we support through the year at MPS and consider a white envelope to them.

*(I love giving my husband a goat! - Cathy)*

[www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal-2022/about-appeal](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal-2022/about-appeal)

[www.worldvision.org.nz/give-now/smiles-gift/#/](http://www.worldvision.org.nz/give-now/smiles-gift/#/)

[www.cancer.org.nz/get-involved/other-ways-of-supporting/](http://www.cancer.org.nz/get-involved/other-ways-of-supporting/)

[www.heartkids.org.nz/give-now/](http://www.heartkids.org.nz/give-now/)

[rasnz.co.nz/get-involved/donate/](http://rasnz.co.nz/get-involved/donate/)

Or donate to our own sponsor student, Swaita. You can do this via the school bank account 02-0256-0235647-000 using her name as the reference.

Thank you MPS whānau - with your help there is hope and joy at Christmas.

The Gift of Hope team



# DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

**Kia ora Michael Park School friends and family,**

Once again we are collecting donations of **brand new Kiwi books** to gift to families in Auckland who can't afford to buy Christmas presents for their kids.

Please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are shopping or ordering books online and add it to our **school donation box situated in the school office.**

**We will also have a donation box at the Community Advent & Carols evening on 9th December.**

Picture books, chapter books, middle grade, young adult, fiction or non-fiction - we'd love them all!

All books will be distributed to families in need through the Auckland City Mission, The Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, The Middlemore Foundation and The Aunties.

## GIFT CARDS

This year you can also purchase gift cards through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents for staff/colleagues/friends/family- please do check them out!

<https://shop.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz>

**Donations close on Monday, December 12th.**

You can read more about us here:

[www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz](http://www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz)

Thank you for your support!



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# German Christmas Market


**26**  
NOVEMBER  
**3-8pm**



**The Crossing Community Centre**

30/44 Kaurilands Rd, Titirangi

Doggies on leash outside welcome

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## SNAPDRAGON Christmas Market

**Friday 9th December**  
**8.30am - 2.30pm**

Celebrate Advent and  
browse our range of  
gifts at our beautiful  
school shop

With hand-made crafts,  
Christmas decorations  
and Cara Telle's delicious  
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- reflective practice
- an understanding of whole-person intelligence, and how the literacies of making and growing support full development
- health and safety and risk benefit analysis practices
- camp fire cooking skills

### 2023 OCEL Workshop Dates

#### Introductory workshop:

**Saturday, 4 March (day)**

#### Hands-on Immersion Camp (onsite camping optional):

**Wednesday, 12 April - Saturday, 15 April**

**Monday, 2 October - Thursday, 5 October**

There will be two Zoom sessions in the first half, and two Zoom sessions in the second half of the year. (Dates to be advised.)

**Cost: \$900 per head Registrations close 20 February 2023**

Separate optional supplementary workshops will be held throughout the year.

To enrol, or to request further information

email: lawry.john@gmail.com  
Phone: 021 125 7817

## OPPORTUNITIES AT TARUNA Enrolling now for study in 2023

Taruna offers a number of both personal and professional development opportunities across a number of disciplines including teaching, nursing and art.

The courses are a range of formats: part-time seminar based study or shorter introductory courses.

A typical learning day will be a balance of practical activities, lectures, artistic sessions, discussion groups, study and self-reflection.

Visit [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or call 06 8777174 to see which course might suit you.



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### Foundation Course in Anthroposophic Nursing

Starting in February 2023 Taruna College is offering an 18-month programme for registered nurses. Come and be re-inspired in your nursing work and practice as we deepen our understanding of our profession's unique healing potential and universal cultural significance.

Our studies will introduce principles of an integrative nursing approach including:

- Working with plants and other substances in various therapeutic external applications
- Nursing process informed by concepts of a spiritual anatomy and physiology to add to our knowledge of the physical body
- Effective self-care along with strategies that support sustainability in day-to-day life and professional practice.

If you are interested please visit our website: [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or contact us on 06 8777174



*Gifts  
for  
Good*  
Supporting victims of  
sex trafficking



As the year draws to a close we have just two more sales -

**WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 12 - 3PM**

**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10AM - 12PM**

#### We'll also be at two markets in December:

- Devonport Ethical Christmas Market, Sunday 4th December
- St John the Baptist Christmas Market, Northcote Point, Saturday 10th December

**EXQUISITE FABRICS FOR SALE** - Remnants and samples of interior design textiles - cottons, linens, velvets, embroidered linens and more. Most priced at less than \$20! Bargain pieces under \$1.

100% of proceeds are donated to support the fight against sexual exploitation of women and children in the Pacific.

**Container Store open Wednesdays 12-3pm**

**17 Marewa Rd, Greenlane  
(Grace City Church)**

**[www.giftsforgood.nz](http://www.giftsforgood.nz)**



## PLUNKET ONLINE BABYSITTING COURSE



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whānau āwhina

### Let's babysit safely this summer!

This course *with updated material*, is designed to give teens from age 14, the knowledge and skills to babysit children of all ages. It's written for first time babysitters, so you don't need to have previous experience to enrol.

The course uses fun and informative videos, quizzes and activities divided into nine modules. The course takes around 2-3 hours to complete over three weeks.

### You will learn about:

- the role of the babysitter, including the expectations of the families they are working for
- child safety, including emergency situations, and basic first aid
- ages and stages of children from birth to school age, their basic needs and their care
- professional behaviour including presentation
- how to engage with children of different ages, including activities for each age group and behavioural information
- how to get a babysitting job.

**Cost \$50 per student.**

**Click for more info or to sign your teenager up:**

**[plunket.org.nz](http://plunket.org.nz)**



*class 10 presents ...*

# **PANDEMONIUM**

"A madcap night of  
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mishaps, mischief,  
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