



COMING EVENTS

[Click here to view the full calendar online](#)

Tuesday 28 February	Class 9, 11, 12 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 1 March	12.20pm finish for Classes 1 - 7
1-3 March	Class 4 Camp
Monday 6 March	Class 5 Parent Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 9 March	Class 2 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 15 March	Class Photos & ID Photos
Thursday 16 March	Class 10 Play - 'King Lear' 7pm
Friday 17 March	School Harvest Festival
Friday 17 March	Class 10 Play - 'King Lear' 7pm

Kia ora whānau,

Our first full week for the year and what wonderful days we have had with sunshine (with the exception of today) and the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.



A reminder for our lower school whānau that, on Wednesday 1 March, Classes 1 - 7 will finish school at 12:20pm as there is a paid union meeting for our NZEI teachers. Kindergarten will finish as normal at 2pm. Kindergarten parents are welcome to pick your child up early on Wednesday as well; can you please do that before picking your child up from school.

It is a normal school day for the high school.

Earlier in the week we had a potential incident of a kindergarten child running on the road at the turning circle before school in front of a car - fortunately no one was hurt. Nonetheless, it is a timely reminder for parents to ensure that we are keeping our tamariki safe during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up, be that walking to school or driving in our grounds.

Kia pai tō wiki whānau,

GO THE BLUES!
GO MOANA PASIFIKA!

Nga mihi mahana,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



**Class 10 Play
KING LEAR
TICKETS HERE:**

www.iticket.co.nz

SCHOOL RULES AROUND DRESS CODE

Apologies for the broken link that was in the Housekeeping section of the first Friday Flyer for the year.

The Dress Code can be found here: [MPS Dress Code](#)

Please familiarise yourself with the Dress Code and support your child by ensuring they are in correct attire to avoid consequences for non-compliance.

GOT YOUR HAT?

Remember, sunhats are required during terms 1 & 4 for break, lunch and outdoor lessons.



EDGE PARENT PORTAL AND APP

It is very encouraging to see families now using the Edge caregiver portal for absentee notifications and other functions.

A few things to note:

- To log in for the first time, enter your email address (the one we have on file for you) and hit 'forgot password' or 'reset password'. A full set of instructions can be found here: <https://michaelpark.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/How-to-access-the-edge-portal.pdf>
- The absentee function on the app is only for whole/half day absences for illness or doctor/dentist appointments. This automatically marks the roll for us which speeds up our morning absentee checks. For all notifications other than illness or doctor/dentist appointments, i.e. running late, on holiday, or need to get a message to a student or teacher, please phone or send an email to reception.
- Emails from the school that used to come via SchoolLinks will now come directly from admin@michaelpark.school.nz or from the staff member's email address. Please check your junk or spam folder.
- We will be discontinuing SchoolLinks for school messaging later this term, and using The Edge exclusively. **The Kindergarten will continue to use SchoolLinks.

There may be more questions that arise as we get accustomed to using the Edge portal and app. We will address these as they occur.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN AN AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

We are exploring the possibility of starting an after school care program for Michael Park School children aged 5-14 years. Before we confirm the program, we want to know if there is enough demand from parents like you.

Konini after school care program will provide a safe, secure and engaging environment for your child to learn, play and grow. Experienced and trained staff will be dedicated to providing the best care and education for your children. Provided will be a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, outdoor play, games, and homework help, all within a nurturing and supportive environment.



If you are interested in the after school care program, please express your interest by clicking on the link below. This will help us determine whether there is enough demand to proceed with the program. You can also contact Gemma Macfarlane directly on 0223600447 or gemmamamacfarlane@me.com if you have any questions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xeAZAKImIhrb1RcFnkBk9KJtqb4fXY8rJGAOR4Ds-RI/edit>

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **3 brm house for sale on Amy St.** A hop skip and a jump from school. <https://www.bayleys.co.nz/1710610>



- **WOMAD tickets for sale** - 1 x adult 3-day ticket, 1 x youth (13-17 yrs) 3-day ticket. Price heavily reduced. Please phone Fran 021 2255 815

- **A big thank you** to Atelier textiles for the donation of the beautiful fabrics to the Handwork and Art departments. Thank you to Sharon Berghan and family for collecting the fabrics and delivering them to school.



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).

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.

Kick Off The Weekend With A Round Of...

FAMILY FOOTGOLF

A FUNDRAISER
TO SEND MAX OFF TO THE
**Junior World
Champs!**

Games

Raffle

Spot Prizes!



Maxwell's Golf Retreat, 205B Ingram Road,
Bombay

AT
12pm

**25th March, 2023
SATURDAY**

Family Pass (2 Adults, 2 Children) \$90

TICKETS:
Child (5 - 15 yrs)
\$20 Adult \$30

REGISTRATION : stuart.p.murdoch@gmail.com



SUSTAINABALL

It's happening again!

Bring your dresses and suits
to Mrs Valyashko ASAP

TE AO MĀORI

Karakia o te Rā

Whakataka Te Hau

In this space we would like to occasionally share karakia that can be used at events and in everyday life. This karakia below, Whakataka Te Hau, is often intertwined into whaikōrero on the marae, or said at the opening of meetings, or can be said at the beginning of the day. At this time, our thoughts are with those who have been affected by the recent extreme weather, and with our whānau at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, as the people of Hawke's Bay wake up every morning to the realities of what has happened all around their rohe. In my time working at Taikura, I often heard this karakia recited (and sung) by the whole kura during morning briefings, assemblies and special events – it is always moving to hear it. The karakia describes a still crisp morning when the sun is rising with a “red tipped dawn” over the land. It is an evocation of the wonder and beauty of our world; the winds have died down, there is only a gentle breeze, and in the stillness, there is the “promise of a glorious day”. The qualities of a soft early morning can become a much-needed picture of hopefulness, and a balm, during this hard time.

Ngā manaakitanga

Whaea Kura

Kaitiaki pukapuka/School librarian

Whakataka te Hau

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

Kia mākinakina ki uta

Kia mātaratara ki tai

E hī ake ana te atakura.

He tio, he huka, he hauhū.

Tihei mauri ora.

One of the translations for this is:

Cease oh winds of the west and of the south

Let the breezes flow

Over the land and sea.

Let the red-tipped dawn come

With a sharpened air, a touch of frost

A promise of a glorious day.

Justice Joe Williams gives his interpretation of this karakia in a speech made at the CLANZ Conference in April 2019 transcribed [here](#).

Kīwaha/Whakatauki o te Wiki

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

- be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau:

Te Matatini started yesterday. For those who can't make it in real life, coverage of Te Matatini can be found on TVNZ+. There is a write up about the event [here](#).



New Student Counselling Hours for Francie Warrington 2023

Welcome back to school. As we begin our new school year I want to let you know I am here if you feel you need more support, someone to talk to, share your concerns, or to get help with a problem.

My new hours:

Week A: Friday 8.30 till 3pm

Week B: Monday 8.30 till 3pm.

I can be available at other times if you contact me and we arrange a different time and day.

If you would like to make an appointment or contact me:

Email: franciew@michaelpark.school.nz

Or: leave me a note or message on my whiteboard in my office.

Alternatively, you can speak to your teacher and we can organise a session.

A counselling session is confidential, which means what you say to me is private and will not be discussed further without your consent.



Counselling allows for the opportunity to discuss and work to resolve an issue or problem, it can be a way to help understand and clarify situations that are challenging, or to work to change behaviour that is not helpful.

CLASS 10 PRESENTS

KING LEAR

It's been a busy week for our class 10 students...

We've been rushing around fixing last minute set problems, blocking recent scenes and living the lines.

Despite the unexpected casting, the students have worked tirelessly to bring their characters to life and meaning to Shakespeare's words. This has been a great learning experience for everyone involved and has helped to create a tight-knit and supportive culture.

Everyone has undergone personal transformations, made breakthroughs and pushed past their limits. Despite these challenges, our class is working hard to bring the famous tragedy to life on stage. We have been given the opportunity to expand our acting skills in ways we never thought possible.

Students have taken on leadership roles and are stepping up to the challenge. Emotions are deep, and strengths, as well as weaknesses, are revealed daily.

It is doubtful that the sheer scale of our set has ever been reached or will ever be seen in the auditorium again.

Our sound professional, Zach Mole, has created an epic soundtrack to accompany our play. Miles Miller has practiced and refined our ending song to a great result, and Aldo Brown is working tirelessly on his violin. Finn Green is pumped to design and learn how to light up our play from the lighting box.

Amberley Doo is our production manager working hard from her desk at all hours, running the show, allocating jobs, and never parting with her clipboard. She organises almost everything and never stops.

Nulara Ratwatté is our stage manager working behind the scenes to ensure our script is edited and Patrice is not drowning in her work.

Last but not least, our amazing, one-of-a-kind director, Patrice Wilson is putting her years of experience and skill into our class's last play at Michael Park School.

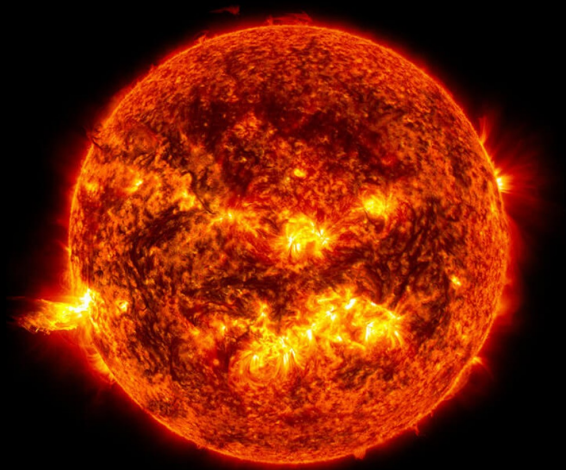
Ultimately, the death of the ego is a powerful lesson we can all learn from. By confronting our weaknesses and strengths and letting go of our egos, we can become better, more compassionate, and more empathetic individuals. This is the message that lies at the heart of King Lear, and it is a message that is just as relevant today as it was when Shakespeare wrote it.

With a fresh and innovative take on the classic story, and a talented cast, this production promises to be a unique and unforgettable experience. This is a show not to be missed, whether you're a fan of Shakespeare or simply love great theatre.

Tilly, Nulara, Amelie & Amberley

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THURSDAY 16 MARCH TICKETS ON [ITICKET.CO.NZ](https://www.iticket.co.nz)

**FRIDAY 17 MARCH
7PM**

**ADULT - \$18
CHILD - \$15
FAMILY (OF 4) - \$45**

RECOMMEND CLASS 7 AND ABOVE

BUY TICKETS HERE:

**[https://www.iticket.co.nz/
events/2023/mar/king-
lear#/buy-tickets](https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/mar/king-lear#/buy-tickets)**

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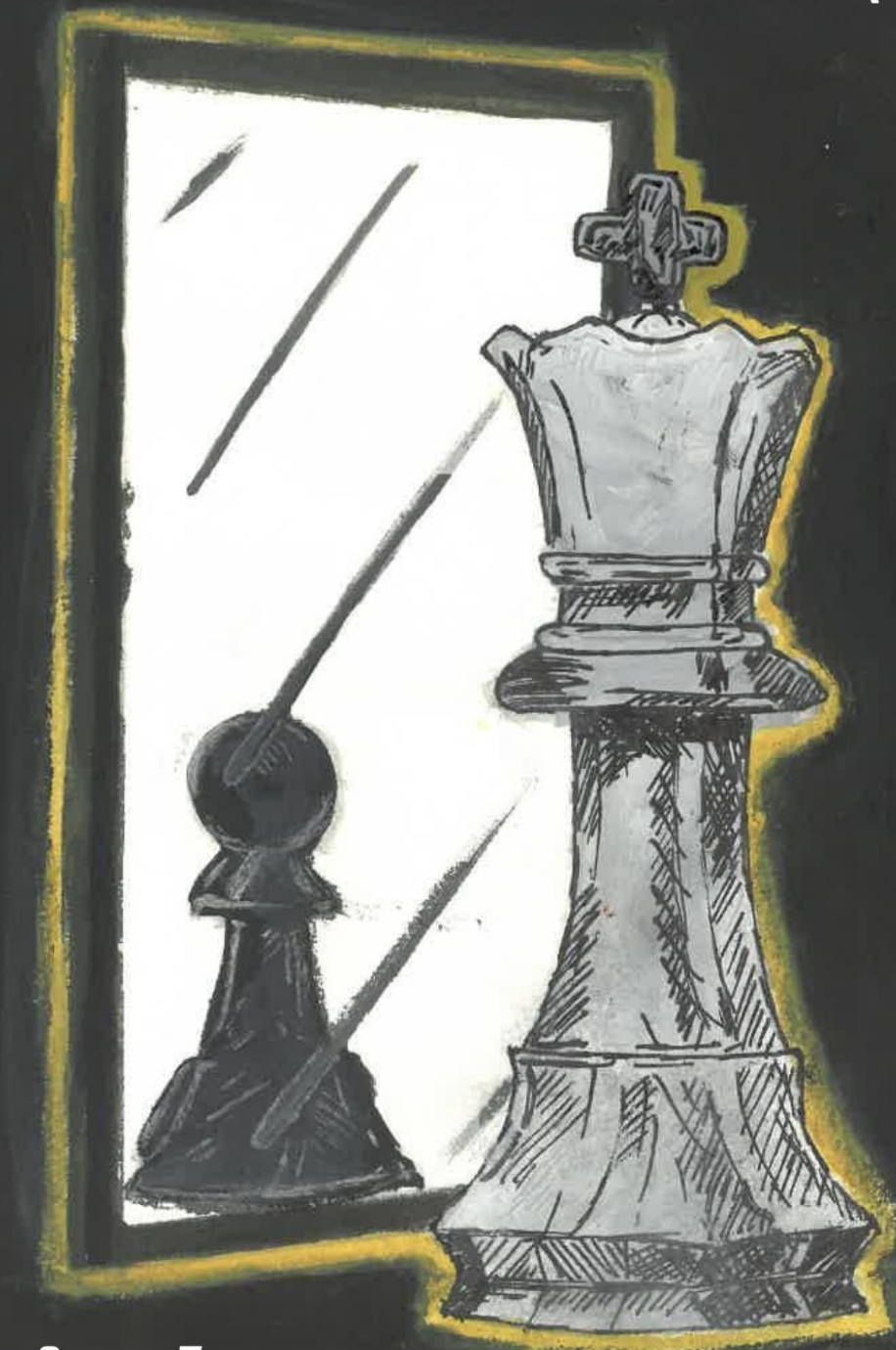
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