



COMING EVENTS

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Saturday 6 May	Outdoor Classroom Tent Working Bee
Tuesday 9 May	High School Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday 11 May	Teacher Strike - Whole School and Kindergarten closed
Friday 12 May	Class 6 Lunch Bar

Kia ora whānau,

Wow, your children are fabulous. We have had another great week to start a busy term of learning, with close to 90% of students at school. Students in the classrooms throughout our school are engaged in some great learning activities (thanks teachers) and are bright-eyed and keen to be back in class after their break.



This Tuesday the high school will be holding their parent/student/teacher conferences throughout the day. A reminder to high school parents and students that there is no school for Class 8-12 on Tuesday, but they are expected to attend the meetings with their parents.

I have sent a number of emails this week pertaining to the industrial actions that are being carried out across the motu with rolling strikes, banning meetings after 4:30pm and our school and kindergarten closing on Thursday. As a school we fully support the actions that our teachers are having to carry out to ensure that negotiations continue and, at the same time, we are looking at what we can do to minimise the disruption to the teaching and learning of our tamariki.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Last week Virginia Braun, Class 12 graduate of 1990, was inducted into the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi for her outstanding contribution in the area of psychology. Virginia is a professor of psychology at the University of Auckland and has been described by her students as “the rockstar of qualitative research” – she co-authored one of the most highly-cited psychological and methodological



papers ever published, as well as several best-selling books on qualitative research. In her inaugural professorial speech a few years ago, she acknowledged how much she appreciated her education at Michael Park School. Wonderful news to share with our community.

Ka tu tahi tatou ki te kohikohi i te matauranga hei oranga tinana,
hei oranga wairua kia tu tangata ai tatou.

*We gather to learn, to nourish, to flourish.
Here we stand together*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM TENT - WORKING BEE THIS WEEKEND

The bamboo structure that holds our beloved Outdoor Classroom is in need of renewal as some of the bamboo is now old and rotten after more than ten years of service. Bamboo has arrived to school as you can see.

We are calling on all enthusiasts to **come and join us in rebuilding our shelter** over a weekend of joy in community. This will happen on **Saturday, 6 May** (second weekend of Term 2) from 8:30am, and we plan to work a long day. If needed, we will return on Sunday, 7 May.

Please express your interest in joining us [through this link](#) so that we can estimate how much help will be available and organize the tasks in advance.

Thank you to the few who have expressed their willingness to help, but we are still looking a bit thin.

We will, of course, take time to share morning tea and lunch provided by the school.

Much Gratitude to you all.

MPS SPOKEN WORD TEAM

The MPS Spoken Word team is performing in the regional competition this month. Lorelai, Ben & Bella are performing on the 17th May. Please see details below.

Location: TAPAC, Western Springs

Arrival time: 5:00pm

Heat begins: 5:30pm

There is plenty of parking available on site.

Friends, whanau and supporters are most welcome to attend, they will just need to register for a free ticket on arrival. The picture below is from a theatre visit to see 'Champions' at the Basement theatre. One of the actors, Dan Obrien, is the



National Slam Poet winner. He spoke to the students after the play and one of the things he stated was the importance of resonance with the audience.

Pictured: Lorelai Hunt-Aloi (captain), Ben Edwards, Bella Laban, Isabelle Judeel-Williams

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL CONCERTS

The Music Department will be putting on two concerts: Friday 26 May and Friday 2 June. If you are a keen musician and/or dancer please come and get a sign-up sheet from Mary Chun or Amanda Lawrence.



TEACHER AIDE

An opportunity has arisen at Michael Park School, in Ellerslie, for a teacher aide to work with young children in Year 2. This is a position for 5 mornings a week – 20 hours a week, for the remainder of 2023.

The ideal applicant would possess the following qualities and attributes: Excellent English written and verbal communication skills, initiative, flexibility and be a team player. Previous experience working with children with behavioural and learning needs would be an advantage.

Please email your CV and covering letter to Arlene Cairns arlenec@michaelpark.school.nz

Applications close on the 12th May 2023.

TE AO MĀORI

Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau

Witi's Wāhine

Wednesday night was opening night for the play Witi's Wāhine by Nancy Brunning. This play connects the stories of five of the wāhine toa of Witi Ihimaera's books. It has been getting rave reviews!



More info here: [Auckland Theatre Company](https://www.aucklandtheatrecompany.co.nz/)



Kīwaha o te Wiki

Taputapu kē.
Fantastic.



Community Kapa Haka

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As some of you will already know we have a community Kapa Haka group. This started back up this week on Zoom.

We are a very social group made up of MPS community parents and staff and some of my RNZ work colleagues. We are pretty laid back and learn Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga through waiata. This is usually a 40min session.

All whānau and friends are welcome, especially our tamariki. Please pass this onto anyone else you think might be interested in joining us. Please email Andrea if you have any questions or are interested in joining. keithandreaollie@gmail.com

Nau mai hāere mai
Noho ora mai Andrea

Andrea Gordine is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ngākau tahi kapa haka **Time:** Tuesdays 5.30pm ia Raatu

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72997778911?pwd=5tehggbl1aXG2cRARQ1sAEwTz5UcRu.1>

Meeting ID: 729 9777 8911 **Passcode:** HWe2US

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **School family looking to rent** a 3 bed house in the area. Up to \$750 PW. Pls ph Jocelyn 0212 357914 (or leave a message).
- **3 brm house for rent on Amy St.** A hop skip and a jump from school. Contact Wanda 0204 077 3144.
- **We are collecting for Give a Kid a Blanket** again this year! This connects families across Auckland with warm blankets (etc) through a network of nurses, social workers, police and other front line staff. We can collect from you, meet you at school, or you can drop at our place. Looking for: New and Excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inners and covers, pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, rain coats, Moses baskets. We are only able to accept new pillows and new hot-water bottles.
giveakidablanket.co.nz Thanks so much, Rachel. (Jacaranda/class 4 mum). **021 571 648.**

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.

SUSTAINABALL

It's happening again!

Bring your dresses and suits
to Mrs Valyashko ASAP

All proceeds donated to Women's Refuge



MUSIC LESSONS at Michael Park School

Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music tutor who has many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in guitar and ukulele lessons at Michael Park School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students are taught during school hours and learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary.

For information on guitar and ukulele lessons,
contact **Lih Foo**
Email: lih.foo@musiqhub.co.nz
Phone: 021 2076 231

MUSIQHUB
PLAY SMART

Class 6 lunch bar

Friday the 12th of May

Pizza, sushi, scones, dumplings,
chocolate chip biscuits, cupcakes,
juices and more...



**TARUNA
COLLEGE**

Connect, Nourish, Sustain

Signature Courses

Taruna College is offering **The Art of Well-Being** from 16th - 21st May. The course encompasses three five-day seminars this year. The programme allows us to focus on Art; Life-story work and Contemporary, holistic thinking to deepen and renew our own well-being.

For more information go to Taruna's website www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/pathways-of-transformation/art-of-well-being-i/

The Foundation Course in Anthroposophic Nursing is being offered in June for registered nurses.

Taruna College, with endorsement from the Anthroposophic Nurse Association in NZ (ANANZ), is very excited to offer this course again in 2023-4. This part-time education process over eighteen months has accreditation from the International Forum for Anthroposophic Nursing (IFAN) and will prepare nurses to work with external treatments including working with the parts of the Rhythmical Einreibung (Rhythmical Body Oiling).

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ST CHADS COMMUNITY CENTRE

SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Open to students aged 5 - 18.

WHEN?

1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are held after school at St Chads Community Centre, on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

WHERE?

St Chads Community Centre,
St Johns Rd, Meadowbank

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information

www.headheldhigh.co.nz • jenni@headheldhigh.co.nz • Jenni 021 935 422



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- Assertiveness and self-confidence
- Flexibility

Tuesdays: 4:30~5:30

Thursdays: 4:30~5:30

Saturdays: 9:00~10:00

Ages: 6-13

Location: Greenlane

Presbyterian Church

Holiday Program
Inquire for more info



Contact us on:

021 0285 0016

info@wingchunken.co.nz

www.wingchunken.co.nz



RSST PRESENTS

A series of workshops to be held throughout 2023.
Bringing together whānau & community to experience
Steiner Education.

WORKSHOPS ONE & TWO HANDWORK

*With Michelle Mullany
(Handwork Kaiako)*



SATURDAY 20TH MAY

Spinning wool & weaving a wall hanging decoration
9.00am - 12.30pm

Introduction to knitting - Knitting a small animal
1.00pm - 4.30pm

Handwork Room Michael Park School



Cost: \$30.00 per Workshop

RSVP by email to Dana

danam@michaelpark.school.nz



Watch this space for the next Workshop
With Luis Bernal (Outdoor Class Kaiako)