



**COMING EVENTS**

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- Saturday 10 June** Outdoor Classroom Parent Workshop
- Monday 12 June** Whānau Hui, 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14 June** Open Day
- Wednesday 14 June** High School Info Evening
- Friday 16 June** Matariki blessing & breakfast
- Friday 16 June** Class 5 Lunch Bar
- Saturday 17 June** High School Ball
- Monday 19 June** Class Fair Coordinator Meeting
- Wednesday 21 June** Kindergarten Koru Festival
- Friday 23 June** School Takurua Festival

Kia ora whānau,

Last Friday’s school music concert was a wonderful evening. There was a large crowd who enjoyed a wide range of acts, including musical items and dance performances. A huge thank you to our Mary, Amanda and Curtis who worked behind the scenes to make it happen, and a massive thank you to all of our students (and dad) who performed, you were amazing and it was a privilege for us to be there.



This coming Wednesday we will be holding our open day for this term. Please spread the word to whānau and friends who may be interested in our school. There are two sessions on that day, at 9:30am and 3:30pm, where groups will be shown around our kura (and kindergarten at the 3:30pm session only). Additionally, there is a high school presentation for Class 6 and 7 whānau in the Library on Wednesday evening, starting at 6:00pm.

Next Friday we would love to see you at our Matariki blessing and potluck breakfast. It starts at 6:30am, meeting at the whare. We will be walking around the school, blessing our buildings and trees, and will end hikoī at the outdoor classroom to eat our breakfast. There will be hot chocolate, tea and coffee provided.

Have a wonderful weekend. *GO THE BLUES, GO THE WARRIORS*  
Nga mihi nui,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki

**HIGH SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ACTION  
NEXT WEEK**

We have been advised by the National Executive of PPTA that the strike action of rostering home is to now include two-year groups each day for Monday to Thursday for the rest of the term.

We have been looking at options of how we can continue to keep students at school. Unfortunately, this week, we have seen rise in numbers of students and staff sick, and we are not able to source relief teachers, nor do we have the capacity to supervise the classes internally.

As a result it means that we will be rostering classes to stay home from Monday.

Date	Classes rostered home
Monday 12 June	Class 10 & Class 11
Tuesday 13 June	Class 8 & Class 12
Wednesday 14 June	Class 9 & Class 10
Thursday 15 June	Class 11 & Class 12

Teaching and supervision of the other classes not subject to the strike action will continue as normal.

Co-curricular activities: students are still able to attend their afterschool matches and trainings if they are rostered home on that day.

We are endeavoring to have all students back the following week and we are exploring all options to make that happen.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Desmond Pemerika

**NAU MAI HĀERE MAI  
KI TE KURA O WAIATARUA MŌ MATARIKI**

Come and join us for Matariki celebrations at Michael Park School

**Friday, 16th of June**

**Matariki blessing and potluck breakfast  
6.30am start in the whare**

*Ngā mihi nui ki ā Whaea Beverly Findlay mō ngā mahi toi o Matariki  
A big thank you to Whaea Beverly Findlay for the Matariki artwork*

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

On **Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 6 p.m. in the Library**, 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.

## CLASS FAIR COORDINATOR MEETING

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in School Library.**

If the class fair coordinator can not attend then at least 1 representative from that class must attend.

Any questions please contact [fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

## UNKNOWN TRANSACTION

The RSST received a deposit on 3<sup>rd</sup> March; this deposit was made over the counter at BNZ St Lukes and no reference was given.

If this was you, can you please get in contact with me via email at [haideet@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:haideet@michaelpark.school.nz).

Thanks

Haidee Thompson

RSST Accounts Administrator

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR PARENTS

We still have a few spaces left for the Outdoor Classroom Parent Workshop tomorrow. This is part of our Parent Education Programme, proudly brought to you by the RSST.

Saturday, the 10th June, 9am-4.30pm. See over the page for details.

This is a chance for whānau to experience some of the unique opportunities that their tamariki have as students at Michael Park.

Contact Dana in the school office to register.

[danam@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:danam@michaelpark.school.nz)

RSST PRESENTS...

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A series of workshops to be held throughout 2023 at Michael Park School, bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

with Luis Bernal

SATURDAY, 10th JUNE

- \* Fire making with friction & spark
- \* Open fire cooking & wood shaving with pull knife

9.00am - 4.30pm (full day)

Bring your lunch

Venue: Outdoor Classroom Tent, Michael Park School

Cost: \$40.00 for the day

RSVP: Email Dana: [danam@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:danam@michaelpark.school.nz)



## CLASS 8 PRESENTS



29th and 30th of June

A production showing the contrast between everyday life and a comical and surreal, imaginary world.

Three school students battle their insecurities to find the power of their own voice. In essence, the play gives expression to the inner opera of our daily emotional struggles and inner voices, and it's a musical mosaic that jumps between inner and outer reality. Behind the scenes we have been busy training our voices, speaking and focusing on putting together all the elements of our show, from building the set to designing superhero costumes for our zany production. The show is the last two days of term, and we hope everyone can make it, have a laugh and be inspired to see us in our class 8 play.

Tickets will be on sale on the iticket website from next week.

See you at the show!

Aurielle and Evie

...CLASS 8 PRESENTS

# WONDER WORDS

...A MADCAP COMEDY ABOUT THE POWER OF FINDING YOUR OWN VOICE

THURSDAY 29,  
FRIDAY 30 OF  
JUNE 7PM

TICKETS FOR SALE @  
[WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ](http://WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ)  
**ITICKET**

## ROBOTICS TEAMS

The Michael Park Robotics group has a junior team for C6 and C7 and senior teams for High School students from C9 up, competing in the Auckland Region VEX Robotics competitions this year.

We meet every Wednesday from 4pm to 5.30pm in the woodwork room and would welcome any students interested in joining. Parents are welcome to come along to see what we are doing and decide if it would be suitable for their child.

More information about the competition can be found at [www.vexrobotics.com/competition](http://www.vexrobotics.com/competition). Juniors use the VEX IQ system and High School use the VRC system.

## MPS SPORTS NEWS

Our Senior Girls Football team travelled to Waiheke Island last week. They went down 1-2 in what was a tightly contested game.

Our Boys middle school basketball team played a great game against Sacred Heart this week, with only six players. The final score was 33-33.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING A PARENTS WOODWORK GROUP AT THE SCHOOL?

I am looking to revive the woodwork group that has been quiet for the last few years.

If you are interested in being part of this please send me, James Walden, an email at

[jameslwalden@gmail.com](mailto:jameslwalden@gmail.com). The how, when, what, etc. will be sorted out once I have garnered interest.

# TAKURUA FESTIVAL

Dear friends,

As we approach mid-winter, we prepare ourselves and our school for the Takurua (Winter) Festival, happening on Friday, 23 June, around the winter solstice.

This has been a particularly wet winter when the change in season has been more evident. On the surface where the plant world comes to a relative stillness, we see fallen leaves, muddy soils and cloudy grey skies, while the activity moves down to the roots, where the sap and the seeds wait dormant with all their potential, gathering energy and strength in wait for warmer days, away from our awareness, invisible to our senses. It is in winter that we feel closer to earth as our connection with the natural world deepens and we turn inward in search of answers. This is very different to the summer days we long for, where our focus is very external, and our spirit is lifted up.

If we are mindful to remember how it works, we can find rebirth in decay, and hope and beauty in damp rainy days. Steiner spoke of the Greek philosopher, Diogenes, who went round the marketplace in Athens, carrying a lantern in his hand in search of the "man" who was lost, the "man" who had lost his spiritual vision and his search for the inner impulse. Diogenes felt that the time was approaching when "man" would be plunged into darkness and would have to be sought for with a lantern. A good metaphor for the soul forces necessary for finding the inner light in winter times.

"To town you must go; and take a lantern, *child*, to light your mother through the snow..."

We hope you will join us for the festival in three weeks. There are few opportunities in our school to gather our whole community for an evening of celebration. We are especially hopeful that we will see lots of our teenagers around.

The Takurua Festival in its current format started three years ago, when the Spiral and the Lantern Festivals, which happened



very close to each other and which carried a very similar impulse, were merged into one.

Plans are well on their way: Class 7 is developing their leadership skills and preparing a movement performance with fire staves to lead the walk; Classes 1-6 are rehearsing the songs they will perform for us; Class 6 has spent a couple of weeks making grottos out of clay and will be setting up beautiful little villages around tree land, and lower school teachers are preparing stories to tell their classes and making the traditional lanterns with their students.

Class 8 will be warming up the festival mood and selling food at the lunch bar from 4pm.

We will start with inspiring singing at 5:30pm at the stairs in front of Class 2 and 3, after which the Lantern Walk around the school will lead to the spiral that will be set up by students on the soccer field. The festival will end with a few fires to roast food on. We encourage everyone present to walk the spiral as it builds beautiful sense of community.

So, undust your old lanterns, or start making your new ones, and get your gumboots ready...! See you there!

Regards  
Luis Bernal

## ***We still need lots of jars...***

We are gathering jars to light our way as we walk around the school with our "little lanterns". They are starting to arrive, but we still need plenty more. There is a container at the auditorium porch by the circle for you to place jars. We will leave it there until we collect as many as we need. We are after fully clean jars without labels between 200-350ml. With much gratitude.



## ***...and braziers and fire wardens***

Dear fire enthusiasts: We are after 5 x braziers to borrow for the Winter Festival. It would help us greatly if they were delivered to the outdoor classroom by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> already loaded with firewood and ready to light. They will be used to roast food on them and don't need to be too big as we will have a few of them. We are also after 6 x fire wardens to mind the roasting fires between 6:15 – 8:00pm. Please contact [luisb@michalepark.school.nz](mailto:luisb@michalepark.school.nz) the moment you feel the impulse to help with any of the above.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme has around 40 students enrolled throughout the high school at Michael Park. The Award requires students to commit to activities of skill, service, physical recreation and an adventurous journey. Training for the adventurous journey is carried out in regular sessions after school. Over the last 3 weeks, many of the students have undertaken expeditions at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

The Bronze and Silver groups, from classes 8 to 11, were originally planning to explore the Hunua Ranges. However, a wet and windy forecast saw a late change of plan, and as a result the inaugural MPS Auckland Volcano challenge was hastily put together! Groups had to plan their own routes to score as many points as possible, by visiting volcanic cones around Auckland and performing a number of challenges, such as erecting a tent on the summit and making a hot drink. Saturday night saw groups all meet up at school, with the bad weather forcing everyone inside to sleep in the gym. The Bronze groups completed the expedition the next day whilst the Silvers went on to sleep another night, this time at a local Scout hall. Extra challenges for them included an hour of community service and undertaking a random act of kindness!

Despite the horizontal rain, morale remained high and all groups rose to the challenge admirably. Navigation skills were tested to the limit, with the maps provided being less than ideal, both in extent and not being waterproof! Each team planned, supplied and cooked their own menu and were responsible for their own gear throughout – a significant step towards independence for many. They completed the process by delivering a short presentation of their trip to their peers.

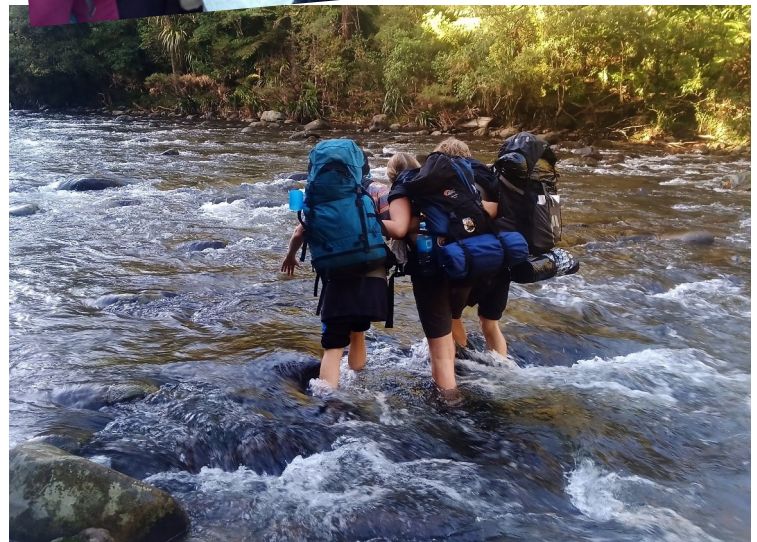
Last weekend was the turn of the Gold students from classes 11 and 12. An intrepid group left on Friday morning to explore some of the more adventurous routes in the Kaimai ranges. Leon Kment provides this account:

*Over the King's birthday weekend (Fri-Mon) Cameron, Ben, Leon, Luka and Catherine embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice journey and Reed on his qualifier. Our team of 6, shadowed by David Le Pelley and Roger Firth, tramped for 4 days through the Kaimais for around 50km. Often the path was blocked by fallen trees or entirely swept away by the previous cyclones we can all still remember. But no matter how long it took to find the path again we prevailed and our navigation skills got put to good practice. Many songs and jokes accompanied us and ensured everyone kept going even if the legs and shoulders asked for a break. The stunning views, the warming campfire and the full moon were the inspiration and drive to keep climbing even further and to start another day. They were the well-deserved rewards for our efforts. Not only did the team have beautiful views but with pancakes and jam*

*for breakfast we were not short of fine dining in the bush. I must say, there is something magical in setting up camp in the native New Zealand bush, the river gurgling right nearby, and everything smells so fresh and untouched... On the final day the rain made an appearance and we all got flushed out of the Kaimais. But no matter how hard it rained our good spirits could not quite be drowned. It is going to be so awesome going on the next tramp!*

*If you are interested in learning navigation skills and go hiking with your friends feel free to get in contact with myself, any member of the tramping team or David Le Pelley for further information.*

[l.kment@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:l.kment@michaelpark.school.nz) / [davidl@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:davidl@michaelpark.school.nz)



Friday 16th  
of June.



Class 5 Lunchbar  
At Morning tea and Lunchtime.

## Class Four Sock Fundraiser

NZ Merino socks, tights and other apparel  
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Be sure to write  
'Michael Park School'  
in the message box at  
checkout.

20% of your purchase  
spend will be donated  
to Class Four.



## Michael Park School Ball

26 Saunders Place

Avondale, 1026



# Greek Mythology

17th June  
2023

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Early Bird Tickets    Late Tickets  
\$70                      \$75

To purchase your tickets please talk to any ball committee  
member. Payment by cash or bank transfer to  
02-0256-0235647-00 Michael Park School  
In the reference fields please write student's name and 'ball'.

## Are you still looking for a Ball Dress?

If you're still looking for a dress for Ball or  
any upcoming event, come check out the  
beautiful dresses that are still available to  
buy & rent from Sustainaball.



- Every lunchtime (up until Ball)  
from 12:30 - 1 pm @ the Costume  
Cupboard next to the Gym

- See Rosa (class 12) or  
any of the Ball  
Committee/Senior  
Charity team if you're  
interested so we can  
help



Also a friendly reminder to get  
your ball tickets ASAP

See you all there!!

# July Craft Holiday Program with Michelle Mullany

Tuesday 11th July, Wednesday 12th July  
& Thursday 13th July

9am-3:30pm

MPS Handwork Room and Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)

Crafts galore and cooking/baking!



\$80 1x day

\$75 per day 2x days

\$70 per day 3x days

Limited spaces available.

Book now to secure  
your space.

[michellemullany@gmail.com](mailto:michellemullany@gmail.com)

022 127 6551

# TUTOR AVAILABLE Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

Hello everyone, my name is Charlotte Stuart, and I'm a proud year 13 student at Michael Park School.

I'm excited to announce that I am now offering tutoring services in **Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics**.

I am available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

Over the past year I have gained valuable experience in tutoring. Now I'm eager to extend my client base and help more students succeed.

I am committed to providing personalized support to help your child excel in these challenging subjects. I've earned excellent endorsements in Steiner Certificate Level 1 and NCEA Level 2, and I'm currently working towards NCEA Level 3.

If your child is looking for extra support in these subjects, I'm here to help! Please contact me to discuss how I can help support your child's learning.



Email: [charlottes@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:charlottes@michaelpark.school.nz)

Tickets available at [iticket.co.nz](http://iticket.co.nz)

Flip N Fly Circus School Presents

# Ce Jour

17<sup>th</sup> June ~ SKYCITY Theatre ~ 4pm & 7pm

Featuring Nayu Suzuki from Class 9

Saturday 17th June, 2 performances

Tickets here:  
[iticket.co.nz/events/2023/jun/ce-jour](http://iticket.co.nz/events/2023/jun/ce-jour)



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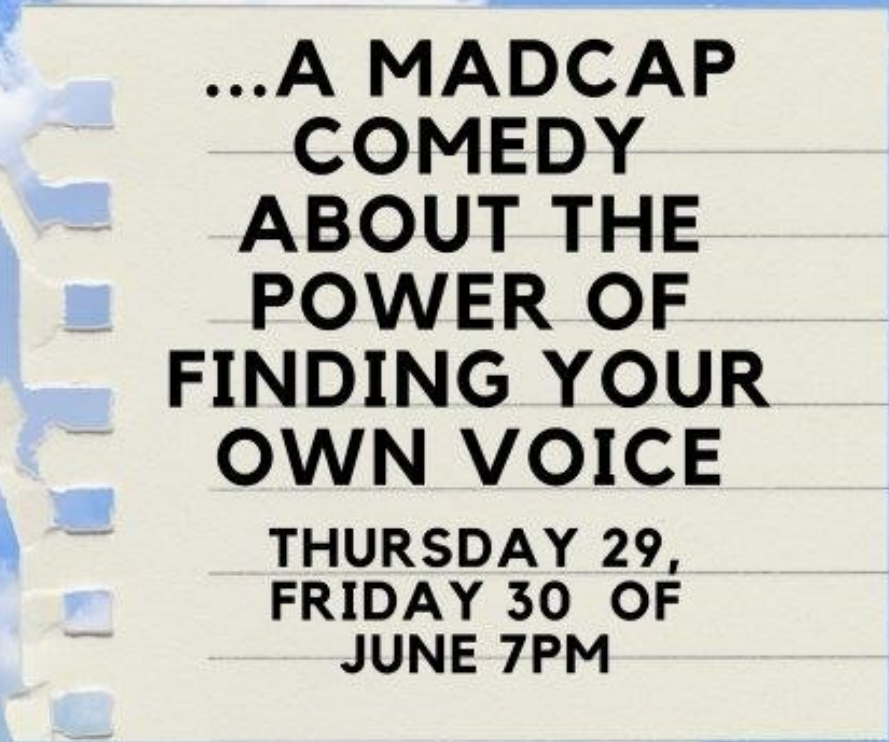
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