



COMING EVENTS

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TONIGHT Friday 23 June	School Takurua Festival 5.30pm Class 8 selling food from 4pm
Wednesday 28 June	Class 8-12 finish at 12:20pm due to PPTA union meeting
Thursday 29 June	Class 8 'Wonder Words', 7pm
Friday 30 June	Last day of Term 2
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Monday 17 July	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 25 July	Teacher Only Day

Next Friday, 30th of June

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

2.05pm finish for Classes 1-12

Kia ora whānau,

Whitiki te tangata, Mārama te kitea.

*When people come together, the light
will shine and things become clear.*



Last weekend we had our high school ball. From all accounts, it was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ball committee for all of the work and planning that was carried out for the most successful ball that we have seen.

Additionally, thank you Class 6 for the planning and work that was carried out for their market that was held on Wednesday.

Class 1-12 mid-year reports are currently being completed. You can expect to receive these via email before the end of term. A huge thank you to our teachers for the extra time and effort that has been put into writing these reports.

The notification from PPTA the other day to withdraw all strike action as it enters an arbitration process provides some normality next week for teaching and learning in the high school. Thank you all for your understanding during this time.

A reminder to purchase tickets for our class 8 play performances happening next Thursday and Friday nights.

I am looking forward to our Takurua festival this evening.

Ngā mihi nui,

Desmond Pamerika

Tumuaki

TAKURUA FESTIVAL

Our plans for the Takurua Festival stand. We are setting up for a full Festival starting at 5:30pm today.

The spiral will be set up on the tennis courts to avoid damaging the soccer field. If need be, we may need to shorten the length of the celebration to keep everyone safe and dry

Class 8 will be selling yummy food from 4pm.
See you there!



Sausage Sizzle, Vegetarian Dahl, Butter Chicken, Apple Crumble,
Hot Chocolate and lots of Yummy Home Baking

**Come and enjoy dinner
at the Takurua (Lantern)
Festival next Friday from
4pm onwards**

Thank you for supporting our Class 8 fundraiser

PPTA PAID UNION MEETING

WEDNESDAY 28, JUNE 1PM-3PM

We were advised by the National Executive of PPTA that there will be a paid union meeting taking place on Wednesday 28 June.

This means that Class 8-12 students will finish school at 12:20pm and will be released to go home on that day.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support during this time.

RSST AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust will be held on Tuesday, the 1st August 2023 at 6pm in the school staff room.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

Dear parents and caregivers,

Please find below a link to information and the Application Form for parents/caregivers to apply for School Transport Assistance through the Ministry of Education.

This is open to all school children on our school roll. There is more information in the link about the criteria and guidelines for applying.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/school-transport-assistance/#apply>

Thanks
Brenda

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property bin is overflowing! Please come and check for your child's lost things. Everything will be donated to charity at the end of term.



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 <https://www.vexrobotics.com/competition>. Juniors use the VEX IQ system and High School use the VRC system.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **For Sale:** 4 bed, 2 bath house with private west facing garden walking distance to Michael Park. Auction 1 July 2023. Link to TM: www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/listing/4169742012?bof=FkH3j1Wy

SPOKEN WORD TEAM

The MPS Spoken Word Team have got into the Auckland Regional finals! On Saturday they got to attend an awesome workshop at Te Mahurehure Conference Centre. This is a beautiful location with a Marae design that included stunning integrated stained glass work. The day started with a pōwhiri, then abundant food was laid out in massive dining area. C12 Media Studies student Rosa Jonas attended to film footage for her documentary on the team journey. Pictured are Ben Edwards, Bella Laban and Lorelai Hunt-Aloi.



SPORTS NEWS

The MPS girls football team had an awesome workshop with ex-NZ footballer, Alissa Robertson this week. Robertson has a family association with our school and turned up with a bag filled with footballs and other resources. Robertson won a full football scholarship to the US and then went on to play for NZ. She is currently an area commander in the Police. After the workshops the girls said they all felt inspired, and the dribbling and passing skills were brilliant.



And just to prove the power of skill learnt from specialised mentors, MPS won 8 to 1 against St. Kentigerns directly following the workshop.



CLASS 8 PRESENTS



29th and 30th of June

WONDER WORDS - THE PROCESS

At the end of last year, I announced my intention to allow myself to rethink the outer form of the play process and be open to new looks and approaches. Despite my new ideas, the art and act of speaking was the area that most challenged this class. Many began this process with a huge fear of speaking. Much of our time has been in the rich and processed based work of overcoming these fears. This is the work of 'the play behind the play' and is the art drama therapy through the spoken word. This is the work of finding your voice through the voice of another.

What we have ended up creating together is quite unexpected to me. It is a comedy about the fear of speaking. It has evolved organically as the obvious comedic expression, born out of the classes own process and challenges. In this play you will see a highly effective set, fabulous props, vibrant colour and our Tamariki really sharing their voices in a comedic and zany, but poignant production.

WONDER WORDS - THE PLAY (Appropriate for Class 5 and Above)

Our creation, Wonder Words, is a zany pantomimic, comic look at the fear of speaking and the process of finding the courage to share their voices. Peppered with superheroes and song and Baz Luhrmann-type comedy, it shifts between the inner and outer reality of three teenage protagonists. One has been held back by an irrational fear of what others think of her and plays out extreme versions of her worst fears of how, in her mind, others see her.

The second teen is plagued by voices of self-doubt and does not believe in himself while the third has a history of stuttering and is terrified of words. All three must face and overcome a fear of speaking and putting their voice out in the world. I think this will be a fun and zany evening. The community will enjoy seeing some unexpected castings and bold performances.

I have been personally uplifted to see our tamariki face their fears head on and let their voices out. This is the great satisfaction and victory of this production, and I think you will find it equally thrilling to see our tamariki tread the boards and put themselves out there in such a bold, courageous and zany way. What is particularly moving for me, is that our leading actors, playing our four protagonists, had to overcome significant challenges and a barrier in themselves to achieve the performance that you will see. Their victory has been hard earned and each one, along with many of their classmates, have taken themselves through a conscious process of growth.

See you at the Show
Ms Wilson

**...CLASS 8
PRESENTS**

**WONDER
WORDS**

**...A MADCAP
COMEDY
ABOUT THE
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OWN VOICE**

**THURSDAY 29,
FRIDAY 30 OF
JUNE 7PM**

TICKETS FOR
SALE @
WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ
iTICKET

[www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/
jun/wonder-words](http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/jun/wonder-words)

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Tuesday, the 20th of June was World Refugee Day.

We are so thankful to MPS for the continued support for the students at the Mangere Refugee Centre, a residential facility with housing, immigration, medical and psychological services, and education. There are only two other centres like this in the world.

Our students are with us for five weeks and, in that time, there are information sessions about life in NZ and English lessons for adults. We run a full secondary, primary and early childhood programme every day, and an after-school programme two days a week. Due to housing issues, some families are with us for more than one intake.



MPS students are supporting us with the after-school programme on a Monday and Tuesday. We are really thankful to Bibi Miller, Elita Hooker, Cosima Newton, Layla Robinson and Sienna Laban for giving up their time to bring joy to our students. Layla and Sienna have also been supporting classes through the Gateway programme.

MPS hosted our secondary students for a day at Michael Park, trying new skills and, most importantly, meeting other students. The visit gives them such confidence and is a real highlight in their time with us. We will visit again in August with a new intake. A huge thank you to Luis Bernal, Barney Groom, Michelle Mullany and Ciaran Overton for organising a wonderful programme of craft and sports, with Andrew and Des overseeing it all.



We have been privileged to have MPS parents also helping here at the Refugee Centre. David Le Pelley leads team building sessions once an intake, and Tarquin Hooker teaches art (she worked with the students on the beautiful Korowhai that is hanging in the High School.) Also, former MPS student Ruby

Legg drives our team and supports after-school care.

Thank you, Michael Park School. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please email me:

cathy.downey-parish@aut.ac.nz. We have a fabulous volunteer group who also come during the school day. *Refugees as Survivors* run evening events and often need help.

But it doesn't stop there... our families move into the community and it is a difficult time, adjusting to life in NZ, with limited English, and still dealing with the deep trauma of what they have been through.

Refugees as Survivors run a youth programme on Saturdays and School Holiday programmes in Onehunga. If this is something you would like to support, please email judy@rasnz.co.nz.



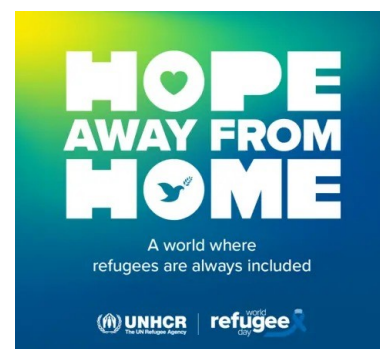
It is a privilege to walk some of the journey with our newest NZ residents. Yes, there is trauma, there is loss and there is fear, but there is also courage, resilience and so much hope.



One story I'd like to share is of a young teen who was with us. We talk a lot about hopes and dreams and, when we were talking about her career path, she told me she would like to go to Harvard University and then become President. I explained that we have a Prime Minister. She said "No, President of my home country so I can fix the war, and everyone can return". I dream that this could one day be a reality - until then, let's give her the best opportunities to fly here in Aotearoa.

The theme for this year's World Refugee Day is 'Hope away from Home'. Thank you, MPS, for being the light and bringing the Gift of Hope.

Rainbows
Cathy Downey-Parish
Refugee Education Centre





Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshop with Mr. Bernal. Classes 2-7 Kia ora whanau...

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 July at MPS. Our usual under the tent: games, firemaking, cooking and traditional crafts.

Wednesday 12 July - Wild suburbia. Reserve in the city TBC. Out to explore one of our urban green lungs.

Single day \$80, two or more days \$75 per day.
Expressions of interest welcome at
luisbernalt@gmail.com.

July Craft Holiday Program with Michelle Mullany

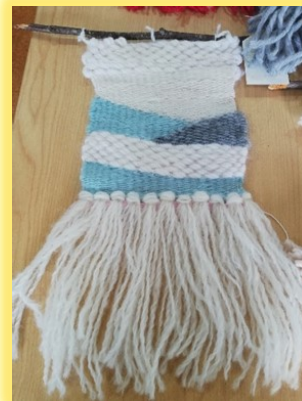
Tuesday 11th July, Wednesday 12th July
& Thursday 13th July (*Thursday is fully booked*)

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

022 127 6551

Class Four Sock Fundraiser

NZ Merino socks, tights and other apparel
for babies, kids and grownups.

Please order online at:

www.cosytoes.co.nz

within the month of June.

Be sure to write
'Michael Park School'
in the message box at
checkout.

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



SNAPDRAGON TE PĀTAKA

Did you know our school has its own little shop?!

Come and visit our school shop, Snapdragon, and buy
Waldorf-inspired crafts, wax crayons and pencils for your
school supplies and much more.

All profit goes to our school.

In Term 2 we are open on:

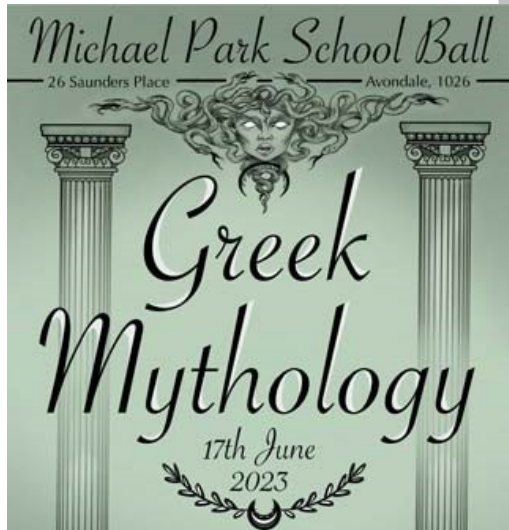
Mondays 8:15-8:45am

Fridays 8:15-8:45am and 2:00-3:00pm





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