



### COMING EVENTS

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Friday 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Friday 30 June	Class 8 'Wonder Words', 7pm
Monday 17 July	First day of Term 3
Wednesday 19 July	6 Year Old Talk, 7.30pm
Tuesday 18 July	Class 3 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 25 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences Teacher Only Day for C1-7
Wednesday 2 August	Open Day

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2 TODAY**  
**2.05pm finish for Classes 1-12**

Kia ora whānau,

This is the last flyer for the term, and I would like to thank you for your hard work and support during the last 10 weeks.



We managed to minimise disruptions and stay open during the industrial actions that have happened this term, in addition to experiencing dire staffing levels and waves of COVID and winter illnesses that affected our tamariki and staff.

We have had a successful term with our sports teams and school events - our Matariki Blessing, Takurua festival, Class 4 play and Class 8 play were truly inspirational.



During the holidays the uprooted stump in the playground is being removed due to severe rotting. Next term, I will be asking our lower school students for suggestions of what we should put there as a replacement.

Please take some time to rest these school holidays.

Enjoy the break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Desmond Pamerika  
Tumuaki

## The Six Year Old Child

### Change, Challenge and Transformation

A talk from Karen Affleck, Michael Park Kindergarten Manager

*Rudolf Steiner described this period of development as the first adolescence. Children of this age need real understanding from the adults around them about the changes and challenges they are facing, as they begin to move toward increasing degrees of self mastery, self responsibility and independence.*



**Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 7.30pm - 9pm**

**Venue: MPS Auditorium**

**Final performance tonight, 7pm.**  
**Hot food for sale from 6.30.**  
**Door sales available.**

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

...CLASS 8  
PRESENTS

**WONDER  
WORDS**

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

THURSDAY 29,  
FRIDAY 30 OF  
JUNE 7PM

**FINAL PERFORMANCE TONIGHT!**  
**DOOR SALES AVAILABLE.**

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

## HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS

High School term 2 reports have been sent out via email. If you haven't received these, can you please check your junk folder or contact the school with the email address that you are currently using.

Alternatively, they can be viewed by logging into the parent portal on our website:

[https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/Loginpage\\_caregiver.aspx?returnurl=%2fcg%2fdashboard%2fmydashboard](https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/Loginpage_caregiver.aspx?returnurl=%2fcg%2fdashboard%2fmydashboard)

High School teachers are happy to be contacted directly about questions that you may have in regards to these reports.

## 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.



## SNAPDRAGON TE PATAKA

Snapdragon have the blue pencils back in stock (lots of people have been asking for these), as well as a new stock of candles.



together of family and sharing kai, memories, hopes and dreams, perhaps with a dawn viewing of the Matariki cluster followed by breakfast, a remembrance tree where we hang harakeke stars for those we've lost in the year gone by, telling whānau stories at a special dinner, sending our wishes to Hiwa-i-te-Rangi, making goals together for the year to come, and being grateful for the moment of being together. But they also speak of the importance of returning to the places we call home, and asking ourselves how we can look after these places more consciously, and how we can care for our rivers, oceans, beaches and land. Is it by digging up noxious weeds that are edging closer to the forest, combing the beach for rubbish, or planting trees together?

For many of us, there will be new traditions developing in our whānau for Matariki, rituals where we find ways to weave the three principles of Matariki Hunga Nui (remembrance), Matariki Ahunga Nui (celebrating the present), and Matariki Manako Nui (looking to the future) into our own celebrations.

These recent months have been hard for many, and this time of coming together, reflecting and looking to the future offer us all a chance to revitalise our wairua and gather sustenance for the months to come. Mānawatia a Matariki!

A karakia shared by Rangi Matamua to use during this season is:

**Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki**  
**Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi**  
**Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau.**  
**Whano, whano**  
**Haramai te toki ata huakirangi**  
**Haumi e**  
**Hui e**  
**Tāiki e!**

*Celebrate the rising of Matariki*

*Celebrate the lord of the skies*

*Celebrate the new year*

*Unite, unite*

*And bring forth the dawn*

*Together*

*In union*

*We are one!*

This information and the karakia is taken from Matariki.com – there will be a live broadcast of the Matariki ceremony from Ngongotahā. More info on this will be available soon here:

[www.matariki.com/live](http://www.matariki.com/live)

## TE AO MĀORI

### Mānawatia a Matariki

As we enter our winter holidays, the Matariki celebrations are starting to happen all around us, which will culminate in the special 'Whāngai i te hautapu' ceremony from Ngongotahā on the morning of 14 July. These celebrations bring connection, meaning and hope during the coldest months of winter and they offer us a chance to deepen our collective understanding of the significance of the Matariki cluster.

This year's theme is Matariki Kāinga Hokia – Returning Home to your Whānau. The Manatū Taonga Matariki resources talk about the layers of significance to this theme. Firstly in the gathering



## OUR MPS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

We currently have a relatively high number of competitive horse riders at MPS. They have all been competing throughout the season, with some outstanding results.



← **Elsie Allsop** (Class 11) has won many championships over the season and is the National Level 1 Dressage Champ. She is heading to a prize giving dinner in Christchurch this weekend.

Congratulations Elsie!

**Coco Huggins** (Class 8) → represented Michael Park School a few weeks ago at the Inter-Schools Dressage Competition, on her pony Mr. Smartie Pants. She won both of her tests, helping her team come 2nd overall.



Coco also represented NZ in an international virtual dressage competition, with her NZ team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.



← **Georgia Newton** (Class 7) also represented MPS at the Inter-Schools Dressage Competition, placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in her tests. Super work, Georgia and Snoopy!

↓ **Darcy Schilder** (Class 8) represented Michael Park at the North Island Secondary Schools Horse Trials Event



held at the National Equestrian Centre in Taupo last month.

Darcy and her pony, Scorpius Antares (Star) finished 4th in their division. They also joined with riders from Hamilton and Spotswood (New Plymouth) to form a composite team of 3 who were placed 3rd overall, despite being a rider down! Well done, Darcy and Star!

### Amazing results, Equestrian Team!

*If you have a child who owns a horse, please text Rachael on 022 622 0781, so we can connect, and make an even more awesome MPS equestrian team!*

## CONGRATULATIONS WOLVES

Our class 5 basketball team - The Wolves - were undefeated this term and are being moved up to the A grade after the holidays.

Thank you to our parents for coaching, managing, and transporting our team to St Kents. Well done for your achievements this term and all the best for the next round of competition come term 3. ↓



## CLASS 11 MAIN LESSON

This term Alijah Williams, Class 11, has been learning how art comes in different mediums and how art is a way of communicating expression and opinions. He decided this term that he likes to build so he choose the medium of building a model waka as a way of expressing Maori art. ↓





## WAHAROA, TE KURA O WAIATARUA PROGRESS JUNE

Harry Wikaira has completed the left and right amo (pillars). Work has now begun on the maihi (barge boards above the amo), that are the arms held out to welcome visitors. Our school crest will be the tekoteko (head) of the waharoa, this will be one of the more difficult components to carry out moving forward.



## MEETING ANTHROPOSOPHY

First Saturday of the month.

**Next session on 1 July 2023**

10.30 to 11.30 AM at Steiner House  
104 Michael's Avenue, Ellerslie

(Free, but please consider koha for Steiner House.)

Come and find a path to answer life's questions. Our aim is to build a picture in a collaborative way.

Anne Mansart will be your host.

## Class Four Sock Fundraiser

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

Please order online at:

[www.cosytoes.co.nz](http://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.



Extended 'til  
July 7th

## 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](http://www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/listing/4169742012?bof=FkH3j1Wy)
- **Public transport fares changing from 1 July.** Children aged 5 to 12 years can travel for FREE on our bus, train and ferry services. [at.govt.nz/farechanges](http://at.govt.nz/farechanges)



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**Kura Whānau**

Teachers, School Support Staff,  
Parents, Students & Community

**The deals you've been waiting for!**

Limited time | 3rd - 16th July 2023

**cost<sup>\*</sup>**  
**+ 5%**  
on all TVs &  
Whiteware

**cost<sup>\*</sup>**  
**+ 5%**  
on all Cellular &  
Computers

**cost<sup>\*</sup>**  
**+ 7.5%**  
on all Smart Home

**Plus, cost<sup>\*</sup> + 10% deals storewide.**  
Exclusions apply<sup>\*</sup>





## 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  
luisbernal@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](mailto:michellemullany@gmail.com)

022 127 6551

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**THE LITTLE MERMAID  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
SONGWRITING & MUSIC VIDEO  
MAKE A BAND**

Ages 6-17  
Albany & Grafton Campus  
July 3 - 13

[eliettesmusicacademy.com](http://eliettesmusicacademy.com)



## INITIATE DANCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

### WEST AUCKLAND

3-7 JULY 2023  
GLEN EDEN  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL HALL

MON-FRI 9AM-4PM\*  
(8-14 YRS OLD)

MON-THUR 9AM-12.30PM  
FRI 12.30PM-4PM  
(5-7 YRS OLD)

### EAST AUCKLAND

3-7 JULY 2023  
PAKURANGA  
BOWLING CLUB

MON-FRI 9AM-4PM  
(8-14 YRS OLD)

**\$85 PER WEEK**  
(8-14 YRS OLD)

**\$45 PER WEEK**  
(5-7 YRS OLD WEST ONLY)

**DANCE AWAY THE HOLIDAYS AND JOIN IN THE FUN!  
LEARN A VAREITY OF DANCE STYLES WITH FUN GAMES  
AND TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

BOOK ONLINE - PLACES ARE LIMITED!  
[INITIATEDANCE.WIXSITE.COM/HOLIDAY](http://INITIATEDANCE.WIXSITE.COM/HOLIDAY)







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