



COMING EVENTS

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- 17-18 August** **MPS Craft Display**
- Friday 18 August** **Pyjama Day**
- Friday 25 August** **Mid Term Break**
- 25-26 August** **NIWA Science Fair (MPS hosts)**

Kia ora whānau,

How great has it been having the women’s football world cup in Auckland and around the country? I have enjoyed watching the games on TV and have been lucky enough to watch a couple of matches at Eden Park.



This week I was fortunate to have attended a well-being conference with all of the schools within our central and eastern area. The keynote speakers highlighted the importance of ensuring that we are supporting our tamariki with their social, emotional, cultural and academic wellbeing. I came away from this conference inspired and eager to continue professional development about wellbeing for our staff and whānau; additionally, I appreciate how wonderful it is to be part of a school community that already values supporting our tamariki in all of these ways.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
Our strength is not ours alone, but that of our community.

Have a wonderful weekend.
GO THE WARRIORS!
Nga mihi mahana,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



WAHAROA UPDATE

The photos are of the progress of our waharoa that Harry Wikaira has carried out on the maihi - the panels that are placed above the amo (pillar).

Harry is also cutting paua shells that will assist with the shape and form of the manaia (a significant motif in carving) that will adorn the maihi.

EMPOWERING FUTURE INNOVATORS:

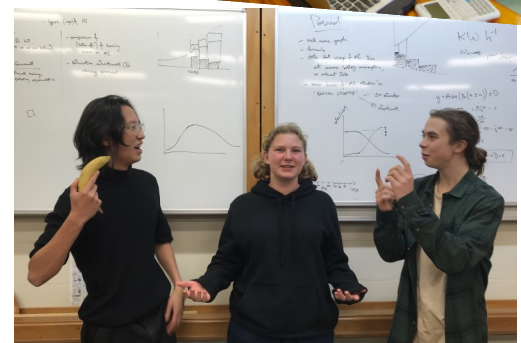
C12 Students Dive Deep into Generative AI's Electrical Power Impact

In a remarkable display of intellectual prowess and collaborative spirit, Class 12 students dedicated their entire day last Saturday, August 5th, to engage in a rigorous exploration. The task at hand was to address a thought-provoking open-ended question: "What will be the projected electrical power demand resulting from the widespread integration of generative AI technology among New Zealanders?" This initiative was a pivotal segment of the renowned NZ Engineering Science Competition, organized by Auckland University www.des.auckland.ac.nz/competition.

Held annually, the NZ Engineering Science Competition attracts the sharpest minds among Year 12 and 13 students across the nation. This year, an impressive assembly of 193 teams vied for supremacy. MPS was represented by two teams. These young talents dedicated their energies to engage in rigorous debates, intensive research, thoughtful contemplation, and the creation of intricate mathematical models aimed at deciphering the complex question at hand.

The names that deserve special mention are Alex, Julia, Bodhi, Charlotte, Bibi, Tabitha, and Leo. Their relentless determination, camaraderie, and dedication to pushing intellectual boundaries have not only set a benchmark for their peers but also underscored the significance of collaborative thinking in tackling intricate challenges.

High School
Science Dept.



CLASS 3 ECONOMICS MAIN LESSON

BUILDING A VILLAGE SHOP

Economic Activity in Class Three is introduced through trade and money in a practical way, where the children gain opportunities to understand how early civilisations used a bartering system to exchange goods, pay for items, and how to go about making the exchange.



They began the process by building a group of village shops. This gave the children a real opportunity to experience the pros and cons of the bartering system as they dealt

with customers and produce, to find equitable exchanges before they transitioned into working with our monetary system.

As you can hear through the stories and photos below, their experience was memorable and enjoyed by all.

Class 3 Shop Building - By Wolf

The people in our group were Riley, Theo, Leonardo and Wolf. Our team got the Butcher's Shop, but we traded it for the Blacksmith's Shop. First, we got a cardboard box and folded it into a house. Then we glued wallpaper to the outside because it was a Hello Fresh box and it looked strange (for a house). Then we put a fake grass sheet on the bottom. Theo and Riley made a furnace and a man for the shop. The next job was to make products, like axes, hammers, swords, etc. Lastly, we put on the finishing touches.



The Tailor - By Isla-Rose and Penelope



In our group, there was Ardia, Frida, Isla-Rose, Penelope, and Stella, and we were making a Tailor's Shop. First, we drew a plan. Next, we made models of people out of cardboard egg boxes and modelling

clay, and dressed them in fabric. Next, we made dresses out of cardboard and fabric. Then, we made pants out of clay and old pants.

We decided to make changing rooms. First, we hot glued on the floor and cut out the doors. Then, we made the walls and the roof. Once we finished the changing rooms, we made a clothesline and hung the clothes on it. To finish, we made the counter and the gift boxes. We had so much fun because all of us worked together.

Shop Building - By Evelyn and Mika

In our group, there were just the two of us. We chose the bakery and we gathered all the things we needed. First, we started by sellotaping the box together, then we made shelves. Evelyn made bread, buns, and scones to put on the shelves and then we made a table, chair, and two people who look like servers. After that, we decorated the shop. Using the hot glue gun and gluing the wood together was super fun.



Shop Building - By Simone

In our group there was Rhea, Trang, Zaira and Simone. To start, Simone picked an ice block stick out of a cup. She picked out the Tailor. After everyone had picked out a stick, our group asked our teacher if we could be the Green Grocer instead, and she said "Yes!"

First, Zaira made a crate for the vegetables to go in, and we decided to turn it into a counter. Then, Simone started making beans, Trang made some carrots and Rhea made the corn. We all made shelves. Then we put the vegetables into their places and put the blueberries and other things on our specialty table.



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori



16°C

More focus on te huarere - the weather...

Te Rerenga kupu o te wiki

Tekau mā ono te pāmahana – the temperature is sixteen.

Whakataukī

E huri tō aroaro ki te rā, tukuna
tō ataarangi ki muri i a koe.

*Turn and face the sun, and let
your shadows fall behind you.*

PJ DAY

**Friday
18th August**

Morning tea
baking and hot chocolate

Bring a gold coin donation
for the Heart Foundation

RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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

TRADITIONAL WOODWORK with Luis Bernal

SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER

WORKSHOP ONE: Working with traditional axe, pull knives, spokeshaves and shaving horses under the tent, to make cooking spatulas and/or butter knives from native rimu or totara. 9.00am - 12.30pm Cost: \$20.00

WORKSHOP TWO: Same as the morning for those who join in the afternoon, or the possibility of a coal-burnt wooden cooking spoon or a small slab bench if you come for the whole day. 1.00pm - 4.30pm Cost: \$20.00

We will bake dutch-oven bread for lunch at an open fire.

Venue: Outdoor Classroom Tent, Michael Park School

RSVP: To register for one or both of these parent workshops, please email Dana in the school office:
danam@michaelpark.school.nz

MPS Crafts Exhibition

Handwork, woodwork, metalwork,
leatherwork and pottery.

8:30am to 7pm on Thursday 17th August.
8:30am to 10.30am on Friday 18th August.

Crafts from classes 1-12 on display
in the auditorium foyer.



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.

We are open on:

Mondays 8:15-8:45am

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



Anthroposophical Nursing Therapies

With Nicole King NZRN Comp ANS
Holistic Nursing Therapies

Are you or your child struggling with anxiety or overwhelm?

Is your child experiencing learning or behaviour challenges?

Are you or your child feeling tired or depleted?

I provide nurturing, warming and grounding body therapies
using Weleda oils and plant-based substances.

These therapies support the Life Processes and build
resilience to enable individuals to meet all types of
transition and challenge.

This work is suitable for both children and adults.

To enquire further or to make a booking, please contact me on

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CELEBRATING
RUDOLF STEINER HOUSE

TOGETHER ARTS & COMMUNITY

A fundraiser event to
gather donations for
Rudolf Steiner House

MICHAEL BURTON

ANNABEL HARRISON
& STUDENTS

BODHI PROHL

NATARANI WITTEN-
HANNAH
& STUDENTS

STUART LITHGOW

MASHA PAVLENKO

POETRY & MUSIC
EVENT

**FRIDAY 1 SEPT
7PM - 8:30PM**

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie
Tickets -
Adult \$10 Child \$5

Please bring cash for tickets and
refreshments.

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