



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>Monday 5 February</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - no school or kindy</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b>	<b>Waitangi Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 13 February</b>	<b>Class 4 Parent Meeting 7pm</b> <b>Class 9 Parent Meeting 7pm</b> <b>Class 10 Parent Meeting 6pm</b> <b>Class 12 Parent Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 16 February</b>	<b>Community Picnic, 2.10pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	<b>Class 5 Parent Meeting 6.30pm</b> <b>Class 8 Parent Meeting 7pm</b> <b>Class 11 Parent Meeting 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	<b>Kindy New Parent Induction Evening, 7.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	<b>Open Day - talk and tour at 9.30am and 3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 23 February</b>	<b>Class photos and ID photos</b>

Kia ora whānau,

Tēnā koutou katoa me ngā mihi ki a koutou kua mahi i te ahiahi whatiwhati kāheru ki te hikitia i te kaupapa kura o Waiatarua - thank you for your work this week and for your role supporting our school.



It has been a wonderful start to the year with the glorious weather and having our students back. A huge welcome to new whānau who have started at our kura and, in particular, a very special welcome to our Class 1 tamariki and whānau who also started their journey into our kura on Tuesday. We are very fortunate to have you all here and we are looking forward to meeting you in a more social capacity on Friday 16th February at our community picnic on the school field at 2.10pm. This is a chance for our new and existing whānau to come together and meet each other, as well as having the opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team, Board & RSST members. We will have a free sausage sizzle (plant based & meat) ice cream & Nice Blocks.

Over the summer break, we received notifications that our high

school drama teacher Patrice Wilson accepted a position at Dilworth as HOD Drama and Edgar Mitchell accepted a teaching position at Ellerslie School. In addition, Barney Groom who has been our woodwork technician for the past five years, and for past two years has taught woodwork in the middle school and high school, also informed the school that he would not be returning at the start of this year. Patrice has been part of our school, not just as a colleague, but also as a parent, for 14 years, and Edgar has been part of our teaching staff for 11 years. Barney will still be part of our community as a parent; they are already being sorely missed by us.

A friendly and timely reminder for the start of the year, when dropping off your tamariki, to please be considerate of our neighbors on Amy Street/Elwood Place and not block their driveways.

Finally, I want to congratulate our Class 11 and 12 students on their NCEA results last year. Our students gained outstanding results. Students and staff worked together to achieve the best outcomes possible, and the results are very impressive. A summary of the results will be published in a later issue. Fantastic results for our students, fantastic results for their whānau – we are so proud of you.

A reminder that there is no school on Monday; it is a teacher only day. Enjoy the extended four-day Waitangi weekend.

Nga mihi māhana,  
Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki | Principal

### NEW ELECTRONIC SCHOOL BELL

During the holidays, a fire alarm upgrade was completed throughout the entire school and kindergarten. This included the installation of speakers in every room, providing the opportunity for a bell to be throughout the school.

Our bell in class 3 is not heard throughout the school and this has caused issues with the transitions to classes for years. There is still the opportunity for students in class 3 to ring the bell and we will review the new procedure at the end of the year.

The electric bell is not connected to the kindergarten.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 5TH FEB**  
**No School or Kindy**

## KINDY CASUAL RELIEVER

*The Kindergarten is seeking a casual relieving assistant.*

*The ideal applicants are well organised and practical, creative, have a good sense of humour and able to build warm and responsive relationships with children and colleagues.*

*For assistants, previous experience is an advantage but not essential. Hours of work between 8.30am-2.45pm.*

*Please send your CV to [karena@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:karena@michaelpark.school.nz)*

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS MEETINGS

Class 12	Tuesday 13th February, 7pm, Room 10 Iva Barretto <a href="mailto:ivab@michaelpark.school.nz">ivab@michaelpark.school.nz</a>
Class 11	Tuesday 20th February, 6pm, Room 9 Alan Kim <a href="mailto:a.kim@michaelpark.school.nz">a.kim@michaelpark.school.nz</a>
Class 10	Tuesday 13th February, 6pm, Art Room Aurelia Zatta <a href="mailto:aureliaz@michaelpark.school.nz">aureliaz@michaelpark.school.nz</a>
Class 9	Tuesday 13th February, 7pm, Room 12 Ciaran Overton <a href="mailto:ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz">ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz</a>
Class 8	Tuesday 20th February, 7pm, Room 11 Mike Meyer <a href="mailto:mikem@michaelpark.school.nz">mikem@michaelpark.school.nz</a>

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Carpool** - Are there any MPS families travelling from Titirangi who may be interested in carpooling? Please contact Gayley on 021 260 7482.
- Do you or someone you know have a rumpus room, **separate self-contained type area**, garage or studio space that you're not using and open to renting it out? Keen for a bit of extra cash?! I'm in the early planning stages for a new venture, I would be using the space a few days a week during school time. Short or long term, size approx 30 square metres but very flexible. Call Leah 021 0204 0780
- **Cornucopia Organics is for sale** - An iconic organic shop in the heart of Hastings! It's the end of an era for us and maybe the start of a new era for someone else! After 30 plus years of serving the wonderful Hawkes Bay community, it is time for us to step back and hand over the reins to someone else who will hopefully carry on the impulse that we started many years ago and bring their own impulse and skills into the business. Please send expressions of interest to Kaye & Alan at [cornucopiaorganics@gmail.com](mailto:cornucopiaorganics@gmail.com)



### Join the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon with Michael Park School!

Entries are now open for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon in Central East Auckland on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Pt England Reserve. This event is more than just a race; it's a celebration of giving it a go, packed with fun and rewarding experiences.

### Event details

- **Date & Location:** Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Pt England Reserve, starting at 8:00 am.
- **For Whom:** Kids aged 6 to 15 years are welcome to participate. They can choose to compete individually or in a team of two. Plus, there's a special Splash&Dash for our 6-year-olds!

**How to Join:** Simply visit [Weet-Bix TRYathlon](https://www.weetbix.co.nz/tryathlon) to register. Don't forget to add your child to the Michael Park School group for a chance to win fantastic prizes for our school! Here's a direct link to join our group: [Join Michael Park School Group](https://www.weetbix.co.nz/tryathlon/join-michael-park-school-group).

Joining our school group offers your child a great opportunity to have fun with friends, and our school could also win some fantastic prizes! If your child is signed up but not yet part of the school group, you can easily update their registration details.

**Training Programs:** To prepare your child for the big day, check out the training programs available at [TRY Trainer](https://www.weetbix.co.nz/tryathlon/training).

We look forward to seeing many of our students representing Michael Park School!



Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz)

Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

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RSST PRESENTS...

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A series of workshops at Michael Park School & Kindergarten,  
bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

### STORYTELLING with Sally Russell

SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH

9.30am – 12.00pm

Come and join Sally in the kindergarten for a joyful morning of story.

For adults only.

Find out how to tell simple stories in your whare (home) and how we approach story in the kindergarten.



Venue: Kindergarten

Cost: Koha (donation)

RSVP: Email [saraho@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:saraho@michaelpark.school.nz) to register.

## PARENT LED CRAFT GROUPS

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL PARENT LED GROUPS ENABLE YOU TO  
DIVE INTO SOMETHING NEW, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.  
MAKE WALDORF INSPIRED CREATIONS FOR SNAP DRAGON, THE  
FAIR AND YOURSELF

### WOODWORK

RECENTLY MAKING SWORDS AND TOYS.  
THURSDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM  
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL WOODWORK ROOM  
CONTACT  
[JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM)

### DOLL & CRAFT

RECENTLY MAKING FELT TOYS, DOLLS AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS.  
FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS  
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11AM  
CONTACT  
[ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM)

### INTERESTED IN CERAMICS?

WE'D LIKE TO GAUGE INTEREST IN STARTING A CERAMICS AND  
POTTERY GROUP THIS YEAR USING THE SCHOOL KILN AND WHEELS  
EMAIL INTEREST TO:  
[ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM)

CREATIVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU ARE  
IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO

## Play Chess!



- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop problem solving skills
- ✓ Develop strategic thinking
- ✓ Improve decision making
- ✓ Develop independent thought

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Join our Chess coaching classes here at our school!

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Visit the Parents Centre on [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) to learn more

Friday 16th February

Start date

Friday 5th April

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

\$ 125

Term Fee

Register online today at [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)



LOWER, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
TUTORING WITH BIBI MILLER

## NEED HELP WITH YOUR SUBJECTS?

I graduated from Michael Park in 2023 as Top  
Scholar (DUX)

All subjects covered from class 1-10  
NCEA level 2&3 English, Media  
Studies, Chemistry, Art, Statistics

\$40/h in Ellerslie

Email me: [bibililymilleregmail.com](mailto:bibililymilleregmail.com)







## 2024 AFTER SCHOOL 8-WEEK ART CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS 3:30 - 5PM  
\$280 PER TERM  
YOUTH 8 - 12 YEARS OLD



Term 1 7 Feb - 27 March

### NZ MANU BIRD

In Māori culture, Manu (birds) are special messengers connecting our world and the spirit one. Create your own Manu with paper mache to show your awesome connection



Term 2 9 May - 27 June

### NORTH STAR

Create an eight-pointed star mobile with recycled materials that symbolizes your individual connection with the stars



Term 3 1 August - 19 Sept

### PERSONAL ART PANELS

Through colourful printmaking you will create a Polptych, art panel, that represents your personal style



Term 4 24 Oct - 12 Dec

### MY HOUSE OF "WONDER"

Create your own "wonder" house using recycled and natural materials to bring expression to your unique individuality, imagination and creativity



Shiloh Creative Life Centre - 117 Arthur Street Onehunga  
Register @ [shilohcentre.org.nz](http://shilohcentre.org.nz) / Enquires 022.309.2979



## Join ST JOHN YOUTH



Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

St Lukes Division



Tuesday



6:30pm - 8pm



Fickling Convention Centre  
546 Mount Albert Road,  
Three Kings, Auckland

[youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) | 0800 ST JOHN | [youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://youth.stjohn.org.nz)



Naomi Azoulay



Linda Wills



Cath Sanvictores



Lene Toni Kjeld



Dee Petit



Nicky Hartley

## The Art Collective Project

Collaborating & charting the landscape of today's art scene



### 2024 Classes

5 February to 12 April

#### Term 1

**Mondays - (10am-1pm)**

Intuitive Collage Art with Naomi Azoulay

**Tuesdays - (10am-1pm)**

Beginners Watercolour Art with Linda Wills

**Tuesdays - (6pm-9pm)**

Creative Ink Art with Cath Sanvictores

**Wednesdays - (10am-1pm)**

Mixed Media Printmaking with Lene Toni Kjeld

**Thursdays (10am-1pm)**

Hand Sewn Art Projects with Dee Petit

**Fridays - (10am-1pm)**

Human Figure Exploration with Nicky Hartley

### Shiloh Creative Life Centre

117 Arthur Street, Onehunga

Adults 16+

10-Week Class Fee: \$350

booking @ [www.shilohcentre.org.nz](http://www.shilohcentre.org.nz)



[dee@shilohcentre.org.nz](mailto:dee@shilohcentre.org.nz)

022 309 2979



## DESIREE costume hire GARAGE SALE!

Sunday 18 February 2024

11am - 3pm

We have hundreds of retired costumes and accessories  
ready to find their next home.

Tops,  
Skirts, Pants  
\$5!

Nothing over \$20!\*

\*Excluding individually priced specialty items.

Jackets,  
Dresses  
\$10!

Please note, no new hires/bookings will be processed on this day.

196 Station Rd, Penrose, Auckland 1061

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