



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 July	Class 8 Play 'Branches' at 6pm
Thursday 4 July	Class 8 Play 'Branches' at 6pm
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 2 2.10pm finish for Classes 1-12
Monday 22 July	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 30 July	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 30 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau
Celebrate the rising of the new year

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Celebrate the rising of the lord of the heavens

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Celebrate the rising of Matariki

Tena koutou katoa whanau,

It has been a special week having the opportunities that have brought us together to celebrate events throughout our kura. Last Friday we had large numbers of whanau who attended our takurua festival, we also had a wonderful turn out of whanau who attended our kindergarten takurua celebration on Monday. Thank you everyone who managed to wake up early this morning to be at school for our Matariki potluck breakfast – what a wonderful way to finish off our week.

Class 8 will be performing their play, Branches, next Wednesday and Thursday night. This will be our final community event before we break for the term. The play is appropriate for all age groups.

Have a wonderful long weekend, whanau.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori – The best of wishes for our Māori new year.

Nga mihi māhana,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



CLASS 8 PLAY 'BRANCHES' WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY & THURSDAY 4TH JULY

Class 8 are proud to present their play 'Branches' next week on Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July. Doors open at 5pm for a 6pm start, tickets are door-sales only - eftpos will be available.

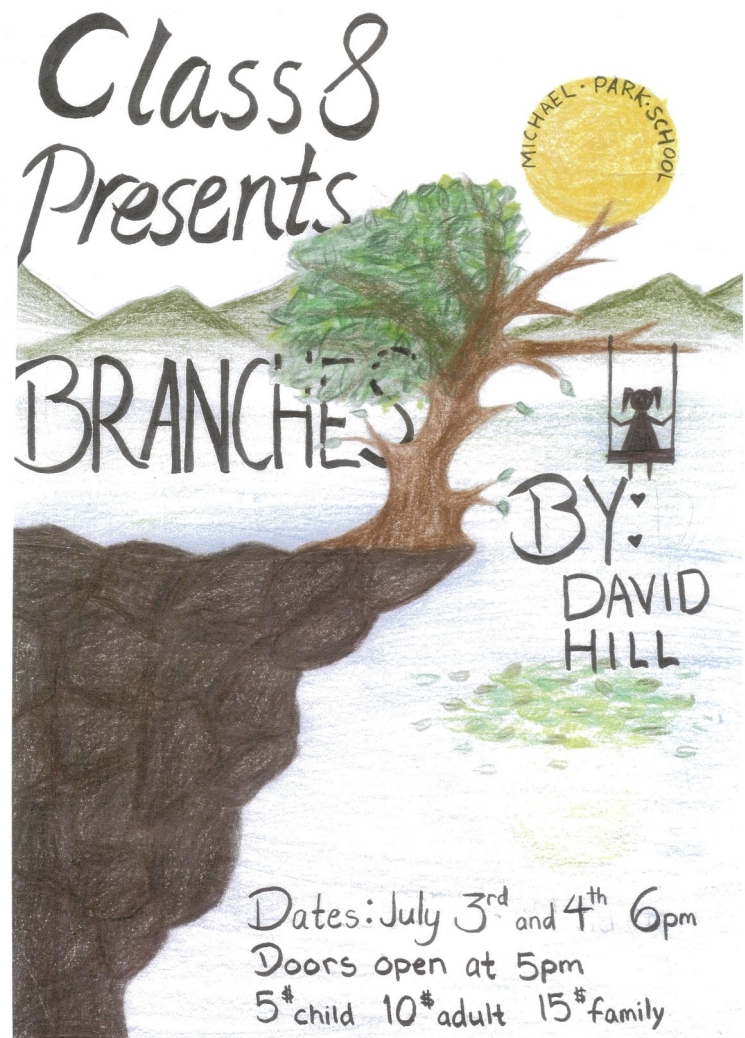
There will be savoury and sweet finger food available (cash only) throughout the evening. There will be an intermission.

It is a great opportunity for younger classes to see what they have to look forward to in high school!

The play is appropriate for all ages but it is a full-length play, so please be mindful of bringing very small children.

Synopsis

Tammy and Jed are asked present a school history assignment. By examining important items like old photos and heirlooms from Tammy's ancestors, they experience pivotal moments in Aotearoa's history and develop a greater appreciation of what it means to be a New Zealander.



PĀNUI FROM OUR WHARE PUKAPUKA

NZ Children's Book Awards fun for our tamariki

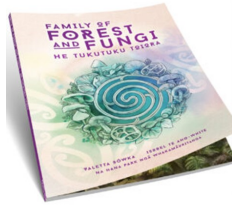
Last term, representatives from Classes 5, 6 and 7 were offered the chance to participate in the judging process for the NZ Children's Book Awards. They were given a series of questions to answer about the book, which was a great opportunity to develop their critical thinking. The books were then gifted to our library. The awards have now shared their shortlist, and although 'our' books didn't make it through, we will follow the awards process with interest.

Thank you to our student librarians

Now that the middle of the year is approaching is a timely moment to share our appreciation for our student librarians. We are so lucky to have such an enthusiastic, large bunch of student librarians who bring their cheer and great work ethic to our library space each week. Thank you, student librarians – we are grateful for each one of you.

Charges for books that are long overdue

Long-overdue book charge notices are to be sent out at the beginning of Term 3. This is a follow up to the long-overdue book notices sent out last term and relates to books that weren't returned during 2023.



AOTEAROA WEARABLE ART COMPETITION TOI

Evie from Class 9 just represented Michael Park School in this amazing Wearable art competition for student designers from schools all over NZ. It was a fantastic night where Evie's design was showcased and won an award: "Excellent garment construction".

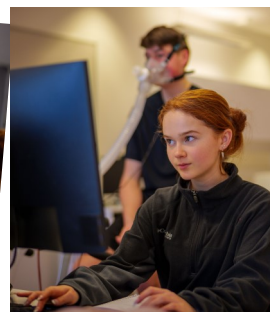


Evie's award winning garment will be revealed as part her class 9 IP later this year.

Congratulations and well done Evie on a superb design.

CLASS 9 SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT

Class 9 are working on their Science Fair projects for the Auckland wide Science Fair to be held at Michael Park School in Term 3. Aurielle and Frances are running trips to the Auckland Medical School to conduct physiological testing on their classmates. They are investigating differences in Oxygen uptake during exercise. Science can be hard work (for the participants)!



Parent Action Group

Next meeting - Monday 5 August
6.30pm in the staffroom

Why did you join the Parent Action Group?

I joined the Parent Action Group to care for the wellbeing of the Michael Park community. I believe that the best way to foster a sense of community is working together on a common goal. I love a 'working bee'. Nothing makes me happier than working with friends while the kids are playing somewhere nearby. I am interested in sustainability and permaculture and I would love to pass an awareness of these ideals on to our children through caring for the school environment and growing food for the community. The school is doing an amazing job of nourishing our children. This is our opportunity to give something back. It seems like there are lots of people in our school community who would like to contribute and connect but are not sure how. Come join the Parent Action Group.



Sam Atcheson

Keen to join?

Contact Leah on leahd83@gmail.com or 0210 204 0780



TE AO MĀORI

Mānawatia a Matariki, e te whānau whānui! Wishing you all a special time; a moment for pause to remember loved ones who you have lost, a quiet moment to reflect and plan, and a joyful time celebrating with those you love. Matariki hunga nei.

We missed the deadline for last week's Matariki contribution, so this week there are the final two in our Matariki series; some ideas for Matariki crafts, and some te reo Māori phrases and karakia for Matariki.

Matariki crafts

Last Sunday, the Matariki kite flying event happened on Pukewīwī/Puketāpapa/Mt Roskill. It was such a beautiful sight, with kites of all different colours flying high above the maunga, catching the currents.

Here are a few ideas of crafts to brighten up matariki celebrations.

Making a matariki kite

This kite is based on a traditional manu taratahi (triangle), but can be adapted to be a diamond shape, known as a manu patiki (flounder) because it is shaped like the fish.

1. Create a frame using something like bamboo or straw - manuka, toetoe or supplejack were also traditionally used for kite making. Cut three pieces around 75cm long and one 60cm long. Arrange your sticks into a triangle with one of the longer sticks in the centre.
2. Use a glue gun to connect each section of the frame or tie the sections together with string.
3. Traditionally dry raupō (bullrushes) leaves were threaded to the frame with finely woven harakeke (flax) but you can cover your frame with harakeke, paper, ribbon, newspaper or canvas. Use a glue gun or sticky tape to attach the pieces.
4. Tie string to the top and bottom of the central piece of the frame – this is your bridle line. Then tie a long piece of string to the centre of the bridle line – this is your flying line.
5. Good luck out there – hope your kite flies high.

Making a matariki star

Using a glue stick, glue together skewers in the shape of a star. Once dry, glue on tissue paper and transparent paper in layers and stitch in some thread to hang it by. These catch the light beautifully!



Phrases and karakia for Matariki

Matariki greeting

Mānawatia a Matariki

Whakataukī o te Wā

Matariki hunga nui –
Matariki, the gatherer of people.

Matariki karakia

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!

Tukuna te wairua o Matariki kia rere ki te ao, kia whakakaha i ngā ngākau katoa – Let the spirit of Matariki fly into the world, strengthening all hearts.

Finally, here is a kaikōhau that can be said during this time. The term 'kaikōhau' means to express your hopes and desires. 'Hua' (fruits) is talking about all things that are good, whether it is food, your health, your mahi, or any of the other things in your life that you hope to be abundant.

Nau mai ngā hua
Nau mai ngā pai
Nau mai kia nui
Kia hāwere ai

Welcome all things that have grown
Welcome all things that are good
May they be plentiful and abundant









SCAMPS

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Fee per day is \$30 per child (discount to \$25 for 2 or more siblings)

We've built this community-based business to support the needs of MPS parents. I'd like to thank the families that have supported us so far as they have enabled the service to establish.

We now seek and encourage further support from the wider school community. Bookings are made on a casual basis and fees only apply for the days that a child attends too easy!

So, if you need just one day/ two or more please make contact:
Brian@clevernz.com - 0210 737 767 - all enquires are welcome!

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- For rent - 4 bedroom house in Umere Crescent, 2-mins walk to school! www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/rent/listing/4779534447
- **Experienced, responsible babysitter** looking for work on evenings and weekends, close to Ellerslie. References available. Phone Rebecca Affleck Buxton 0212263718.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6 portrait (¼ page).

Whole page ads are not accepted for non school-related activities. Ads may be published a maximum of twice per term, at the editor's discretion.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
NEXT FRIDAY 5TH JULY
2.10pm finish for Classes 1-12

Eurythmy Aotearoa

You are warmly invited to a presentation of pieces in both tone and speech eurythmy, by the students of Eurythmy Aotearoa.

These six students are now in the third year of their NZ eurythmy training

Thursday 11th July
3.00pm - 4.00pm

Michael Park Steiner School Auditorium
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie.

Your koha is welcome.



Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshops with Mr. Bernal

Kia ora whānau,
Tamariki in classes 2-7 are invited to join our holiday programme. Activities include fire-making, open fire cooking, traditional crafts and primitive technology.

Monday 15 July & Tuesday 16 July
9:00am to 3:00pm
Single day \$80, two days \$75 per day.

Expressions of interest welcome at
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Philipp Reubke- Leader of the Pedagogical
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Highland Fling
7-10.30pm
SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST
TITIRANGI WAR MEMORIAL HALL, TITIRANGI

Class 7 Ceilidh Fundraiser

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WALDORF EDUCATION
TODAY

Join a talk with international
speaker **Philipp Reubke**

**The Challenges and Task of
Anthroposophy and Waldorf
Education in the World Today**

**SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024
7PM - 8:30PM**



Hosted by
Rudolf Steiner House

Lopdell Precinct - Theatre
418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi,
Auckland

Suggested Donation: \$10-20
Adults only

'100 Years' composed by Dale
Jones will be performed. An
accompanied choral concert
directed by Stuart Lithgow.
Followed by refreshments.


Anthroposophy and Waldorf
Education share a dynamic
and intricate relationship.
Anthroposophy, founded by
Rudolf Steiner, serves as the
philosophical underpinning of
Waldorf education. The
challenges lie in balancing
the educational practice with
anthroposophical principles.
Despite these hurdles, Waldorf
education continues to evolve,
drawing on wisdom and strength
from its roots while adapting to
contemporary contexts.

ABOUT

Philipp Reubke will be visiting
Aotearoa New Zealand to speak at
the Waldorf Early Childhood
Conference held at the Titirangi
Rudolf Steiner School.
He was born in Stuttgart. From 1989
he worked as a Waldorf teacher and
is a member of the Hague Circle -
International Council for Steiner
Waldorf Education. Since 2020, he
has headed the Pedagogical Section
at the Goetheanum with
Constanza Kaliks.

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