



### COMING EVENTS

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TONIGHT	Takurua Festival
Friday 20 June	Matariki Public Holiday
Tuesday 24 June	Class 7 Parent Meeting
Wednesday 25 June	Class 10 Play Performance
Thursday 26 June	Class 10 Play Performance
Friday 27 June	Farewell assembly for Sally
Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 14 July	First day of Term 3

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ka mahua a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta oo tatou tuumanako ki te tau

*When Matariki rises above the horizon, our aspirations rise to the year ahead*

Last weekend we had our high school ball. It was indeed a night to remember, full of joy, elegance, and community spirit. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the ball committee, whose hard work and meticulous planning made this event such a resounding success. Your dedication and effort have given us memories that we will cherish for years to come.

As I reflect on the success of the school ball, I am reminded of the importance of the togetherness within our school community. Our values of Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga

- **Manaakitanga:** demonstrating respect and responsibility by uplifting the mana of each person, through empathy, tolerance and celebration of diversity.
- **Whanaungatanga:** demonstrating participation, leadership and service through working with others and making connections within our community.

Events like our school ball, pyjama day, our music concert, the class 6 market, the class 10 play that is currently being worked on, the world vision challenge, the model united nations assembly that our students



participated in, our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and our winter sports teams competing this term provide us with the opportunity to come together, celebrate our collective achievements, and strengthen the bonds that make our school such a special place.

Our Takurua festival this evening symbolises the light that guides us and the unity that binds us. As we come together to display our lanterns, and participate in the spiral walk, it highlights the importance of community and the strength we draw from one another.

Enjoy the long weekend whanau.

Aroha mai, aroha atu.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki

## TAKURUA FESTIVAL

We look forward to seeing you tonight for our Takurua Festival, starting at **5:30pm** at the steps in front of classes 2 & 3.

Class 8 will be selling warm food from 4pm at the lunch bar. Feel free to bring your family earlier for a yummy snack before the ceremony. EFTPOS is available.

The evening will include beautiful singing from the lower school classes, a performance from class 7, a lantern walk around the school and through the grotto village built by Class 6, a walk in and out of the big spiral on the soccer field and a culmination at

the fires for food roasting and meeting each other.

Please come and join us for as long as you please. Our celebration will be over before 9pm. All school students are encouraged to join us.

You are all welcome to bring food to roast on the fires. We challenge you to be creative and stay away from pre-packed food while keeping the joy of sweetness, taste and practicality.

We look forward to welcoming a big crowd!

The College of Teachers



## FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR SALLY

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE, 1:10PM, AUDITORIUM



All whānau, past and present, are warmly invited to attend a special farewell assembly for our Sally, to be held in our school auditorium next Friday.

We kindly ask that guests arrive and are seated by **1:00pm**, in preparation for a **1:10pm** start.

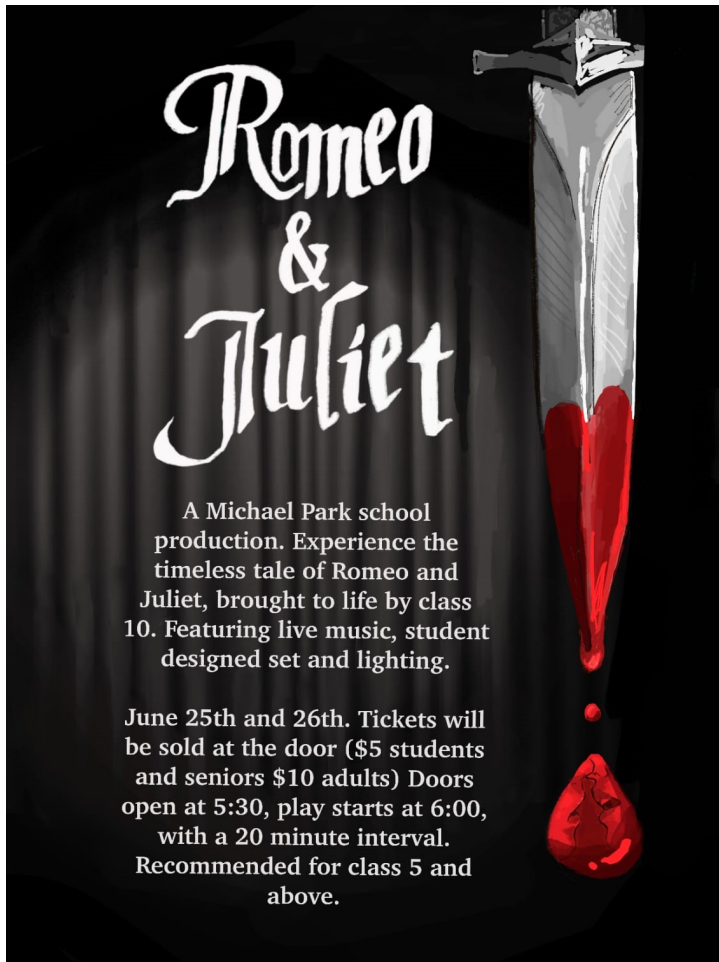
Following the assembly, you are warmly invited to join Sally, her whānau, and staff for afternoon tea in the staffroom.

Class 10 Presents...

## Romeo & Juliet

Experience Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* as you've never seen it before! Our talented Class 10 students present this iconic tale of love and tragedy with extraordinary energy, skill, and sensitivity.

Adding to the magic of the performance is *live music*, woven throughout to enhance the emotion and drama of the story. Beautiful costume design by Luca from Class 12 completes this unforgettable theatrical experience.



## MATARIKI BREAKFAST

RESCHEDULED TO EARLY NEXT TERM

We wish to let our school community know that our Matariki Breakfast, originally scheduled for next Friday, has been **rescheduled to take place early next term**.

We understand this may come as a disappointment and apologise sincerely for the late notice. We appreciate your understanding, and we're looking forward to celebrating Matariki together in a meaningful way next term.

Further details will be shared with you early in Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Desmond Pemerika



## PLAYGROUP

We're thrilled to share that we'll be opening a Playgroup for children under 3 starting in Term 3!

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, we'd love to hear from you. Please email Chantelle on [chantelles@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:chantelles@michaelpark.school.nz) to secure your place, as spaces will be limited. If you know of other families with little ones under 3 who might be keen, please feel free to pass this message along and encourage them to get in touch. We're currently finalising the details and will keep you all updated as soon as everything is confirmed. We're so looking forward to creating a warm, welcoming space for our youngest tamariki to explore, play, and connect."

## KINDY NEEDS STRONG HELPING HANDS

The Kindergarten would love your help moving some beautiful tree stumps from the front of Steiner House to our Kindergarten. If you happen to see them or have a moment to swing by and pick one (or a couple!) up, just let us know - we'll happily show you where they need to go. They are heavy!

Thanks so much for being part of our amazing community and lending a hand! If you have any questions, please contact Chantelle in the Kindy office [chantelles@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:chantelles@michaelpark.school.nz)





## EAT APPLES, GET SPORTS GEAR!

Yummy apples is running their annual promotion where they donate sports gear to schools that buy their apples. If you buy Yummy apples from New World, Pak n Save or 4 Square, please collect the stickers (or coupon on the 1.5kg bag) and pop the sticker sheets and coupons into the blue box in the office before the end of term 3... plenty of time to eat plenty of apples! Official sticker sheets can be printed out here or collect from the office:



[https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sticker-Collection-Sheet-2024\\_NEW\\_upload.pdf](https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sticker-Collection-Sheet-2024_NEW_upload.pdf)

## Class 6 Market Day

Class 6 Market Day was a big success! Our budding entrepreneurs displayed their creativity, teamwork and business savvy - from pricing strategies and promotion to customer service, they put their Commercial Maths Main Lesson learning into action.

Stalls featured everything from handmade crafts, raffles and lucky dips, to secondhand books, tasty treats, and even a petting zoo!

Ka rawe, Class 6 - what an inspiring display of enterprise and enthusiasm!

## PREPARATIONS FOR TONIGHT'S TAKURUA FESTIVAL





# TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

## MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS



### Karakia for Matariki

*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!



### A Matariki reflection from Matua Troy at Taikura Steiner School

***Matariki ki te rangi,  
Matariki ki te whenua e!***

I was recently listening to a kōrero that resonated with me that one of our whaea from our kura shared. The kōrero was from Pā Ropata, or Rob McGowan. I remember Pā McGowan, when he was the priest for the Catholic Māori parish in Paki Paki. He moved on to the Whanganui River where the kaumātua and kuia shared their knowledge of rongoā Māori – traditional Māori medicinal practices – with him. Pā is renowned amongst the Rongoā practitioners across the motu for the wealth

of knowledge he holds and shares, both physically and spiritually, within this domain.

As we look to the stars to read what the year ahead holds for us, it is also a time to look to the whenua to feel what is happening in the realm of Tāne. The slowing down of the plants and trees is a tohu for us to do the same thing. In our busy lives, Matariki is also a time of self-reflection and a time to recalibrate, which is what the children of Tāne are doing in their own way! The plants seem like they are asleep, however they are gathering energy to prepare for what needs to happen in the time of Koanga – Spring. This was the essence of the kōrero that Pā shared, which we all know, and that I appreciated being reminded about...*Me huritao whaiaro tātou – a time for self-reflection and replenishment for us all.*

### Matariki Crafts

Here are a few links below to some cool Matariki crafts:



Making stars:

[www.diythought.com/6-matariki-star-crafts](http://www.diythought.com/6-matariki-star-crafts)

Making kites:

[ouraukland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2022/05/celebrating-matariki-let-s-make-a-kite/](http://ouraukland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2022/05/celebrating-matariki-let-s-make-a-kite/)





## ROCK CLIMBING SUCCESS

Last Sunday, Benito and Jett from Class 10 proudly represented our school at the Auckland Secondary Schools Rock Climbing Competition, held at Vertical Adventures.

Both students competed in the highly competitive Senior Boys category alongside 60 other climbers. Jett achieved a commendable 22nd place, while Benito secured an outstanding 3rd place finish.

Congratulations to both boys on their efforts and achievement!



## SNAPDRAGON SHOP

OPEN FRIDAYS  
8:15-9AM  
& 2-3PM

AND NOW ON  
INSTAGRAM



## Class Two 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 Two.



## Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshop with Luis Bernal

A day of traditional crafts, bushcraft and cooking.

Venue TBC, we might gather out in one of our city reserves, as  
there will be lots of maintenance work happening at school.  
Thursday July 3th and Friday 4th, 9:00-3:00pm.

One day \$85 p/child, two days \$150 p/child.  
Expressions of interest welcome at  
[luisbernal@gmail.com](mailto:luisbernal@gmail.com).





Helping hands of MPS presents..

## Winter Wellness Fundraiser

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2pm - 4pm**

Eurythmy room Michael Park School

**Tickets \$30 ea or 2 for \$50**

*Join us for a relaxing & informative afternoon to rejuvenate your mind, body & soul*

- A short talk on homeopathic remedies for winter ailments (incl free sample remedy)
- A gentle 45 min yin yoga session
- Relaxing 15 min sound bath to finish

**Please bring: Notebook & pen**

**Yoga mat (& optional pillow, blanket, eye mask)**

Limited Spaces, Bookings Essential. To book please email

Louise: pureessencehomeopathy@gmail.com

Subject line: Winter Wellness



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

## You are warmly invited to our St Johnside Spiral Festival

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

10.00 am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
(childcare can be organised in advance)

11.30 am THE FESTIVAL OF ST JOHN

With singing, story, walking the spiral and followed by  
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

A Festive lunch will follow. Please bring food to share.

The Christian Community relies entirely on financial contributions from every member, friend and visitor. Your donation supports our ongoing work throughout New Zealand.

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Thank you, we are so grateful for your support

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## Artisan Pathways

Outdoor Classroom - Experiential Learning  
Teacher and Practitioner Course 2025(2)

### Course Structure

- 7-week Online (Zoom) tutorial sessions  
Tuesday evenings (7.00 - 9.00) 22 July to 2 September \$450
  - Weekend Workshops:
 

Fire & Sharp Edges	26-27 July	\$250
Fibre (Wood & Ti Kouka)	9-10 August	\$250
Metal: Intro Blacksmithing & Pewter Casting	30-31 August	\$250
- The online and hands-on workshop balance of theory and practice, however they can be done independently.

### Course Content and Skills

You will develop:

- Localisation of curriculum strategies
- Integration of outdoor and indoor learning
- Links with the environment as an agent in learning and teaching
- An understanding of the learning journey using traditional crafts
- Deep cultural sensitivity and appropriateness
- Reflective practice
- An understanding of whole person intelligence and how the literacies of making and growing support balanced human development
- Health and safety and risk benefit analysis practices
- Earth, Water, Fire and Air themed activities

**John Lawry**

**Educator, B.Ed, Master Craftsman**

Born 31.5.1950, in Auckland, New Zealand, a fifth generation South Pacific Celt, my life experience as an artisan & educator spans more than five decades.

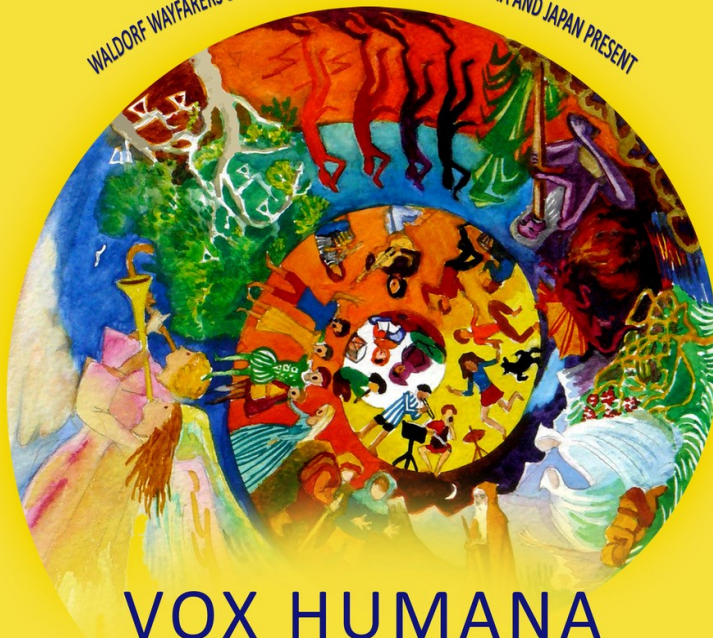
In 2010, a confluence of my life-long interest and immersion in craft and education occurred when, inspired by Bernard Graves, I began establishing and developing the Outdoor Classroom at Michael Park Steiner School. This included site surveys, comprehensive curriculum gardens, a lower-school craft/experiential skills-based curriculum, its integration into H/S Technology, an intensive Masterclass Craft program and camps.

Word spread: tasks multiplied; O.C. teacher training courses, consulting, presenting workshops and papers and organizing conferences ensued. I "retired" from full-time teaching at the end of 2016 and established "Artisan Pathways" to run masterclass workshops, craft immersion camps, travel and consult in New Zealand, Australia and Southeast Asia and to craft and garden more.

To enrol or request further information  
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