



### COMING EVENTS

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**Monday 14 July** First day of Term 3

**Tuesday 22 July** Lower & Middle School  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Kia ora whānau,

As we reach the end of another vibrant and eventful term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for the continued support and warmth you bring to our school community.



Over the past few weeks, we've been fortunate to share in some truly special moments. Our Takurua Festival was a beautiful celebration, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a magical evening. I don't know about you, but the spiral felt particularly long (and powerful!) this year, a wonderful reflection of the light and warmth we create together.

A huge congratulations to our Class 10 students, who performed *Romeo and Juliet* on Wednesday and Thursday night. What an incredible achievement! They worked so hard in the lead-up to this performance, and their commitment, creativity, and courage shone through on stage. The energy, emotion, and talent they brought to this classic tale were simply amazing we are all so proud of you!

You've also likely heard the excitement around the new playground — or seen the construction zone in full swing. The first phase is well underway and will be completed in time for the start of Term 3. In the meantime, the area will remain safely fenced off over the break.

And finally, this afternoon we gathered to farewell our wonderful Sally, who has retired after an incredible 26 years as our much-loved kindergarten teacher. Sally has been a guiding light for so many of our tamariki and whānau, and we wish her all the very best as she begins a new chapter — filled, we hope, with relaxation, adventure, and joy.

Thank you once again for your aroha and support throughout the term. We hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing break with your whānau, and we look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3.

Ngā mihi mahana,  
Desmond Pemerilka  
Tumuaki

### LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**These will be held on Tuesday, 22 July from 8:30am to 5pm.**

The booking link and instructions have been sent to families in a separate email. Please contact the school office if you haven't received the link.

Due to the teachers being involved in conferences, there will be no classes for Class 1-7 that day.





## New Playground Phase One Underway



## 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."



## JAMMIES FOR JUNE

I was privileged to deliver a whopping 120 cosy pairs of winter PJs from The Michael Park School Community to Kidz First Hospital at Middlemore. A huge thank you to all those who donated. These PJs will make a massive difference to some special children.

"You're wrapping them in comfort, aroha and hope - and we're so grateful" says Middlemore foundation CEO.

Tilly, on behalf of the Gift of Hope Charity Team



## CONGRATULATIONS STELLA

Stella, Class 5, won the top award for her role as Molly in the production of Annie!







# TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

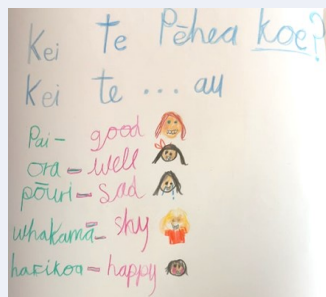
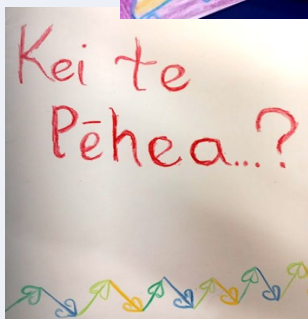
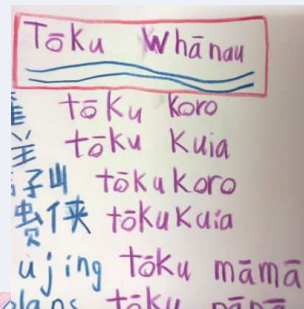
## KETE ARONUI

A glimpse of the work happening in our te reo Māori classes.

We have now been having te reo Māori lessons for Classes 1 to 5 for half of our school year. It has been a real pleasure to pick up this kaupapa this year and to see the ākonga so enthusiastic about this opportunity for language learning.

Through kēmu (games), waiata and mahi pukapuka (book work), we have been learning how to introduce ourselves and say how we are feeling. We're learning numbers, the names of some colours, days of the week, months of the year, directions, actions, the weather, and we've shared lots of puka whakaahua (picture books).

He tino pai ngā mahi o ngā tamariki!



*Kete aronui: means basket of knowledge of aroha, peace and the arts and crafts which benefit the Earth and all living things - one of the three baskets of knowledge. This basket relates to knowledge acquired through careful observation of the environment. It is also the basket of ritual, of literature, philosophy and is sometimes regarded as the basket of the humanities (text from Te Aka dictionary).*



## Class 10 Presents... Romeo & Juliet





# LIBRARY NEWS

## Celebrating classic novels

During our library sessions this week, we've been talking about how the July holidays are a great time for reading.

In the library, Class 4 and Class 5 are currently working on a Classics novels challenge and they are making their way through lots of the classics we have in the library. Reading a classic by audiobook, or having parents read it aloud counts too, and it is great to see so many children pick up the challenge in some shape or form.

It's a great reminder that classic novels are an excellent way to support our children's reading; both for those children whose reading is still developing and for those children who seem to devour books. Having these books read aloud by a family member who also loves the book adds a whole new dimension to the experience of a classic, and this does not need to stop when children can read to themselves – in fact, reading the classics (or any book rich in themes and figurative language) aloud can be one of the most significant supports we give to our children (and tweens) both for their literacy and socio-emotional development.

Classics often require extra work; to unravel the themes of the story, to understand the vocabulary (often more complex than modern literature), and to 'time travel' back in history, piecing together a world often familiar yet so different from our own. In this way, a good classic novel offers the opportunity for children to really "deepen" their reading, helping develop understanding of the human condition and extending language and grammar all at once.

It can be hard to find the next good book to read out loud. Don't forget we have lists available at the library (email Kura in term time at [kurar@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:kurar@michaelpark.school.nz) if you would like one sent to you), but here are a number of excellent online resources that you might want to explore too:

Raphael House Steiner School Library has a Weebly site:

<https://raphaelhousebooks.weebly.com/>

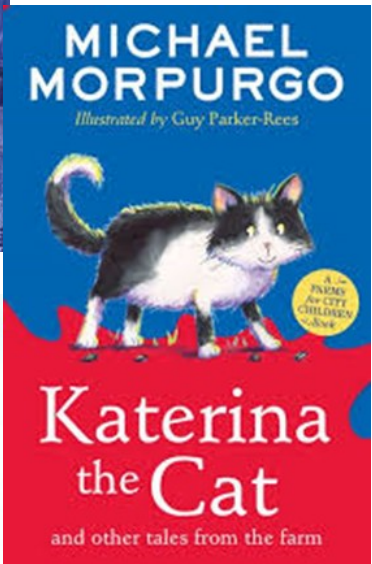
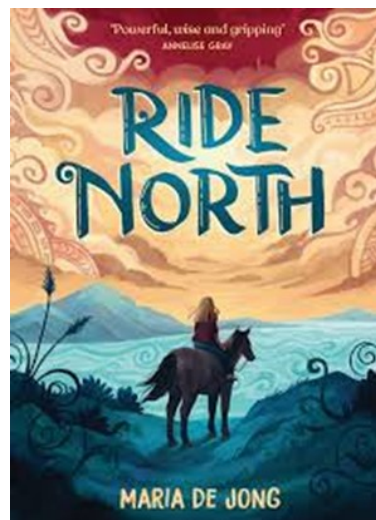
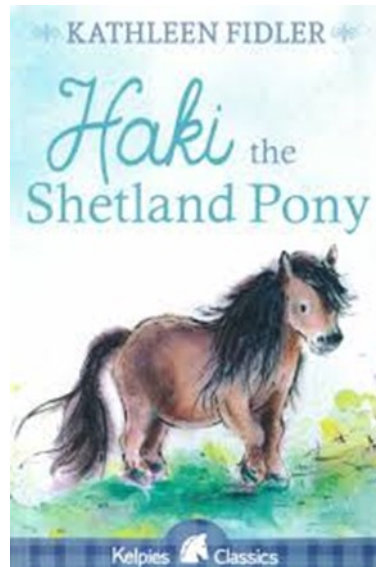
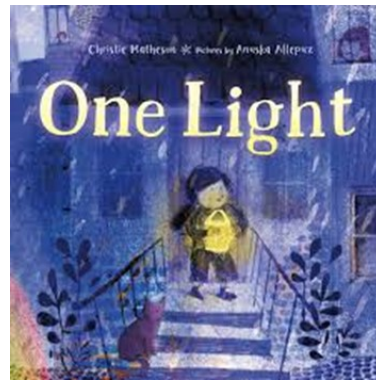
Litkidz <https://litkidz.com/>

Earth Schooling: <https://earthschooling.info/thebearthstitute/product-category/waldorf-books/reading-lists-by-grade/>

Austin Waldorf School: <https://austinwaldorf.org/programs/library/reading-lists/>

Parenting Passageway: <https://theparentingpassageway.com/2010/05/04/waldorf-third-grade-student-reading-list/>

**Happy holidays e te whānau, and happy reading!**







**TAKURUA  
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Friday 18th July

Start date

Friday 19th September

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

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Term Fee

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## Class Two Sock Fundraiser

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within the month of June.

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checkout.

20% of your purchase  
spend will be donated  
to Class Two.



## CLASS 2 FAMILY FUN DAY BOULDERING FUNDRAISER

**BOULDER CO.**  
CLIMBING + FITNESS

10am Sunday 13th July

BOULDER Co.

33-47 Northside Drive, Westgate

\$24 per person climbing\*



\*Price includes shoe hire

Please deposit entry fees to Class 2 account prior to event:  
Miss G Gordo ANZ 06-0241-0970251-01

### Class 2 is hosting a bouldering fundraiser at The Boulder Co.

Bouldering = low-height, no-harness climbing. Safe, fun, and perfect even for the height-wary! A relaxed, family-friendly outing - siblings welcome! There's also foosball, board games, and a café for those just chilling. Great for building confidence and encouraging positive social time outside school.

1. Register here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xHqPTMvfESpbG4wej6RGVKxCtPOzrolHA09b2rKG4w/edit?usp=sharing>
2. Pay here: Miss G Gordo ANZ 06-0241-0970251-01 (Use "[family name] + Boulder" as a reference)
3. Fill in the waiver: <https://boulderco.gymmasteronline.com/portal/enquiry>

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

[Click here for the Community Skill Share list.](#)

- **Medenki of Medena Ensemble**, Aotearoa's premier Bulgarian Folklore Vocal Ensemble, present their new collection of exquisite acapella offerings. Hosted by 'First Thursday Devonport', this performance is a vibrant feminine tapestry of traditional Bulgarian song. Thursday 3 July, 7.30pm at Harmony Hall, Devonport. A fundraising performance to support Medena's upcoming study tour in Bulgaria. <https://events.humanitix.com/the-medenki-of-medena-ensemble>



Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz)  
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.





You are warmly invited to our

## St Johnstide 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.

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## 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 3<sup>th</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-3:00pm.

One day \$85 p/child, two days \$150 p/child.  
Expressions of interest welcome at  
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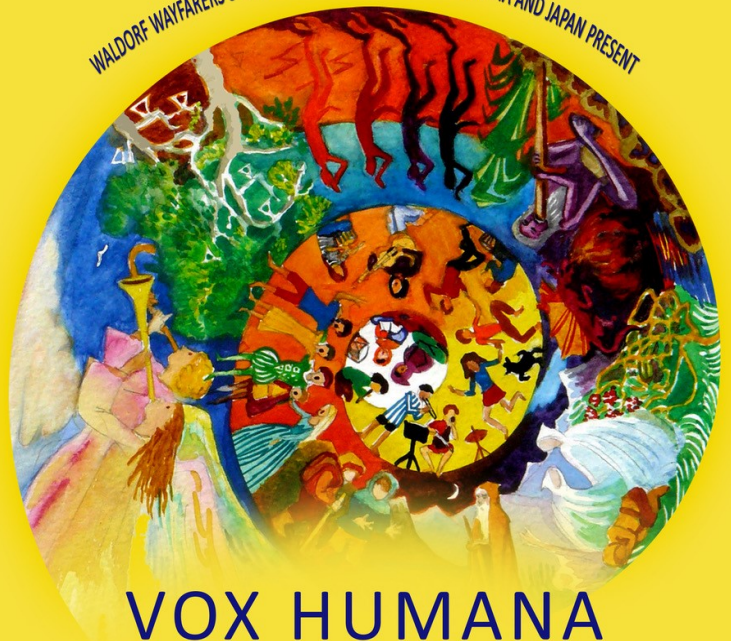
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