



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 22 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday 25 July	Matariki Blessing & Breakfast
Friday 25 July	Class 7 Lunch Bar
Wednesday 30 July	Helping Hands meeting 6.30pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

A very warm welcome back to the new term. I trust you had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin another exciting chapter together, it's heartening to see our vibrant school community reconnecting with such energy and enthusiasm.

It has been wonderful to witness the joy our new rope pyramid has brought to the tamariki this week—what a fantastic addition to our playground!

A special welcome to our new whānau who have joined our school this term. We are truly fortunate to have you with us, and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. We wish you all the very best as you settle into our community.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating Matariki together with our annual potluck breakfast on Friday morning, from 6:30am to 8:00am. Matariki is a time of reflection, unity, and renewal—a celebration of abundance, remembrance, and shared hope for the future. It reminds us of the deep interconnection between people, the land, and the wider environment. It is also a time to honour those who have passed, reflect on the past year, and set intentions for the journey ahead. We warmly invite all members of our community to join us for this special occasion.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share a range of events and initiatives planned for this term that will continue to strengthen the sense of connection and belonging within our school.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a term filled with meaningful learning, growth, and shared experiences.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

NAU MAI HĀERE MAI KI TE KURA O WAIATARUA MO MATARIKI

Come and join us for Matariki celebrations
at Michael Park School

Friday, 25th of July

Matariki blessing and potluck breakfast 6.30am start in the whare

*Ngā mihi nui ki ā Whaea Beverly Findlay mō ngā mahi toi o Matariki
A big thank you to Whaea Beverly Findlay for the Matariki artwork*

LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

These will be held on Tuesday, 22 July from 8:30am to 5pm. Due to the teachers being involved in conferences, there will be no classes for Class 1-7 that day. **It will be a normal school day for our High School students and for our Kindergarten.**





TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

This term we are again picking up the Matariki Te Reo Challenge for staff that we started last year. This is a voluntary challenge to support the growth of te reo Māori in our kura.

As our overall focus this year has been on Turangawaewae, many of the challenges will centre around our local taiao (environment). The first week has been looking at the reo Māori names of our local maunga.

The meanings of the names for these maunga is shared on the Tupuna Maunga Authority website (along with lots of other amazing history of the maunga):

Maungarei (Mt Wellington) means 'watchful mountain'



Maungauika (North Head) means the mountain of Uika, relating to ancestors who occupied it around 800 years ago.



Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill) means the 'hill of the kiekie vine'



MPS DISTANCE RUNNING

Holidays for most of us are for relaxing but not for Michael Park Schools Distance runner Tilly.

Tilly (class 12)

represented our school and conquered the Hunua Xterra trail run placing 1st under 20yr old female.

The race was a long 22km of hills and mud but Tilly finished smiling.

Then Tilly smashed the Sri Chimnoy half marathon at the domain on the weekend with a personal best time of 1hour 35mins and crossing the line 2nd female.

Amazing stuff, Tilly!



Maungawhau (Mt Eden) means 'hill of the whau tree'



WHAKATAUKĪ O TE WĀ

Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki –
With a peaceful mind and a respectful heart we will always
get the best results.



PAT HANLY CREATIVITY PROJECT AND AWARDS 2025

At the start of term two our level 3 Visual Arts students attended the kick off sessions for this year's Pat Hanly Creativity Project at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The day involved viewing Mark Adams retrospective photography, the Taimoana exhibition and partaking in a printmaking workshop with artist Ani O'Neill. An additional bonus was to work and catch up with Naomi Azoulay, a past parent and craft-week collage artist who was supporting the education team at Toi o Tāmaki. The students returned to school to start making art in their respective disciplines from the inspiration they gained and in response to this year's Pat Hanly broad theme, 'Ko wai au: Who am I'.

On the 23rd June the gallery sent three representatives to interview the students and select work for the awards exhibition. Our students talked about their art, answered questions and received feedback. The representatives reported back with the

following works. "We all enjoyed speaking with your students so much. They are so well spoken and we were truly impressed with them as individuals as well as their artwork!" They will select at least one artwork to be exhibited in the Pat Hanly Creativity Exhibition and Awards at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o

Tāmaki from 15th to 31st August. An announcement of artwork selected for exhibition will be made on the 4th August.

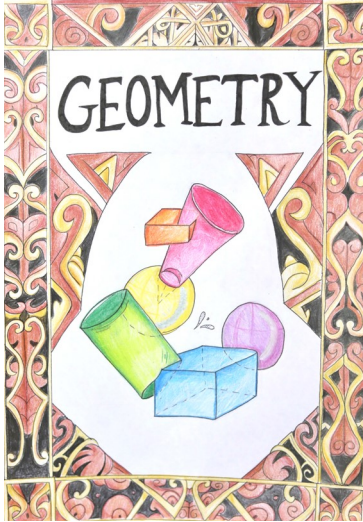
There will be a Young Gallery Night celebration and exhibition opening event on Friday 15 August, 6:00-9:00pm which is open to all participating students, teachers, family and friends. This event celebrates young creatives and will include food, music, dancing and art activities. More news to follow.



Main Lessons

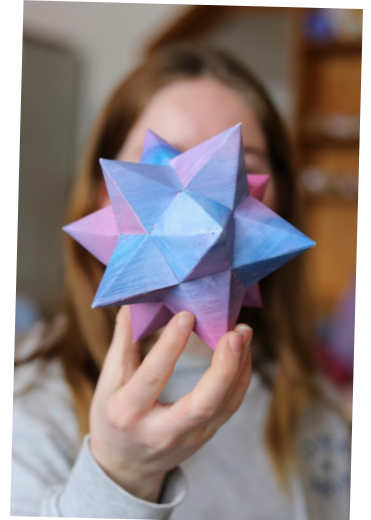
CLASS 8 GEOMETRY

In the Steiner-inspired approach, the main lesson on Geometry for Class 8 in 2025 integrates the intellectual, artistic, and practical aspects of learning to foster holistic development. Students engage deeply with the geometric concepts by exploring the relationship between two- and three-dimensional shapes through hands-on construction of Platonic solids using nets, cultivating their practical skills and spatial understanding.



The process begins with thoughtful planning, encouraging reflective thinking, followed by active building, which awakens their physical engagement and creative expression. The emotional and aesthetic appreciation of the shapes nurtures their sense of beauty and harmony, culminating in a meaningful connection to the shapes'

forms. Incorporating Māori patterns on the title page adds a cultural dimension, fostering reverence for natural and artistic patterns, and enriching the lesson with cultural consciousness. This approach emphasizes experiential learning and intuitive understanding, nurturing the student's head, heart, and hands in harmony.



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- **Looking for a single studio or bedroom** with an ensuite somewhere close to Michael Park School. Thank you!
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Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.



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Aug 29-31 King Arthur and Celtic Christianity

Sept 26-28 The Knights Templar and the Forces of Evil

Oct 31 - Nov 2 The Dead Need Us: Healing
Misconceptions of the Threshold

Nov 28-30 The School of Chartres

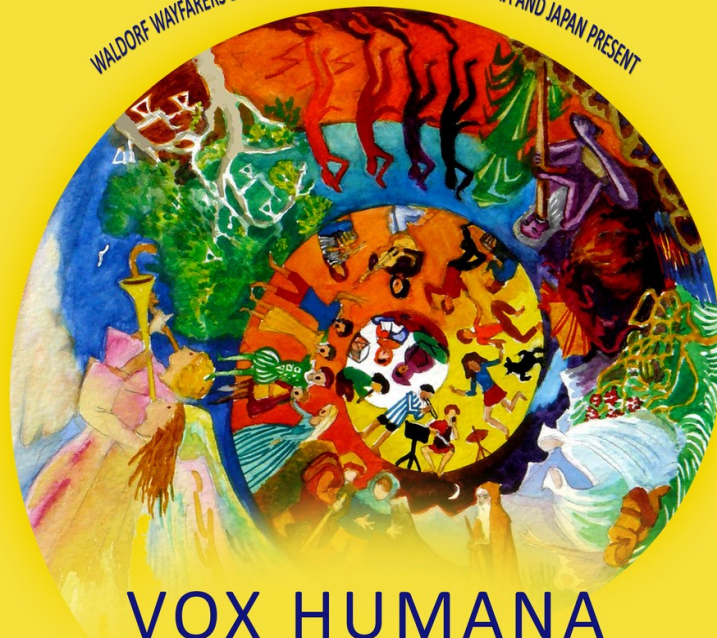
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Attendance is by registration and donation
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