



COMING EVENTS

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TONIGHT Charity Team Movie Night 5pm

TONIGHT Vox Humana Choral Music Performance, 6pm, Auditorium

Tuesday 12 August Class 8 Parent Meeting 6pm

Saturday 23 August Handwork Parent Workshop

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a vibrant and inspiring week we've had at school!

We were privileged to host the **Wayfarers** - a truly special group of 52 individuals aged 9 to 83 from Australia, Taiwan, Japan, India and Singapore. They brought their energy, warmth, and creativity into our spaces, leading a workshop for our lower school and performing for both our lower and upper schools. Their presence was deeply moving and uplifting, and our tamariki were absolutely captivated by their storytelling and movement work. We are grateful for the connections made and the spirit they shared with us.

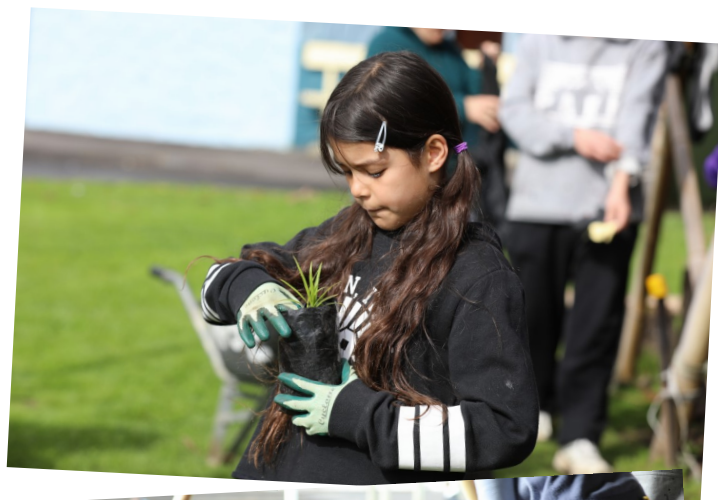


Congratulations are also in order for our **Senior Boys Basketball Team**, who won their semi-final this week against One Tree College by just one point! It was a nail-biting finish and a fantastic effort from the whole team. Congratulations also go to the **Senior Girls Basketball Team** also won their semi-final this week against Epsom Girls' Grammar School. We're incredibly proud of our teams for their determination, teamwork, and focus. We wish them all the best as they head into their respective finals next week!

And a very special shout out to **Class 5**, who have spent the past year lovingly nurturing and tending to 800 native saplings as part of the **Trees for Survival** programme. This week, they spent a day on a local farm planting over 700 of them. This was not just the culmination of months of mahi, but also a meaningful contribution to environmental restoration in our region. It also ties in beautifully with their Botany Main Lesson. Ka mau te wehi, Class 5!

Thank you whānau, as always, for the support and care you bring to our school community. These moments - of creativity, sport, service, and celebration - are all the richer for being shared together.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

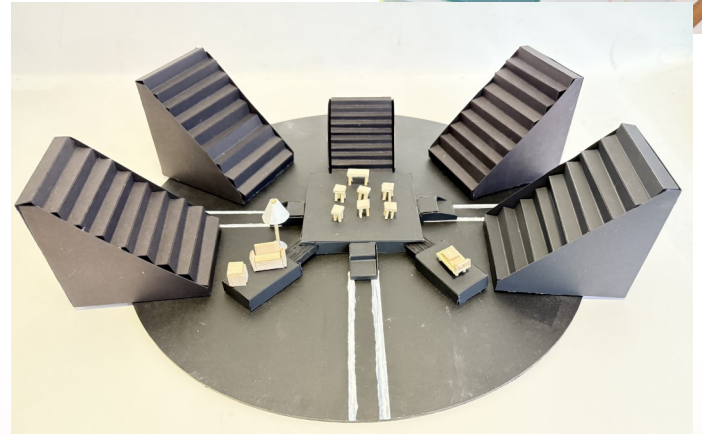
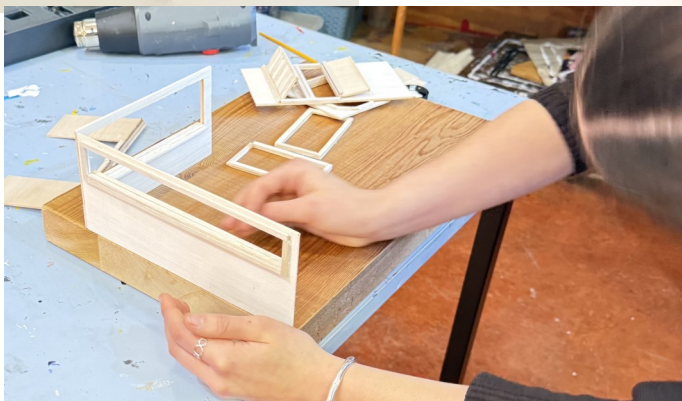


Main Lessons

C12 ARCHITECTURE

Last Friday, C12 completed a two-part Main Lesson on Architecture. The first part saw them researching Architecture as a subject, which included an historical overview, looking into architectural features, famous buildings and structures, and reading up on well known architects. The students went on to explore and experiment with various model construction materials and techniques. Lastly, they planned and drew up a design intention for a 3 dimensional model that would clearly express a particular style and purpose within an environment of their choosing. The second component was about constructing

this design. C12 students said they enjoyed the making process, visually problem solving and bringing together subjects like Maths and Engineering with Crafts and Visual Arts.



SWEET SUCCESS FOR A WILD CAUSE

Class 2 students Zeala, Matilda and Awhina have been putting their hearts (and baking skills!) into action to help save a baby orangutan named Felix, through [The Orangutan Project](#).

Armed with delicious homemade treats, the girls took their bake sale to the football club - and instead of staying behind a table, they got creative, moving through the crowd to meet footy spectators directly. Their smart selling strategy paid off, raising an amazing \$324!

Thanks to their initiative and compassion, little Felix now has a brighter future and a fighting chance against extinction. Ka mau te wehi, kōtiro mā!





TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

This week's challenge for staff has been to explore some of the pūrākau of the settlement of different iwi of Tāmaki Makaurau. In researching for this week's challenge, I came across some kōrero about how the need to grow kūmara as a staple food was vital in the establishment of permanent places of settlement for iwi, particularly in the warmer parts of Aotearoa. Amazing to think about what a valuable and important plant the kūmara is.

Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau

Next month (12-13 Sep) at Factory Theatre in Onehunga, Kristyl Noho is performing her acclaimed one-person play, Tangihanga. This play was part of the Kolisko conference that many of our staff attended in the April holidays, and it has had rave reviews from staff. There is more information here: www.factorytheatre.org.nz

RERENGA KŌRERO O TE WĀ:

"He rangi mokopuna"

— said as a way to express a fine winter's day.

In the last few weeks, we have been lucky to have had a lot of those beautiful winter days that fit the phrase!



Class 8 are proud to present **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by William Shakespeare - a whirlwind tale of love, mischief, and magic! In this fast-paced, 45-minute abridged version, suitable for all ages, you'll meet lovestruck mortals lost in the forest, feuding fairy royalty causing chaos, and a group of bumbling actors just trying to put on a play. Join us for a hilarious and enchanting journey where nothing is quite as it seems, and dreams and reality blur under the midsummer moon.

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August at 6:00pm
in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

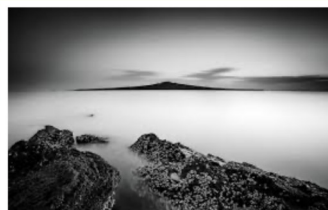


Calling all student and teacher artwork submissions for our Whole School Art Exhibition

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR CREATIVITY TOGETHER

We would love to have artwork from you before or by Friday 5th September.

*Finished drawings, paintings, collages, mixed media, designs, sculptures and 3D pieces, photographs, prints and craftwork are all welcome.
All shapes and sizes welcome within reason.*





Simplicity Parenting WORKSHOP | 13 SEPT 2025

Create more space for connection, secure attachment,
love and laughter in your family

Based on the book 'Simplicity Parenting' by Kim John Payne, as a group we will learn practical ways to ease the daily tensions and parenting battles we all face in this fast paced modern world.

What we'll cover:

- Decluttering the environment.
- Bringing rhythm, ritual and predictability into each day.
- Allowing children plenty of downtime and play without overscheduling.
- Filtering out adult concerns and screentime that causes confusion, fear and anxiety.

The course is facilitated by Leah Corbett – a parent educator, primary school teacher and Michael Park parent.

Saturday 13 September, 9am-2.30pm, Michael Park Kindergarten
BYO lunch. Cost: \$50 per person.

Please email hello@leahcorbett.co.nz to register. Spaces are limited.

 Leah Corbett

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2026 TERM DATES

Any changes will be published in the Friday Flyer.

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TERM 1, 2026

Monday, 2 February - Thursday, 2 April 2026

Waitangi Day - Friday, 6 February

Teacher Only Day - Monday, 16 March

Good Friday - Friday, 3 April

TERM 2, 2026

Monday, 20 April - Friday, 3 July 2026

ANZAC Day - Monday, 27 April

King's Birthday - Monday, 1 June

* Matariki Holiday is during school holidays - Friday 10th July *

TERM 3, 2026

Monday, 20 July - Friday, 25 September 2026

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 21 August

TERM 4, 2026

Monday, 12 October - Wednesday, 16 December 2026

Labour Day - Monday, 26 October

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 13 November



Helping Hands of Michael Park

MPS back at the Fairy and Pirate Festival!

Helping Hands are leading another magical MPS stall at the Ellerslie Fairy and Pirate Festival this September! Our unique stall was a hit last year - we got great feedback, stood out in the crowd, and connected with local families while clearing up a few myths (we're not private or full!). This year, we're back with a lucky dip and a table full of festival-inspired goodies - perfect for little ones with a few coins while we chat to their grown-ups.

We're on the lookout for festival-themed donations - think wooden swords, crowns, eye patches, ladybird rings, fairy doors, wands, tiny wooden boats, and headscarves. If you're a crafter, we'd love your creations - and if you can make more than a few, we're happy to cover material costs.

We know the fair is fast approaching and everyone's busy, so we're not asking for boxes of stock - our aim is around 200 items total. A handful from a few people, plus a few more from our super-crafters, will set us up beautifully.

Got something to offer or keen to help? Please email reneecoulter@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Looking to support trades and services within our school community? [Click here for the Community Skill Share list.](#)

- **Cleaner available:** Our lovely MPS cleaning team, Richard and Sunita, are available for your cleaning requirements! Commercial cleaning, carpets, windows and general cleaning. Contact Richard on 021 578 271.

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

Michael Park School Apparel

We're introducing a range of quality school clothing featuring our school logo. In the coming weeks you'll see a number of staff modelling these. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki and whānau to show pride in our amazing school community, stay warm through the cooler months, and help preserve everyday clothes from wear and tear.

If you're interested, we have sample items available in the school office for sizing. Ordering is simple and can be done by following the attached flowchart. Website for ordering - <https://funto.co.nz/>



Hoodies Adult - \$69
Hoodies Kids - \$67.50

OPTIONAL : Student name small print only inside the bottom part of the hoodie - \$5

All prices are inclusive of GST.



WOLL Wolly knit Beanie
\$31

For order assistance: Call: 027 5265321 email:sup@funto.co.nz



Michael Park School

Michael Park Hoodies & Beanies Online Ordering System

FUNTO

Go to funto.co.nz

**Click on
ORDER UNIFORMS**

**Complete Registration
*if first time to order.**

**Registration Account Type:
Michael Park School
then click Register**

Log in to your account

**You can see
Michael Park School items**

**Place your order &
payment.**

**You will receive email
confirmation of orders**

**You will receive email
notification once order
has been couriered.**

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WALDORF WAYFARERS SINGERS FROM AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN, INDIA AND JAPAN PRESENT



VOX HUMANA

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN CHORAL MUSIC

WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
DIRECTED BY JUDITH CLINGAN AM

FEATURING A NEW WORK OF MUSIC THEATRE *THE PROPHET*
WORDS KAHLIL GIBRAN | MUSIC JUDITH CLINGAN

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 6.00PM
MICHAEL PARK STEINER SCHOOL HALL | 55 AMY STREET ELLERSLIE

\$30 FULL | \$20 ADULT CONCESSION | \$10 UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS | LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE
CASH OR CARD AT DOOR | ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS 0410 617 427 OR JUDITHCLINGAN@ME.COM

DOLL MAKING COURSE

WITH NINA HAMILL

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL WALDORF STEINER INSPIRED
DOLL FOR YOUR CHILD OR WHANAU
IN JUST ONE WEEKEND

AUGUST 9 & 10
9AM - 1PM BOTH DAYS
COURSE COST : \$160
TEA AND BISCUITS PROVIDED

MICHAEL PARK HANDWORK ROOM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW: NININOSCH@GMAIL.COM

A MINIMUM OF 4 DOLL MAKERS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE TO GO AHEAD



RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST 2025

WORKSHOP ONE: Crochet and knitting for beginners
Learn to knit or crochet a facecloth/dishcloth or similar
9.00am - 12.30pm

WORKSHOP TWO: Sewing for beginners
Learn to sew a fabric bucket
1.00pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Handwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$20.00 per workshop*

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops,
please email Haidee in the school office:
haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

*Please note that your place is not confirmed until payment is received.