



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 19 September Last day of Term 3

Saturday 27 September E-Waste Drop Off Day

Monday 6 October First day of Term 4

7-10 October Class 5 Camp

Thursday 16 October 'Behind Their Screens' parent talk on Social Media, 7pm

16-17 October Class 3 Camp

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa, Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Māori.

This week marks the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - a milestone that we can all celebrate together. It has been heartening to see more people across Aotearoa embracing and learning te reo. The growing commitment to revitalising our language is something that strengthens our collective identity and enriches the life of our school community.

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to thank all our whānau for the support you have given throughout the term. Your contribution and presence provide the opportunity for our school to be the vibrant community that it is.

I would also like to congratulate our newly elected parent representatives to the Board. I look forward to meeting and working alongside our Board members when we gather next term. The election results can be found in this newsletter.

This week, our Class 12 students presented their Independent Projects to our community over two evenings. This is always a highlight of our school calendar, as we witness the journeys our senior students have undertaken over the past eight months and hear the lessons they have learnt along the way. The Independent Project is a significant threshold for Class 12, one of the final steps before their graduation at the end of the year.

Yesterday afternoon, our school came together to watch our Class 5 play. It was a wonderful occasion, full of colour, music, and joy. And as I write this newsletter, I can hear the energy and excitement from our high school inter-house sports tournament, a fantastic way to finish the



term for our senior students.

Thank you once again for a wonderful term. I wish you all a restful and refreshing break, and I look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika - Tumuaki

MPS PARENT BOARD ELECTION

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

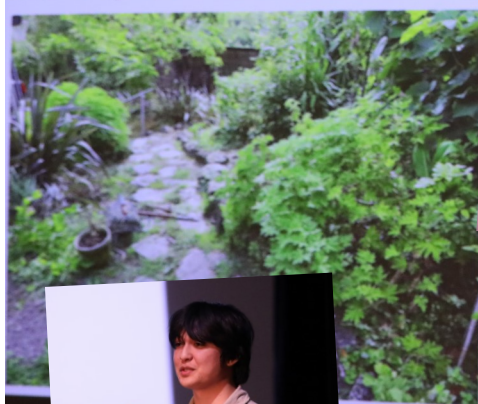
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Maucor, David	132
Corbett, Leah	129
Marsh, Samantha	126
Theodore, Sanjay	102
Hamill, Quinn	73
Pang, Dan Dan	28
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I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Maucor, David	Theodore, Sanjay
Corbett, Leah	Hamill, Quinn
Marsh, Samantha	Pang, Dan Dan

Signed,
Schooled Limited - Returning Officer

Removing Rose Geranium bushes for gar



FAIR UPDATE - 50 DAYS TO GO

CAKE STALL

Every year, each family makes 2 cakes and 1 additional item (meringues, cookies, fudge, homegrown produce) for the cake stall at the fair.

We will continue to use the cardboard boxes to display the cakes. Packaging supplies will go out to families between 20th and 24th October.

BEST IN SHOW - Prizes are back, so get inspired and create your dream cake to win - best in show, most creative, etc.

**there is also a prize for cakes made by adults!*



TIPS -

- Get baking in the holidays - choose items that can be frozen.
- Specialty cakes always sell well (Christmas cakes, gluten free, etc).
- Make your cakes look pretty! If you are looking for inspiration, there are many wonderful sites on the internet.

Happy Baking!

RAFFLE PRIZE CALL-OUT! 🎟️ 🎟️ 🎟️

This year, our fair raffle is looking a little different...

Alongside our much-loved **raffle baskets (sold on the day)**, we're also running a **Big Raffle** with **standout prizes** that will be **sold in advance** - and we'd love your help!

Our two themes are:

🪴 **Backyard Bonanza** - think outdoor furniture, deck umbrellas, hammocks, planter boxes, a firepit!

🛒 **Staycation** - one-off activities, experiences, tours or shopping that showcase our fantastic city

We'll gratefully accept **any raffle donations** to help build our beautiful baskets - and if you or someone you know has contacts for those bigger hero prizes, we'd love to hear from you! Please email reneecoulter@gmail.com

TE AO MĀORI

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

- a personal reflection on the significance of 50 years:

Like many others my age, I have grown up alongside Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, and had the privilege of seeing the exponential growth that has occurred in the revitalisation of te reo Māori since its inception as Maori Language Week in 1975.

As a 10-year-old I was taught te reo Māori by Rawiri Paratene, and it wasn't until years later that I realised the significance of this - that Rawiri was one of the people who hand-

delivered the Māori

Language Petition to parliament in 1972, an action that saw te reo begin to be taught in state schools, saw the idea of kohanga reo and kura kaupapa begin to flourish, the formation of the Māori Language Commission, and also the beginning of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori as a national celebration.

When I returned to learning te reo as an adult, I was transported back to Opononi and all I had learnt with Matua Rawiri and others in my reo-and-tikanga-rich childhood at Opononi Area School. I love hearing the ākonga sing the waiata that my junior kapa haka group sang back home, and remembering the pride and mana it brought to our small community to be immersed in the world of waiata Māori.

Becoming an adult learner of te reo Māori has been one of the richest journeys I have embarked on. Reo classes are always the highlight of my week. Māori language is so rich in metaphor, humour and depth, and taking up the wero of learning has gifted me, personally, with something that I can only explain as 'soul sustenance'.

I think about those rangatira who marched to Wellington in 1972, carrying the hopes of so many to the steps of parliament - their commitment, foresight and kaha. It is a reminder that 'walking the talk' (quite literally in this case) can not only offer a gift in a particular moment in time, but can be felt for years to come. I am so grateful for all that the small group of passionate language advocates have gifted us as a country; to be able to hear, speak and celebrate the richness that is te reo Māori.

The history, the mana and the resilience of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is one of our country's richest stories of how our hopes and dreams translated into action can become the beginning of something truly beautiful.

Kia kaha te reo Māori, and kia kaha to all of us on the journey with the reo - he waka eke noa.

Whaea Kura

Kaitiaki pukapuka/school librarian



THE WAIHEKE YOUTH ART AWARDS 2025

Last week, Aurelia in Class 11 entered two artworks in the Waiheke Youth Art Awards and received prizes for both pieces.

She won the *Rotary Waiheke Youth Award for Excellence* for her acrylic painting titled "Social Media Addiction" which includes a \$1000 prize money and the *Waiheke Adult Learning Award for Drawing* for her colour pencil study titled "Sisterhood". For this prize she receives a \$200 Waiheke Art and Craft voucher. Congratulations and well done Aurelia. This is a wonderful achievement.

Aurelia's work will be exhibited in The Waiheke Youth Arts Awards Exhibition that opens on Friday 19th September at 5pm at Waiheke Adult Learning, 2 Korora Road and runs through to Friday 26th September.



BEHIND THEIR SCREENS

School
Fundraiser



A Presentation for Parents

by Dr Samantha Marsh

Thursday 16 October, 7-8.30pm

This presentation explores:

- How social media and smartphone tech are designed to capture attention
- Why these designs often clash with how children and teens develop
- The impact of digital use on young people's wellbeing
- Practical strategies to help families navigate the digital world with confidence.

For parents of primary, intermediate, and secondary students.

Thursday 16 October, 7-8.30pm

Michael Park School Auditorium, 55 Amy St, Ellerslie

\$10 per person

A 'Helping Hands' school fundraiser with all funds going towards the Michael Park School playground. Tickets available:
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/behind-their-screens2/auckland/ellerslie>



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Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party

A big thanks to Helping Hands of Michael Park for another busy and successful stall at the Ellerslie Fairy and Pirate Party! Thank you also to others who contributed to help make this possible, and to those who popped over to say hello.

Once again, our stall felt well received and a great representation of our unique and wonderful school. It gave adults and children a magical shopping experience of lucky dips (which sold out) and Snapdragon type crafts. Not only did we raise funds, we also had some great community engagement, great feedback from the Ellerslie community, and managed some advertising for our upcoming fair!



SAVE THE DATES 10 -12th JANUARY 2026

Social Eurythmy Course

Eurythmy Aotearoa is bringing the highly skilled and experienced, Goetheanum accredited Social Eurythmy trainer Teresa Mazzei to New Zealand to run an introductory, three day Social Eurythmy course.

WHEN - January 10th - 12th 2026

WHERE - Michael Park Steiner School, Auckland.

COST - \$250

WHO CAN ATTEND - This introductory course is designed for qualified eurythmist's and fourth year eurythmy students, and individuals with a strong interest in exploring the application of eurythmy in workplace settings.

To register your interest, write to Sue Simpson
eurythmyaotearoa@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Vivaldi's Four Seasons** and other classics, by the Salut String Quartet. 4th October in St Heliers, 5th October in Mt Albert. Entry by donation. For more details and reservations, visit salutstringquartet.n8.nz
- **Conscious Parenting Circle** - A place to grow, reflect & parent with intention. STARTING TERM 4. A warm invitation for mums, dads & caregivers to join in a nurturing, non-judgmental space where we support one another on our journeys as parents. Together, we aim to deepen our connections with ourselves, our children, and our communities. Grounded in the transformative principles of Conscious Parenting, this is a place for honest sharing, mutual support & collective growth. Parenting can be hard. So, whether you're seeking insight, connection, or simply a place to be heard, we'd love to welcome you into the circle. Circle facilitated by Donna raisingparents.nz. Fortnightly Tuesday 7-8pm in One Tree Hill. Email Donna raisingparentsnz@gmail.com. Koha for cups of tea & room hire welcome, but not expected.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP OFF DAY



**27th September 2025
SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM**

Michael Park School
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie

Drop off your unwanted electronic products & unwanted tech at this drive-thru event!
Staff will unload everything for your convenience.

IMPORTANT: Dropping off e-waste is allowed only on the event day. You cannot drop off e-waste prior to, or after, the event day at this site.

We are proud to be accepting donations for Variety - The Children's Charity.



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\$10.00 each Small Inkjet & Laser Printers, Scanners & Fax Machines
\$20.00 each LCD & Plasma TVs, Ovens, Washing Machine & Dryers,
Dishwashers and Large Whiteware
\$30.00 each Medium Photocopiers & Printers
\$40.00 each Fridges & Freezers, Heatpumps
\$60.00 each Large Photocopiers

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