



COMING EVENTS

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Monday 1 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 5 June	Charity Team Lunch Bar
Friday 5 June	2.10pm finish for High School
Friday 5 June	Mary Willow Talk 7pm
Wednesday 10 June	Open Day
Wednesday 10 June	Dr Sam Marsh Talk 7pm
Friday 12 June	Class 3 Lunch Bar
Friday 12 June	High School Concert

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini: Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.



It is hard to believe that we are now more than halfway through the term already.

We have been very fortunate with the wonderful weather this week, and it has been lovely to see our students making the most of the sunshine and spending time engaged in outdoor activities and play across the school. There has been a real sense of energy and positivity throughout our kura.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Mary Willow to our school community as she promotes her latest book. Mary will be meeting with staff on Friday afternoon, followed later in the evening by a presentation for whānau and our wider community. I would strongly encourage you to attend what promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking evening.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our kura and wider community.

Enjoy the long weekend whānau.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Desmond Pemerika, Tumuaki

FAIR MEETING (Class Coordinators)

On Monday 15th June we will hold our first Fair Coordinators meeting at 6.30pm in the staff room. If the class fair coordinator cannot attend, then at least one representative from that class must attend.

Any queries please contact fairadmin@michaepark.school.nz
Looking forward to seeing you all then.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



Michael Park School is looking for school families to host High School students in Term 3 & Term 4 2026. Students are coming from Waldorf schools overseas.

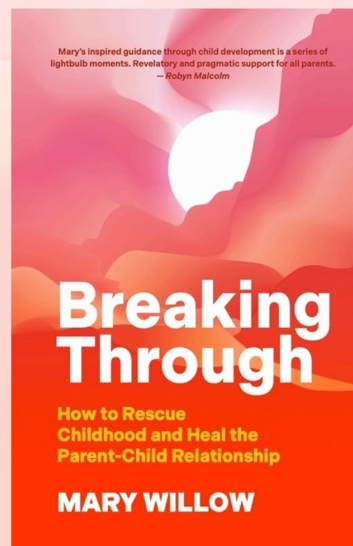
Please contact Brenda Davidson if you are interested in hosting our lovely students. Please email Brenda on brendad@michaelpark.school.nz with your queries.

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CHARITY TEAM 40-HOUR CHALLENGE

This week, the charity team has kicked off the race to start fundraising for people in the Solomon Islands who are facing severe food poverty and climate crisis through world Visions Forty Hour Challenge.

We have visited classes throughout the school and explained to students the mission we are trying to complete, handed out registration books and had a wheel to spin to find out what your challenge will be.

If you'd like to donate to the school's fundraising page, you can go to fundraise.worldvision.org.nz, click 'Donate' and search for Michael Park School so we can reach our goal. To parents, you can support your child by being the first to donate to their goal, help them set up an account under the school (all information about that is on the site's registration page), share our mission with friends and family or donate to any of our school's participants to try help those who are in need in the Solomon islands.

HOW TO START FUNDRAISING ONLINE

- 1 → Go to [40HOUR.ORG.NZ](https://40hour.org.nz)
- 2 → Click "**I'M A PARTICIPANT**"
- 3 → Create your own personal page, set a goal and join your team page
- 4 → Share with friends and whānau to get your first life-changing donation!

40 Hour Challenge
World Vision
FUNDRAISING
LUNCHBAR
5th of June
Baked goods and
savory foods

CLASS 6 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FIRE PIT PROJECT

Class 6 have enthusiastically taken the challenge to build a fire pit next to the garden behind Class 4. This will be a great experiential learning journey for class 6 to form a fire pit from raw materials to a finished functional work of practicality and art. Through this process, students encounter real problems that require patience, cooperation, practical thinking, and resilience. Class 6 can be seen hard at work making clay bricks, digging the pit to lay the foundation, and learning to work as a unified team. It goes without saying

that the whole community is looking forward to sharing korero and kai around the fire.



MICHAEL PARK AT MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

On Friday, 22nd May & Saturday, 23rd May, the Michael Park School debate team participated in the annual Model United Nations Assembly (M.U.N.A) held at Rosmini College. 98 teams (49 schools) from Auckland and Northland represented 98 countries. The United Nations holds assemblies in order to establish policymaking and discuss global issues. Through debating and negotiating, which is essentially what is replicated in MUNA assemblies, school teams represent UN countries, showcasing their political views. In MUNA, there is a Secretary General, judges, runners, photographers, and timekeepers who are a big part of keeping this event going.

Class 11 students Zoe, Emma and Bianca represented Afghanistan, and Class 12 students Matyas, Edwinn and Aurelia represented Switzerland. In M.U.N.A, there are four topics that get discussed, called remits, where the countries state whether or not they agree with the topic and write a speech on the motion. These were the four remits for the 2026 MUNA:

1. That this Assembly supports a mandatory quota system requiring all member states to accept a fair share of refugees based on economic capacity.
2. That this Assembly calls for an immediate global moratorium on deep-sea mining in international waters until environmental impacts are fully understood.
3. That this Assembly supports automatic United Nations sanctions on any nation found guilty of severe human rights violations.
4. That this Assembly calls on the United Nations to strengthen and enforce international laws guaranteeing freedom of navigation in international waters, including increased monitoring and consequences for violations.

Team Afghanistan debated remits 1 and 3, and Team Switzerland debated remits 2 and 3.

The remits are debated and voted on by the assembly based on their countries' political views. For example, our C11 team representing Afghanistan did not support remit #3 and spoke against it, while the C12 team supported it.

In MUNA, delegates from countries can propose amendments to the remits, which involves coming up with an alternate idea, proposing additions, or altering the phrasing of the remit. Countries also form alliances to lobby for the final voting, censure other countries, and get the Secretary General replaced, removed, or put under investigation.

There were many highlights from MUNA, but a few stood out the most, such as Australia giving the Secretary General a lamington, which resulted in him being put under investigation for accepting a bribe, many heated arguments between Turkey and Cyprus, China and the rest of the world, Russia and Ukraine, as well as an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

We think MUNA was a very fun and globally important as we learned so much about countries and their political views and opinions on global issues. We are looking forward for next year MUNA.

Thank you St Johns Ellerslie (26722) Rotary Club for sponsoring our teams. Thank you, Mrs. Valyashko for coaching us, and we welcome new members into the MPS debate team as we are learning how to debate every Tuesday lunchtime.

Written by the reporters' team on MUNA 2026: Sarah, Sana and Indie



Main Lessons

CLASS 8 HISTORY OF MUSIC



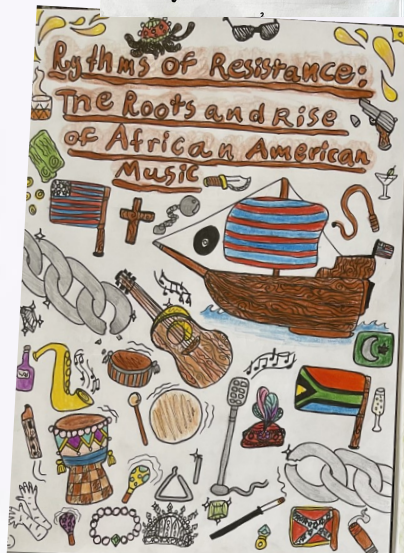
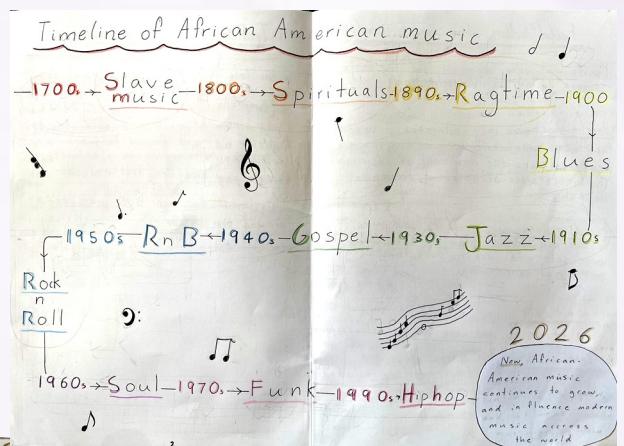
Class 8 recently completed a four-week Music Main Lesson titled **"Rhythms of Resistance: The Rise and Roots of African American Music."** Students explored the history of the transatlantic slave trade and learned how enslaved Africans used song as a source of strength, resilience, and expression while working on plantations. These early spirituals and work songs

became the foundation for many musical genres, including ragtime, blues, jazz, R&B, rock'n'roll, soul, funk, disco, and hip hop. In many ways, African American music has shaped most of the contemporary music we listen to today.

We were fortunate to welcome some inspiring guest artists. Musician Nathan Haines visited the class to speak about jazz and his life as a professional musician. Students were treated to a live performance featuring Nathan on saxophone and his son, Zoot, on drums. Zoot also shared insights into jazz drumming, talking about the use of brushes rather than sticks.

We were also joined by dance teacher Anna Macrae, who guided students through the history of African American dance styles relating them to the musical genres studied. The class learned a range of dance steps and later performed a lively disco piece at the Main Lesson Assembly, complete with classic disco moves and a "Soul Train," showcasing a variety of improvised dance moves, including breakdancing. As part of the unit, students also composed original blues songs, with one group confidently performing their composition at the assembly.

A heartfelt thank you to our special guests for enriching the learning experience. Congratulations to all the students who performed with such confidence, and special thanks to Indie and Brandyn for their excellent commentary at the assembly. The students also produced many beautiful and thoughtful Main Lesson books, including their designs from the disco era.



GENERATIONS IN HARMONY

On Thursday 28 May, a group of senior Music students went to Summerset Heritage Park to perform a concert for the residents there. This was the beginning of an exciting initiative called "Generations in Harmony", organised by Pauline Grogan, Amanda Lawrence and Bobby Gerneke. The aim is to bring young and old together through music. The students performed for a very appreciative audience and were invited to come back for further concerts. Max, Ruby and Emma all sang, Joshua played piano, and Violet played the violin. Max even told a couple of jokes which helped create a relaxed atmosphere. Congratulations to the students for performing so well and connecting with the Summerset Heritage community!



PLAY IT STRANGE

On 11 May we had a special visit from two of the judges of the Play it Strange song writing competition. They were Nat Hutten and Lily Stiven- both successful kiwi singer/song writers. They ran a workshop in which they explained how to enter the competition, listened to some of the students' original songs, and then they each performed one of their recent songs. They were super impressed at the level of song writing at MPS and were excited for our students to enter the competition. Well done to Bianca, Abi and Coco-Grace for getting up and performing your original songs!



~ A CLASS FUNDRAISER ~ Class 7 Honey Fundraiser



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HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

CLASS 10 ARE HOSTING A HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT.

- A PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MUSIC, DANCE OR SPOKEN WORD.
- LOCATION: MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
- DOORS OPEN 6PM WITH REFRESHMENTS, PERFORMANCE AT 7PM
- SIGN UP: SHEETS IN MUSIC ROOM, HANDED OUT IN HUI AKO TIME, AND ONLINE - [LINK HERE](#)

AUDIENCE: THIS CONCERT IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR VIEWERS WHO CAN SIT QUIETLY, AS SOME PERFORMANCES WILL BE FILMED FOR NCEA.

TICKETS \$10

PERFORMERS FROM CLASSES 8-12

FRI 12TH JUNE 7PM

Dr. Samantha Marsh

Parent talk on Wednesday 10th June
7pm, MPS Auditorium

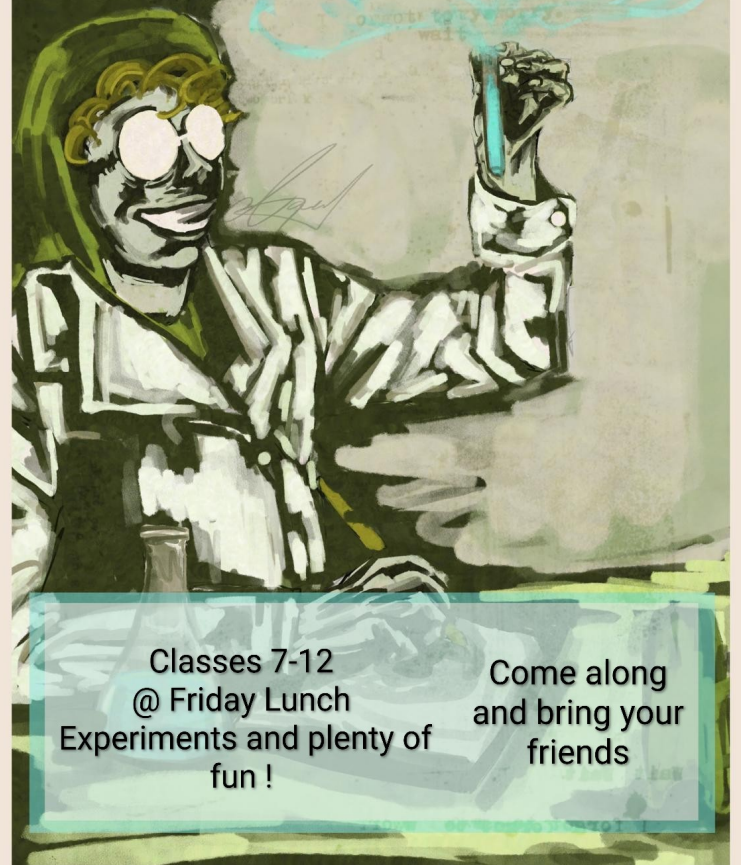


The early years are arguably the most critical window in a child's development — and screens are now part of almost every home.

This session explores what the research tells us about how screens affect young children holistically, from brain development and physical health, to literacy, attention and behaviour. We look at what children's developing brains actually need to thrive, and how to make thoughtful, informed choices for your family. Because screens can wait, but childhood can't.



Science Club



Classes 7-12
@ Friday Lunch
Experiments and plenty of
fun !

Come along
and bring your
friends



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Contact : robbie.gaskin@gmail.com

CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2-PM - 4PM

CHILDREN WELCOME WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR ADULT

OCCASSIONAL SATURDAY AFTERNOONS -

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**CREATIVITY ISN'T A GIFT YOU WAIT FOR -
ITS A SPARK YOU LIGHT**

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Wanted to Buy: Suzuki violin books** 1-3, International Edition. Please call Kate 0278974553
- We are downsizing our flock and looking to rehome **two young Black Australorp hens**. Pick up from Mt Wellington weekdays only - Contact Nad 021 024 01291
- **Conscious Parenting:** Next date - Wednesday 3 June 7pm. Ever wondered if your own childhood patterns and conditioning might be influencing the struggles you're experiencing now with your children? You're warmly invited to this chat to gain insight, connection, and compassionate guidance through the transformative lens of Conscious Parenting. One Tree Hill area. Facilitated by fellow MPS parent & certified CP coach Donna. raisingparents.nz. Email Donna for details raisingparetnsnz@gmail.com
- **For rent Marua Rd:** Modern 2 bed,2 bathroom townhouse. New build, private fully-fenced courtyard with artificial grass, 2x heat pumps, one off-street car park. Quality appliances including a dishwasher, rangehood, ceramic hob, built-in oven, and plenty of storage space. No smokers but pet with good reference considered. Move in cost is 4 weeks rent as bond plus 2 weeks rent in advance. Contact Joeline 027 332 6860.
- **Home in central Motueka** available for short-term rent. Three bedrooms, fully furnished, great for families. Available mid-June, flexible end date. Please contact Sumaia Walsh-Kelly sumaiawalshkelly@hotmail.com
- **Seeking accommodation** - Two mature Eurythmy students training at Michael Park School during the holidays are looking for a house or cat sitting opportunity nearby from 5 or 6 until 10 July. Please contact annemansart@yahoo.co.nz
- **The "Give a kid a blanket" campaign** has begun again for winter 2026! We are collecting warm things for children and families in Auckland & these will be distributed by nurses, social workers and the police family violence team to families directly. The need is great. If you have any (preloved or new) blankets, sleeping bags, sleep sacks, bedding, pyjamas, hats or socks that you would like to donate please get in contact. I would be delighted to collect from school, pick up from you or have dropped to my place (close to school). Rachel (Rose Cottage and class 3 mum). 021 571 648.

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

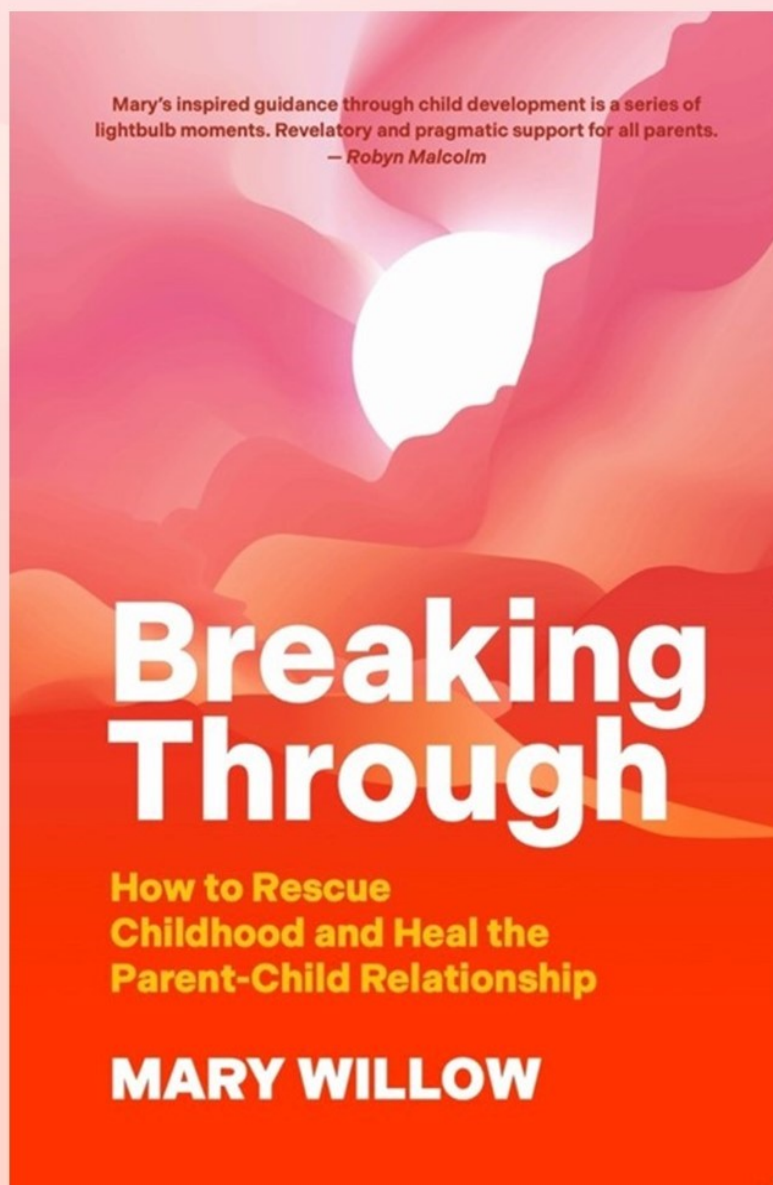
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