



COMING EVENTS

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TONIGHT	High School Concert 7pm
Monday 15 June	Fair Coordinators Meeting 6.30
Tuesday 16 June	Class 1 2027 Parent Meeting
Friday 19 June	Takurua Festival Dinner from 4pm Festival begins at 5.20pm
Saturday 20 June	High School Ball
22-24 June	High School Dental Van
Monday 22 June	Kindy Takurua Festival
Tuesday 23 June	Michelle Vette Talk 7pm
Friday 26 June	Class 12 Lunch Bar

Kia ora koutou,

Over the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of supporting a number of our sports teams as they compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools competitions. Watching our students represent the school with enthusiasm, determination, teamwork, and genuine enjoyment has been a real highlight.



One of the great privileges of being Principal is seeing our young people flourish beyond the classroom. Regardless of the result, the sportsmanship, resilience, and camaraderie demonstrated by our students make me incredibly proud. I am also looking forward to watching our Middle School teams and other High School teams in action over the coming weeks.



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

This week, parents were treated to an outstanding presentation from Dr Samantha Marsh, who shared valuable insights into child and adolescent development through the lens of neuroscience and education. Her practical and engaging presentation provided much food for thought and reinforced the importance of working together to support the wellbeing and development of our children.

As I write this, excitement is building for our High School Concert. These performances are always a wonderful celebration of the talent and creativity of our students and staff, and I am looking forward to seeing our young people shine on stage.

Thank you for the ongoing support you provide to our school community. Together, we continue to create opportunities for our students to grow, learn, and discover their unique gifts.

Nga mihi nui,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki

TE AO MĀORI

Hēmi Kelly talk at Te Reo Club

At the end of term, we are lucky to have Hēmi Kelly coming to speak to our Te Reo Club. Hēmi is a highly sought-after speaker and one of our country's most prominent te reo Māori advocates. He is the author of the Everyday Māori books, host of the Everyday Māori podcast, a te reo teacher, and translator. He will be talking to our club about his journey learning te reo Māori and the things he has found helpful along the way.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event alongside our Te Reo Club members. Nau mai haere mai e te whānau whānui.

1 July at 3.30pm in the Michael Park School library.

He Kupu Whakarite o te Wiki

E tupu atu kūmara, e ohu e te anuhe

As the kūmara grows, the caterpillars gather round it – a metaphor for a great rangatira (leader) attracting many followers.

The Dhal Wala

The Dhal Wala will be open for business on Friday 19th June. For a bowl of yummy every day, visit [the Dhal Wala website](#)



WITCHES!?! IN SALEM?!!

Class 10 present *Witches!?! In Salem?!!* - High School Edition by Matt Cox.

This is a darkly comedic, yet (mostly) historically accurate take on the Salem Witch Trials and all the (mostly) historically accurate horrors which may occur when populism runs rampant, injustice is a day to day occurrence, and a rigid religious minority sets the laws of the land.

A companion, or an alternative, to a certain other Salem play you probably read in high school. This is pre-American history in the style of Mel Brooks meets Monty Python meets Armando Iannucci.

Tickets are free, so bookings are essential!

Tickets are available from

<https://events.humanitix.com/witches-in-salem>

Recommended for ages 13+ - Contains depictions of death, loud noises, historical persecution and discussions of witchcraft and the devil.

VIOLET PERFORMING IN GALA CONCERT

Last Saturday Violet Theodore performed in a gala concert as part of the Michael Hill International Violin Competition.

She was part of a violin group made up of 26 school students selected from across Auckland. They performed pieces with quarter finalists from the violin competition and well-known violinist, Amalia Hall.

As part of the competition festival, she attended masterclasses with some of the virtuoso violinists who were judging the competition.



CLASS 10 PRESENTS
**WITCHES!?!
IN SALEM!?!**
HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
BY MATT COX

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY AND THURSDAY 2 JULY
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30PM)

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 13+
CONTAINS DEPICTIONS OF DEATH, LOUD NOISES, HISTORICAL PERSECUTION AND DISCUSSIONS OF WITCHCRAFT AND THE DEVIL.

TICKETS ARE **FREE**
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
GET TICKETS NOW!

WITCHES!?! IN SALEM!?! IS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH UPROAR THEATRICS WWW.UPROARTHEATRICS.COM



As we approach midwinter, we prepare ourselves and our school for the Takurua (Winter) Festival, happening this term on **Friday June 19th** around the winter solstice.

These last few weeks, the change in season has been evident and felt by us day after day. On the surface where the plant world comes to a relative stillness, we see fallen leaves, muddy soils and cloudy grey skies, while the activity moves down to the roots, where the sap and the seeds wait dormant with all their potential and gather energy and strength in wait for warmer days, away from our awareness, invisible to our senses. It is in winter that we feel closer to earth as our connection with the natural world deepens and we turn inwards in search of answers. This is very different to the summer days we long for, where our focus is very external, and our spirit is lifted.

If we are careful to remember how it works, we can find rebirth in decay, and hope and beauty in damp rainy days.

Steiner spoke of the Greek philosopher Diogenes who went round the marketplace in Athens, carrying a lantern in his hand in search of the “man” who was lost, the “man” who had lost his spiritual vision and his search for the inner impulse. Diogenes felt that the time was approaching when “man” would be plunged into darkness and would have to be sought for with a lantern. A good metaphor for the soul forces necessary to find the inner light in winter times.

Volunteers needed for each class:

- **A fire warden in charge of setting up the class fire brazier (you will need to bring your own woodfire)**

- **A parent volunteer providing *marshmallows* for the children to roast over their class brazier (remember to bring roasting sticks)**
- **A parent volunteer is to make *star biscuits* and *distribute them to the children* after they exit the classroom (check with your parent community for dietary information)**

Festival Run

5:20 PM: The bell rings, signalling students to enter their classrooms to collect their lanterns, and have their candles lit, ready to illuminate the evening.

5.30 PM: We gather at the steps in front of Classes 2 and 3. Mr Johnstone will welcome everyone followed by singing.

After the singing, Class 7 performs and then lead us through the Lantern Walk, culminating at the field with the Takurua Spiral. You are welcome to walk the spiral silently by yourselves. It is a beautiful gesture of going within and then out into the world again.

Next, children walk back to their classroom and enjoy a Matariki story.

After the story, the children exit their classroom and are greeted by a parent with a star biscuit.

The community then comes together around the different fire pits to roast food and celebrate together.

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who make all of this possible for all the children and the rest of the community.

Enjoy the Takurua Festival, a truly special occasion for reflection, connection, and community spirit.

CHARITY TEAM 40 HOUR CHALLENGE

One week left till the weekend of the World Vision 40 hour Challenge! Students are signing up, and sharing their challenges to sponsors, in order to raise funds for people in the Solomon Islands who are facing severe food poverty and climate crisis. From going completely offline, to only eating healthy foods for 40 hours, our students are coming up with creative ideas for challenges to gather sponsors and get donations. Thanks to the support of our communities Michael Park School has so far raised \$1,379 for our Pacific neighbours! And an additional \$481.80 from the lunch bar held by the charity team.

If you'd like to donate to the school's fundraising page, you can go to fundraise.worldvision.org.nz, press donate and search Michael Park so we can reach our goal!

Dear 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 sites register page), share our mission with friends and family or donate to any of our schools participants to try help those who need in the Solomon islands.

HOW TO START FUNDRAISING ONLINE

- 1 → Go to 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!

SIGNED UP? JOIN MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL!

- 1 → Go back to 40HOUR.ORG.NZ
- 2 → SEARCH & CLICK "MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL"
- 3 → CLICK "Join us"
- 4 → Keep track of our school's progress and how many students have joined you to support of the Solomon Islands!

~ A CLASS FUNDRAISER ~

Class 7 Honey Fundraiser



Certified raw honey from Atiamuri
a clover, wildflower & pine blend

Small jar
\$10
500 g

Big jar
\$20
1 kg

to order, please contact
sylviavastag@icloud.com

~ Thank you for supporting our class ~

BEES WAX CANDLE KITS & OUTDOOR FIRE STARTERS A CLASS 5 FUNDRAISER


COME BY OUR STALL JUST UNDER THE TREES
OPPOSITE CLASSROOM 2
FRIDAY 12TH AND 26TH OF JUNE






CANDLE DIPPING KIT - 100% LOCAL BEES WAX \$11
OUTDOOR FIRE STARTERS -
BAG OF 15X \$12
BAG OF 25X \$16

ON OUR STALL WE WILL HAVE A FRESH BATCH OF
PRESERVES, PICKLES AND JAMS
FROM \$8 TO \$12
CASH AND BANK TRANSFER

The importance of generality and the hidden limitations of specialisation in the high school

 Tuesday 23 June, 7pm

 Michael Park School Auditorium

-  How our young people's development needs a broad foundation
-  Turning points in adolescent development
-  How the high school curriculum supports the adolescent



Michelle Vette RN ANS MNSc

Michelle is an Anthroposophic Nurse who co-coordinates the Foundation Course in Anthroposophic Nursing at Taruna College alongside her work as a nurse at a busy general practice. She has completed a Masters in Nursing, focusing on holistic and whole person approaches to nursing. Michelle is also the General Secretary for the Anthroposophic Society in New Zealand.

Working nationally and internationally her focus as an educator and public speaker is bringing the themes of health and wellbeing alongside family and child health and anthroposophy. As a practicing nurse Michelle is involved in primary health particularly women's and child health and Maori health.

Michelle has a rich family life with three adult children and four grandchildren.





THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUNDAY

St John's Festival and Spiral Sunday 5th July

We warmly invite you to join us for
10.00am **THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING**
Childcare is available so that you can attend the service; we will make lanterns for the spiral!
Please contact Cheryl (cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)

11.30am **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TIME**
with singing, spiral and
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Followed by a shared lunch. Please bring festive food to share!

Your donations support our continuing work throughout New Zealand.
Thank you for your support.

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

The Priesthood of All Within the New Mysteries

Weekends in 2026

Jun 26-28	Thomas Aquinas and the Victory of Human Individuality
Jul 24-26	Mani, the Cathars, and the Manichean Stream of the Future
Aug 28-30	Renaissance and Reformation
Sept 25-27	Goethe's Fairy Tale: The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily
Oct 30-Nov 1	Love is Stronger than Death: The Dead Need Us (Conference)
Nov 27-29	Dante Alighieri and Our Divine Comedy of Life and Death

*Attendance is by registration and donation
Suggested donation between \$100 and \$200 for each weekend
(all meals & refreshments included).*

*For further information or to register, please contact;
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**TARUNA
COLLEGE**

Connect, Nourish, Sustain

Supportive Therapies 31 July - 2 August 2026

As a nurse, therapist or caregiver we invite you to register for this three-day workshop focussed on practical, effective care and intervention strategies. Come and be a part of widening the circle of those offering supportive therapies in the community. Through our learning process, healing plants and external treatments will become familiar to you, preparing you to assess and safely work with the therapies based on a sound rationale.

In addition we introduce

- biography work
- the inner path of the nurse or therapist
- casework to help with individualised care across various situations and settings, and
- an anthroposophic approach to therapy.

Cost: \$575 all materials, refreshments and lunch included

Tutors: Deborah Bednarek RN MN ANS and Michelle Vette RN MN ANS

We welcome your registration by visiting our website: www.taruna.ac.nz or contact us on 06 8777174



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



Japanese Student Group | Term 3, 2026

Michael Park School is welcoming a large group of Japanese students in Term 3, 2026. We are looking for host families to support this wonderful cultural exchange opportunity.

What we need: A spare room for **two Japanese students aged 14–15**.
Students may share one bedroom but require **separate beds**
(bunk bed, trundler bed, or two single beds).

\$75 per student per night | \$1,350 total for two students over nine nights

The homestay fee includes:

- Three meals per day plus snacks/lunch provisions
- Full inclusion as part of your family during their stay
- Local sightseeing and opportunities to experience Kiwi life and culture

Hosting international students is a rewarding experience that allows you to share New Zealand culture, build lasting friendships, and make a positive impact on a young person's overseas experience.

For more information, contact Maryam:

maryam@studywithkea.com | 021 980 718

Thank you for helping us give these students a warm Kiwi welcome!