



COMING EVENTS

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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
Friday 26 June	Middle School Disco, 4pm-6pm (40 Hour Challenge fundraiser)
Wednesday 1 July	Hēmi Kelly talk at Te Reo Club
Wednesday 1 July	Class 10 Play Performance 7pm
Thursday 2 July	Class 10 Play Performance 7pm
Friday 3 July	Class 9 Lunch Bar
Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2

Tālofa lava aiga

The Michael Park School community is celebrating a significant milestone for our Principal, Desmond Pemerika, who is currently in Samoa. This weekend he will be taking part in a significant cultural ceremony known as a Saofa'i. During this special occasion, he and his brothers will be bestowed chiefly titles (Matai) in recognition of their family's connection to their grandmother's village of Vaie'e. The Matai title reflects the respect he has earned within his extended community. It recognises his connection to Samoan culture and celebrates service, leadership and a deep connection to family and community.



The conferring of a Matai title is often accompanied by celebration, reflection, and a renewed commitment to service. It also signals the beginning of new responsibilities. As a Matai, Desmond joins a long line of Samoan leaders entrusted with preserving traditions, supporting community, and guiding future generations. For the Michael Park School community, the honour is a source of pride and inspiration. It recognises a leader whose work extends beyond the school gates, and whose commitment to service reflects the values of both education and Samoan culture.

For many Samoan kiwis in Aotearoa New Zealand, the bestowal of a Matai title is a powerful reminder of the enduring connections between the Pacific and New Zealand. It highlights the importance of maintaining cultural identity while contributing to contemporary society. In this way, Des's

achievement resonates not only with his family but also with our many Pasifika learners at the school and their families.

I've worked with Des on our Board for two years. He has held himself every day with integrity, humility, commitment, and a genuine concern for the wellbeing of others. Even through the tough times we've faced he has always opted for taking the high road. I think this is the reason our school beats with a strong heart.

Manuia le fa'ai'uga o le vaiaso

Sanjay Theodore

Presiding Member, Michael Park School Board

Stolen Cello

Dear Michael Park community,

I am in shock and saddened by the theft of my cello from Michael Park School on Thursday 11th June; and am reaching out to ask everyone to keep a look out for it!

It is a 2004 Czech Lavicka cello, reddish brown, and well maintained. The strings are Larsen and Spirocore Thomastic. The bow is a Dorfler, the case as pictured.

It was taken from right outside the door to my teaching room as I was locking up after dark shortly after 7.00 pm. Afterwards my adult student said that she saw a tall person walking right by the room, as she was leaving. (I was still packing up my things and did not see anyone).

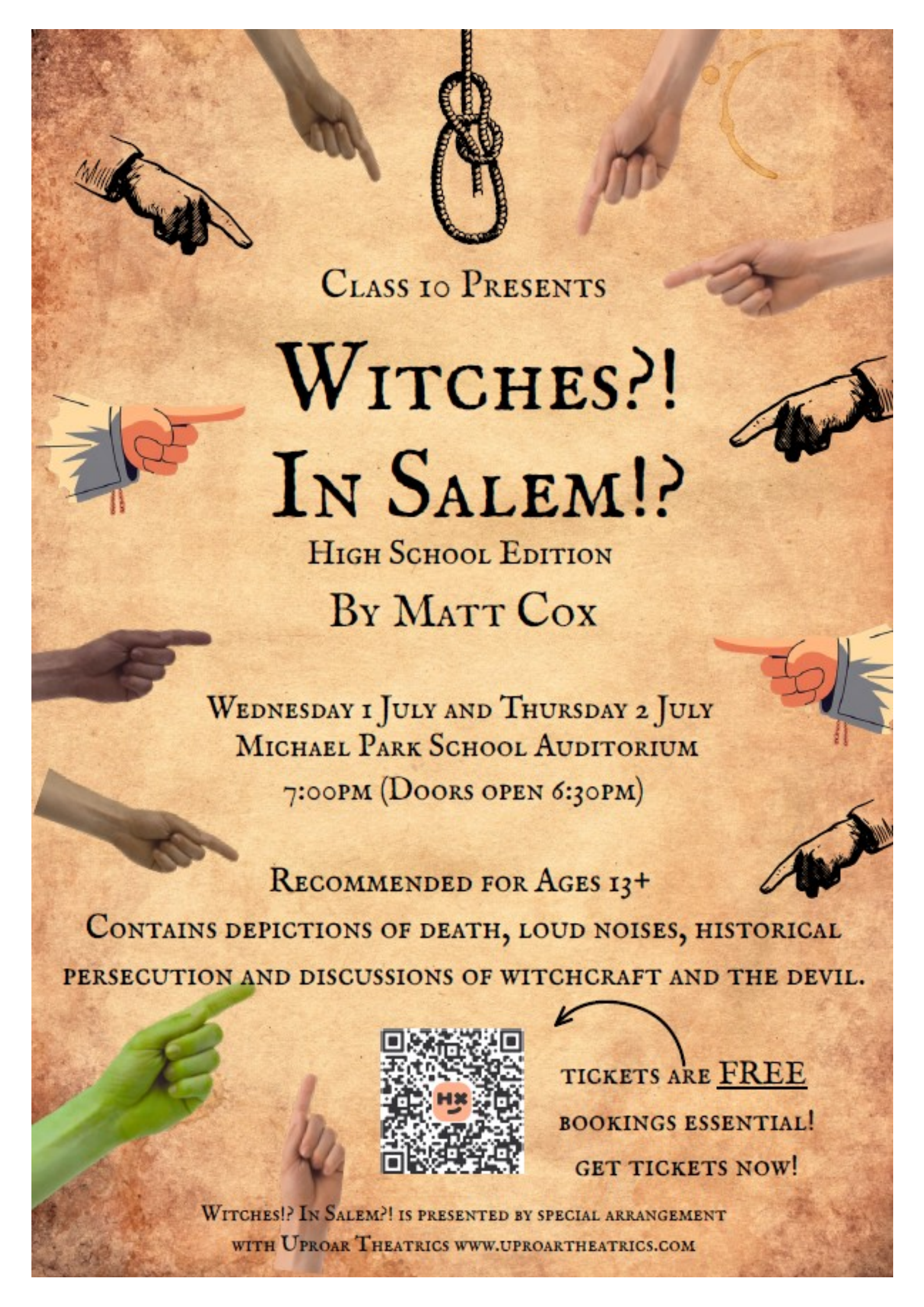
I am desperate to get it safely back, as it is my instrument of professional livelihood and creativity. Please, please let me know of any sightings or relevant information.

My phone number is 02108642113
Email heartstrings@outlook.co.nz

It could be returned anonymously to the police or a local business.

Kind regards,
Natarani Witten Hannah





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 THEATRICALS WWW.UPROARTHEATRICALS.COM

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.

CHARITY TEAM 40 HOUR CHALLENGE

This weekend is 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 no electricity, 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 exceeded our goal of \$3000!

From individual who signed up, sponsors, to the support as school fundraisers like the lunch bar, a total of **\$3279** has been raised for our Pacific neighbours.

However, the challenge is not over yet! If you would still like to donate to the schools fundraising page, you can go to fundraise.worldvision.org.nz, press donate and search for Michael Park School.

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.

Sincerely, thank you!

40 HOUR CHALLENGE **Disco**
FOR CLASSES 4-7
MUSIC
FOOD
HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS
LOCATED AT: MICHAEL PARK GYMNASIUM ROOM
26th of June 4pm - 6pm **TICKETS \$10 - DOOR SALE**
FOOD SOLD SEPARATELY

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!

40 Hour Challenge World Vision

Michael Park School

RAISED \$3,279 **OUR GOAL \$3,000**

Sponsor us

STEPPING UP: CLASS 12 STUDENTS TAKE ON LEADCONNECT

Violet, Edwinn and Joshua from Class 12 recently embraced the challenge of participating in the University of Waikato LEADConnect Programme. As part of the programme, students successfully completed the first-year university paper *Introduction to Leadership* while gaining valuable insights and practical ideas to support the service leadership component of their Class 12 Independent Project as well as their own personal development.

Joining more than 150 students from across the North Island, our students took part in three days of on-campus learning, complemented by online tutorials, academic readings, inspiring guest speakers, collaborative presentations, and reflective activities. Together, these experiences encouraged students to think critically about leadership and their own personal growth.

A key theme of LEADConnect was the idea that leadership is not defined by a title or position, but by service, influence, and the ability to positively impact others. Students were challenged to reflect on their strengths, values, and responses to adversity while developing practical skills they can apply within their school and wider communities.

Josh reflected:

"Personally, I found the LEADConnect programme to be more than just learning about being a 'good leader'. The course was filled with reflective tasks that gave me time to learn about myself and how I react to challenges. The programme taught me to see more three-dimensionally when faced with obstacles and tasks, giving me greater perspective and tools to become a better leader and individual."

Violet shared:

"I really enjoyed the LEADConnect programme because it gave me the opportunity to meet like-minded students and learn more about myself as a leader. The lessons, assignments, and discussions encouraged me to think differently about leadership — how it is not simply about authority, but also about influence and inspiring others. It was a valuable experience that challenged me to step outside my comfort zone and has changed the way I approach leadership in everyday situations."

Edwinn shared:

This year, I was enrolled in the Waikato Unistart paper, LEADConnect (Leadership Education and Development). In this paper, I learned about different definitions of leadership and what leadership means to me. I really enjoyed this Uni paper, and was able to learn so much about myself as a person as well as a leader. I had the opportunity to meet other like-minded students. It wasn't too time-consuming, and we were able to

get 15 University credits! Overall, it was a great experience, and I recommend this paper to next year's C12 students.

As part of the programme, students created reflective posters that capture key learning, insights, and leadership takeaways from their LEADConnect journey which can be viewed in reception.

We congratulate these students on their commitment to personal growth and leadership development and look forward to seeing how they apply their learning through their Independent Projects and in service to our school and wider community.



HELP NEEDED - \$100.00 REWARD!

At the class three lunch bar last Friday we accidentally took an EFTPOS payment in the amount of \$100.00.

Can you please check your bank statements, and if the payment has come from your account please contact Raewyn (raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz) with evidence of the payment from your account for repayment to you.

We sincerely apologise for this error and any inconvenience caused.

Many thanks, Class 3 parents



ODD SOCKS

What do you do with odd socks? The Handwork department would love to have them! Please bring donations of clean odd socks to the Handwork room. Thanks!

TE AO MĀORI

Matariki Herenga Waka – For Everyone

Each year, when the Matariki theme is announced, it is amazing to see just how fitting it is, building on the focus of the year before and providing an opportunity for reflection as well as celebration.

This year, the focus is on inclusivity and acknowledging that although we have all arrived at this point in time through different pathways, we are linked by our connection to this place. This Matariki is an opportunity to take a moment to acknowledge all the parts that make up the whole; like each star in the Matariki cluster, each one of us is unique, bringing with us our cultural traditions, our stories, histories, hopes and dreams, and all together we create a community.

Our celebrations in 2026 are especially meaningful in Tāmaki Makaurau because the national ceremonies, hautapu-a-motu, will be hosted locally by Ngāti Whātua Orākēi. The phrase chosen this year, *Matariki Herenga Waka – For Everyone*, is directly connected with the whakataukī *Tāmaki Herenga Waka – Tāmaki – the gathering place of many canoes*. While historically this references the many canoes that landed in Tāmaki/Auckland before travelling on to other parts of Aotearoa, on a more metaphorical level, it reminds us that all across the motu we are connected and this festival is for all of us.

We are at such a significant point in the modern revitalisation of this festival, with the opportunity to develop new and lasting ways to celebrate as a whānau and as a community, and it is beautiful to see these traditions building as we all together create and deepen meaning in our festivities.

Some Matariki tradition ideas:

- Attend a hautapu ceremony if you are able to – there are more happening around the motu each year.
- Visit the planetarium for one of their special Matariki events.
- Share stories with your whānau.
- Gather with friends for an early morning walk up a maunga to spot the Matariki cluster, before sharing a Matariki breakfast.
- Create a gratitude wall or hanging mobile for people to write down things they are grateful for.
- Have a special meal that incorporates all the foods representing the realms of the stars of the Matariki

cluster: seafood, freshwater foods, food from the earth, food from the trees.

- Rug up warm and cook on an outdoor fire.
- Watch the livestream of the ceremony on TVNZ+ from 6am on 10th July. This is so worth getting up early for!

Karakia to clear the space for Matariki celebrations to begin:

Waerea

Waerea te rangi e tū nei
Waerea te papa e takoto nei
Whakapūmautia tēnei kawa uruora
Te kawa ki a Matariki

Clear the sky above.
Clear the earth below.
Establish this sacred ceremony.
The ceremony of Matariki.

Whakataukī o te Wā

Matariki hunga nui – Matariki of the many people

Over the next few weeks, we will share more ideas for Matariki here in the Friday Flyer.



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.

Main Lessons

CLASS 11 FOOD CHEMISTRY

I feel like this was a very informative main lesson and I learnt a lot about the different kinds of foods I eat. I enjoyed making meals with my group while understanding the function it would serve in our diets. It didn't hurt that most of the food we made was delicious. (Zoe)



This main lesson was so much fun we made so much yummy food while also learning about how important the different food groups are important from your body. Thank you so much Mrs V for this main lesson!! (Evie)



We made good churros. With chocolate dip. (Jonathan)

We made REALLY good churros. The Teacher taught immaculately. We learnt lots about food and healthiness. (Benito)

Cooking was lots of fun, and I learnt who I can trust when it comes to making yummy food. I also learnt who is good at disguising their food so that you think it's edible, when really it's not. (Jett)

The food chemistry main lesson was super fun it was really awesome to be able to cook together as a class and see everyone's creations. As well as learn about how the food we made actually works inside our bodies. (Aurielle)

This main lesson was interesting to learn, but also a good bonding experience. Organising, cooking, and sharing together with everyone was fun. (Bianca)

I really enjoyed this main lesson! I feel like I learned a lot of information about various kinds of foods, and making meals with my group was also really fun (Harper)

Fun main lesson with a good medley of practical and theory work. Best main lesson of year 12.



For this main lesson greatly appreciate the combination of practical and theoretical chemistry. It made main lesson hand on and enjoyable, while I still got to understand the core concepts of food chemistry. So, thank you Mrs. Valyashko. (Klara)

The Food Chemistry main lesson inspired me to cook more at home, as it is something I'm not very good at. From chemistry perspective, I sometimes still talk about the different elements of food chemistry to my family, which makes me look very smart. (Emma)



It was refreshing to do all the practical work. To work with people I don't usually get to work with was really interesting. Eating good food was a big plus as well as learning so much information about what food is going into my body. Thank you Ms.V ☺ (Ruby)



CLASS 12 LUNCH SALE!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT CAUSE. SUPPORT OUR CLASS!



DATE:

Friday 26 June



TIME:

Lunchtime and Morning Tea



MENU:

Baking and Sausages



CASH AND CARD AVAILABLE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Michael Park School
Relate Create Inspire

TICKETS: FROM CLASS 2 WHANAU \$2

CLASS 2 FUNDRAISER 2026

WINTER WELLNESS RAFFLE!

BE IN TO WIN a Luxury Staycation at QT AUCKLAND

GRAND PRIZE

1 Night Stay for 2 Adults at Qt Auckland · 2x Boutique Cinema Tickets · Breakfast for Two at Esther Restaurant \$100 F&B Credit · Welcome Drink

PLUS HAMPERS & SPOT PRIZES



SPOT PRIZES

- Cort SFX-E Acoustic Electric Guitar
- 1hr Corporate Team Building Workshop at Elette's Music Academy
- Haircut And Blow Dry By Louise Davys Curionoir Voucher
- Japanese Tea & Soy Sauce
- Sound Therapy Session
- Artisan Baked Treats and more!

RELAX HAMPER Including:

- 60min Massage at Innerbloom
- Crushes Burnt Sage Hand-poured Candle
- Sans Body+Hand Butter
- Bathorium Eucalyptus Bath Soak
- Wheat Eye Pillow
- Hand-made Luxe Face Cloths
- Miann Macarons

KITCHEN HAMPER Including:

- Acme X Karen Walker Mugs
- Laguiole Cheese Knife Set
- Sophie Steevens
- Simple Wholefoods Cookbook
- Tempa Pizza Knife Set
- Bespoke Wooden Chopping Board
- Printed Tea Towels

HOME HAMPER Including:

- Downlights Fragranced Soy Candle
- Wild Jasmine Fragrance Diffuser
- Set of Plush Throw Blankets
- Sleep Socks
- Raffaello Chocolates
- Cotton Face Cloths

DRAW DATE: 24 July 2026

T&C APPLY

~ 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

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~ 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

July Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

**Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th
& Wednesday 15th July**
9am-3pm

MPS Handwork Room & Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)
Crafts galore and cooking/baking!

\$90 for 1x day
\$170 for 2 x days, \$240 for 3 x days

Limited spaces available.
Book now to secure your space.
michellemullany@gmail.com
022 127 6551

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Borrow box is a kid's miniature library** where you can borrow books and return them with no due date. Open every Saturday from Saturday 4th July 12-3pm, outside 8 Malabar drive. Come and borrow a book!
- **Caregiver & Child Journalling Workshop** in the school holidays, Wednesday 10th July, 4-5.30pm. Held at Karigar Lane Craft Cafe, 165 Parnell Road. Visit arte-creative-nz.myshopify.com for details and registration.
- The **Class 9 Farm Experience Programme** has run at Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School for over 20 years, and we are currently seeking additional farm placements for our 2026 cohort. This year we have a particularly large class of 36 students, and we would like to connect with farming families, rural landowners, or others involved in rural enterprises who may be interested in hosting students for two weeks in September for this valuable educational experience. [Please click here for more information about the programme.](#)

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



Michael Park School

Michael Park Hoodies, Beanies & Hat Online Ordering System

<https://funto.co.nz/shop> → Scroll down and click on MPS Logo



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



WOLL Wolly knit Beanie
\$31



Bondi bucket hat
\$18.50
Sizes Available
Small Med Large




CH1462 - Kids School Wide Brim Hat NAVY
\$23
Sizes Available
Med XL




All orders will be delivered to Michael Park School

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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.

