



COMING EVENTS

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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
Sunday 5 July	Class 3 Football Breakfast Fundraiser
Monday 20 July	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 21 July	RSST meeting 6pm
Friday 24 July	Matariki Breakfast

Celebrating our Principal Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika Tamaseu in recognition of his Matai title



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

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.

Food for thought from the RSST

Takurua Festival Reflection

Written by Louise Davys, RSST member

Last Friday evening at Michael Park School we came together as a community to celebrate our very special winter festival – Takurua Festival.

The Takurua festival is a combination of our customary lantern and spiral festivals which occur every year at the winter solstice.

Solstices are turning points, and traditionally the Winter solstice is a very sacred and reverent time of the year. It marks the longest night whereby the sun is at its lowest point in the sky, and with that, the returning of the light as we begin our journey out of the winter darkness towards the longest day at the Summer solstice.

Spiritually speaking this is a time of hope, endurance and rebirth. It is an invitation to turn inwards and embrace the stillness, while trusting that the light will inevitably return.

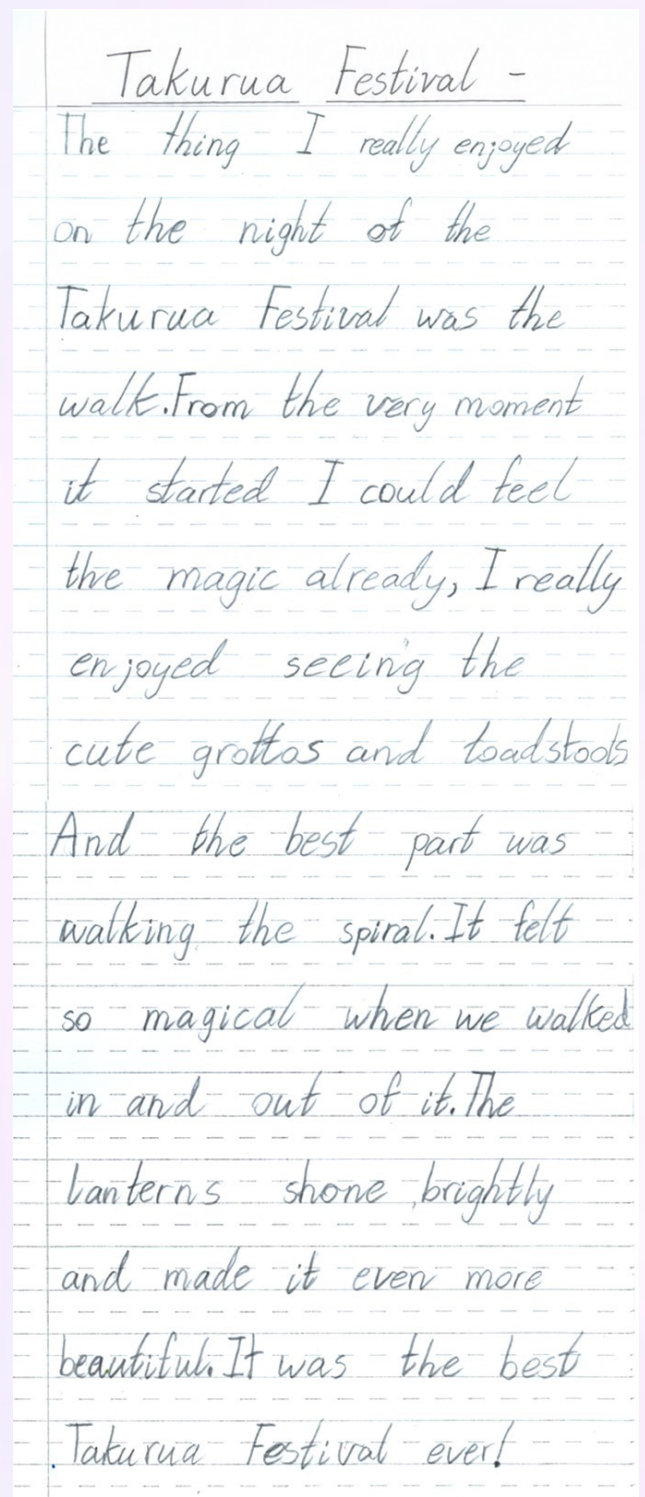
It is in times of darkness that we are reminded that we each carry a light of hope within us. There are moments in our lives where we are called to search deep within ourselves, to shore up our inner resources, and remember that we each have the courage and strength to find hope within ourselves, even in our darkest days.

Walking the spiral together is symbolic of this inward and outward journey.

Rudolf Steiner saw the spiral as an image of the seasons. As we enter the spiral, we journey towards the darkness and depth of winter. The winter solstice is symbolised by the centre of the spiral, where we pause for a moment of contemplation, taking note of the flame we find there as a symbol of the light we each carry within us. It is here that we reflect on how we will carry that light forward as we journey out of the darkness and through the seasons of spring and summer, until we reach the peak of light at the Summer Solstice.

Being able to participate collectively in this sacred festival is a beautiful reminder that we are not alone. We are fortunate to be surrounded by a wonderful, heartfelt community that supports us, lifts us up, and helps carry us through our darkest times when we feel we can't make it alone.

Please feel free to contact the RSST to share your thoughts or comments. rsst@michaelpark.school.nz



Story and artwork by Tara An, Class 3





TE AO MĀORI

Matariki Celebrations

Karakia for Matariki

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi

Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau.

Whano, whano

Haramai te toki ata huakirangi

Haumi e

Hui e

Tāiki e!

Celebrate the rising of Matariki

Celebrate the lord of the skies

Celebrate the new year

Unite, unite

And bring forth the dawn

Together

In union

We are one!

Matariki ki te rangi, Matariki ki te whenua e!

All over the motu, communities are preparing to hold hautapu ceremonies to acknowledge all the whetū within the Matariki cluster. The hautapu is a traditional ceremony where kai has been cooked overnight, traditionally in a Te Umu Kohukohu Whetū (the star-feeding oven). In the early morning when everyone gathers, karakia are said and the covers are lifted off the food. The steam (kohukohu) that rises symbolises the spiritual feeding of the stars through the four elements within our taiao that are associated with specific whetū of Matariki; **Tipuānuku** - food from the earth, like kūmara and root vegetables; **Tipuārangi**: food from the sky like berries; **Waitī & Waitā**: food from fresh and saltwater such as seafood. After this traditionally tohunga will then read the stars to predict the year ahead.

This year, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei have an open invitation for people to join the National Hautapu Ceremony on Friday 10 July from 5:30am, at Takaparawhau, Bastion Point – Michael Savage Park. This is a free event. This event will also be televised live.

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.



SLANZA READERS CUP

On Tuesday this week, four of our Class 08 students participated in the regional SLANZA Readers Cup competition. Tui, Maiharo, Juana, and Sam had to read a set list of books and then answer some quite obscure trivia questions about each one. For most of the competition, they held second place. However, sadly, our experts were not quite as well versed in the last two texts. The event was a lot of fun, and now that we know what is expected, we are all keen to return next year better prepared.



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TITANIC
A Michael Park School Ball

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Class 9 Lunch Bar

Friday 3 July

Morning Tea

MINI SAVOURIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS

HOME BAKING

Lunch

NACHOS
Veggie & meat options
Choose between corn chips or rice

GUACAMOLE & CHIPS

HOME BAKING

Class 3

World Cup Breakfast

Sunday 5th July

Join Us!

FIFA World Cup 2026™ Round of 16 – Live on the Big Screen

Doors open: 8.30am
Kick off: 9.00am

Ellerslie Football Club
46 Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie

- Bacon Butties
- Sausage Sandies
- Fruit Muffins
- Breakfast Smoothies
- Vegan Treats
- Coffee and hot drinks available from the clubhouse

FREE ENTRY
Fundraising for Class 3

Dress in your team colours!

A great morning of football, breakfast and community spirit - see you there!

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 Ellette'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 ~

COMMUNITY CHOIR

A joyful rhythm to your week!

Mondays | 7:00-8:00pm

Where | Term Time

Come sing with us!

A joyful, uplifting space to breathe, connect, and sing together!
Open to parents, staff, alumni, and our wider community!

The more the merrier!

No singing experience needed — just bring your voice!!

**suggested koha \$5 - \$10*



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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **The Malabar borrow box is opening 4th July!** (Open 12pm to 3pm). This is a miniature children's library where you can borrow a book with no due date. Run by former student Isla and assisted by current class 3 student Matilda. Outside 8 Malabar drive every Saturday. Come and borrow a book!
- **Caregiver & Child Journaling 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.](#)

Enjoy a creative day of play with Susannah.

For 5 and 6-year old children.

**On Monday 6th July, Tuesday 7th July,
Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July.**

**We welcome children in at 8.30am.
Our day will finish at 3.00pm.**

We will be using STEINER HOUSE with its lovely garden at 104 Michaels Ave for our special time together.

**And we will be singing,
dancing, storytelling, crafting
and having a wonderfully
creative experience together.**

**\$90 per day or \$160 for
children attending 2 days.**



**To book email SUSANNAH at
susannahm@michaelpark.school.nz OR phone
0210412082**

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



23 June 2026

Work Notification – Footpath, kerb, channel and vehicle crossing works along Amy Street, Ellerslie

Kia ora,

We'd like to let you know about the upcoming road maintenance work along Amy Street, Downer will be carrying out these works on behalf of Auckland Transport (AT).

The work we're doing

What we'll be doing	Footpath, kerb, channel and vehicle crossing reinstatement works
Where	Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland The drawings overleaf show where we'll be working. Work area is indicative.
When (start date)	29 th June 2026 Factors such as wet weather could mean a delayed start. If the delay is significant, we'll notify you.
Hours of work	7am – 7pm
For (duration)	8 weeks
What to expect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced on-street parking in and around the work area. 24 hours prior to works starting 'no parking' cones will be installed. • If we are completing works in front of your property access will be restricted the days of the concrete pours (1 day for the channel and 1 day for the vehicle crossing). • One side of the footpath will be closed.

Temporary Traffic Management

We will use a mix of temporary traffic signs (like stop/go signs) and traffic lights, and a lower speed limit. We do this to keep traffic moving, and keep people who use the roads and footpaths safe. Traffic controllers will help to manage vehicle access.

You'll need to reduce your speed when you're driving through the area. Please follow all signs, light signals and traffic directions. On-street parking will be limited while we carry out the work. You may need to either park on your property or on a side road and walk to your property.

Temporary vehicle access to your property will be maintained, however if we are completing vehicle crossing works this access won't be available on the day of concrete pours and whilst the concrete cures. Residents will be contacted prior to the concrete pours to help accommodate any specific needs.

Work location map



Contact Us

Get in touch with us on 09 355 3553 if you have any questions or concerns about this work.

To learn more about how we maintain roads go to our website: www.at.govt.nz/road-maintenance

We would appreciate your feedback on how we delivered this work. Continuous improvement is important to us and your feedback will help us review how we plan and deliver road maintenance works in the future. You can provide us with feedback by completing a short survey (1-2 minutes) by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation whilst we carry out these essential works

Ngā mihi,

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