



COMING EVENTS

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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 Blessing & Breakfast
Friday 24 July	Kapa Haka Group Lunch Bar
Friday 24 July	Class 2 Winter Wellness Raffle draw, 2:15pm at school
Monday 27 July	Board Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 28 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 28 July	Class 8, 9, 10 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 29 July	Helping Hands Parent Group Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday 30 July	Vanessa McHardy Parent Talk
Friday 31 July	Class 6 Lunch Bar

parent information evening that is open to everyone. You can find more information about Vanessa in this week's flyer.

Finally whanau, thank you for your continued support throughout the term. Wishing you all a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming our students and whānau back at the beginning of next term.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki

**NAU MAI HĀERE MAI
KI TE KURA O WAIATARUA MŌ MATARIKI**

Come and join us for Matariki celebrations at Michael Park School

Friday, 24th of July

**Matariki blessing and potluck breakfast
6.30am start in the Eurythmy Room**

*Ngā mihi nui ki ā Whaea Beverly Findlay mō ngā mahi toi o Matariki
A big thank you to Whaea Beverly Findlay for the Matariki artwork*

Kia ora whānau,

As we wrap up this term, what a fantastic way to finish with our Class 10 play. It was an enjoyable, funny and entertaining production that had everyone laughing. Congratulations to all of our talented students for their outstanding performances, and a special thank you to Ms Reid for her dedication, guidance and support throughout this journey. We are incredibly proud of what they achieved together.



Looking ahead to next term, we warmly invite all whānau to join us for our Matariki Blessing and Potluck Breakfast on the first Friday back. Beginning at 6.30am, this special gathering is a meaningful opportunity to come together as a community to share food, reflect and celebrate Matariki. Further information will be shared once school resumes.

In Week 2, we are also excited to welcome Vanessa McHardy, a child and adolescent wellbeing specialist, educator and speaker with almost 25 years of experience supporting schools and families in children's mental health, healthy relationships and digital wellbeing. Vanessa will be presenting Strong Girls, Strong Friendships for our Class 5-7 female students, followed by a

SEEKING BITS & BOBS FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Hi mighty hunter gatherer people! The out door classroom needs:

- Sticks and logs up to a metre long. (Mallet making etc)
- Buckets of wild clay (brick making)
- Fresh bamboo all sizes
- And interesting seed pods
- Pebbles and shells (respectfully borrowed)
- Drift wood
- Mentos tins

All will be very gratefully accepted. These can be dropped off to the woodpile area which is up past Zane and Chris's work area.

Thank you,
Kirsten



Main Lessons

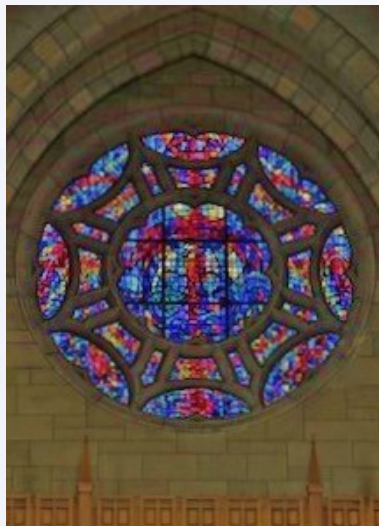
CLASS 11 COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Over the past four weeks, Class 11 has been studying different religions and spiritual paths from around the world. We have had an interesting time looking at the core concepts of these religions and how they are practised in life today. Two speakers came to visit and we also went on two trips, which helped to bring the religions to life for us.

Mrs Todd



Photos from the Dorje Chang Institute Buddhist Monastery and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHES UNBEATEN

The girls football team ended another fantastic season with a win over St Kentigens College. The team has shown great commitment all year and this has helped them to achieve a perfect season, with 8 wins and no losses.

A big thank you to Malachi Davies for his support with coaching, Jett McColl for his role as the student manager and referee, and to all of the parents who helped ferry these girls all over Auckland.

Well done to this amazing group of girls!



TE AO MĀORI

Matariki Celebrations

Aerenga kōrero o te Wā:

Mānawatia a Matariki – Welcome Matariki; Matariki blessings.

Ngā mihi o Matariki: Matariki greetings.

A Matariki reflection

Recently, I heard a Māori academic speaking about Matariki, and he said something that really struck a chord. He spoke about how Matariki celebrations didn't need to be a big thing, that sometimes what we need is to rest and rejuvenate at this time of year, and that is ok. But, he said, it is life-enhancing to take the time to connect with the three main elements of Matariki: remembrance, appreciating the 'now', and planning for the future.

It reminded me of the write-up we shared last year from Matua Troy at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School about looking to the taiao as well as the stars at this time of year. Sometimes it is the things we do quietly, such as the noticing of and taking guidance from the natural world, that are the most rejuvenating. Here are his words again: 'As we look to the stars to read what the year ahead holds for us, it is also a time to look to the whenua to feel what is happening in the realm of Tāne. The slowing down of the plants and trees is a tohu for us to do the same thing. In our busy lives, Matariki is also a time of self-reflection and a time to recalibrate, which is what the children of Tāne are doing in their own way! The plants seem like they are asleep, however they are gathering energy to prepare for what needs to happen in the time of Koanga – Spring...*Me huritao whaiaro tātou – a time for self-reflection and replenishment for us all.*'

Wishing you a restful and joyful Matariki e te whānau whānui.

Ngā manaakitanga
Whaea Kura



“Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki.

To honour or celebrate Matariki when it rises in the sky.”

Tā Pou Temara



Strong Girls, Strong Friendships

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
with VANESSA MCHARDY

- THURSDAY 30TH JULY
- 7PM
- MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



The teenage years are a time of incredible growth, but they can also bring challenges as friendships become more complex. Many girls will experience exclusion, gossip, friendship groups changing, social media drama, or “mean girl” behaviours at some point. While these experiences can be painful, they also present an opportunity to learn the skills needed to build healthy, respectful relationships.



Parents are invited to attend an evening session that explores the social and emotional world of adolescent girls, why friendship challenges have become more complex in the age of smartphones and social media, and how parents can best support their daughters through these experiences. Parents will leave with practical, evidence-informed strategies to help their daughters develop resilience, confidence and healthy relationships.

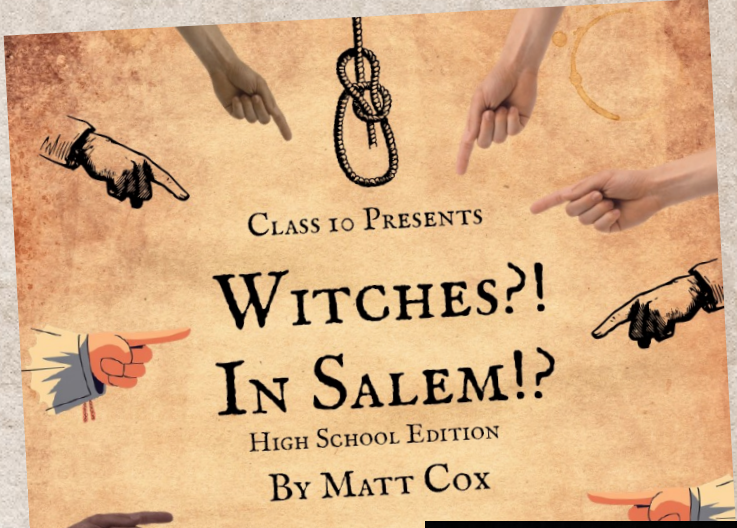


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is a child and adolescent wellbeing specialist, educator and speaker with almost 25 years' experience supporting schools and families in children's mental health, healthy relationships and digital wellbeing.



Empowering girls. Building resilience. Strengthening friendships. ♥



A review: "As a born and raised New Englander, I was intrigued by this version of the Salem witch trials and history. So much to like about your work! The minimalist set was manipulated effectively, and the creative use of the OHP was a clever way to enhance the storytelling. It is particularly impressive that this production was staged by a single year group! The performances were engaging throughout. I especially enjoyed the freeze-frame scenes, which were visually striking and added a dramatic impact. The unexpected moment of silence at the end was also very effective, providing a thoughtful moment amongst the comedic relief. Congratulations to the director for guiding this cast to such a polished and engaging performance. It was clear that a great deal of hard work and creativity had gone into this production. Well done to everyone involved."



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CLASS TIMES

FRIDAYS

1:30 - 2:30PM

In the Library

Spaces are limited.
Enrol early to secure a spot!

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Improves focus, memory and concentration.
- 2 BUILDS CHARACTER**
Teaches patience, resilience and good sportsmanship.
- 3 DEVELOPS SKILLS**
Enhances problem solving, creativity and strategy.

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Spaces are limited



QUESTIONS?

Visit:
chesspower.co.nz
Click Parents Centre

Register at: www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

CHESS POWER — BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH CHESS

World Cup Breakfast

Sunday 5th July

Join Us!

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

FRANCE vs PARAGUAY

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, food and community spirit - see you there!



TICKETS:
\$2
FROM CLASS 2 WHANAU

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

to order, please contact

sylviavastag@icloud.com

~ Thank you for supporting our class ~

Crafts wanted for the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party

Helping Hands are once again organising a stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party. We are looking for:

- Handmade Steiner inspired crafts (similar to what is sold at Snapdragon) to sell as part of our stall. There is no charge for the stall or eftpos hire, but 20% of your proceeds will go towards school fundraising
- Handmade Steiner inspired \$3 lucky dip donations (similar to school fair lucky dip items)

Festival date:
Sunday 14th September



For questions, more information, and expressions of interest please contact
Claire Valkenborg 027 2965390

A CLASS 3 FUNDRAISER

TEACHER-ONLY-DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM AMBURY FARM

43 AMBURY ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE

FOR TAMARIKI IN
CLASS 3-7



28 AUGUST
DROP OFF AT 9:00
PICK UP AT 14:30

\$ 65
OR \$ 55
EACH FOR 2 OR
MORE SIBLINGS



WHAT'S ON?

- COOKING
- PUTTING UP TENTS
- BIRD WATCHING
- WALKS
- TRADITIONAL GAMES

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WITH MPS CLASS 3
PARENT HELPERS

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- During the **October holidays**, Eurythmy Aotearoa will be training and presenting work at MPS. Three (mature) students are still looking for a **house sit** from Sunday 27 September to Saturday 17 October. They will water your plants, feed the cat, gather the mail and leave the house tidy. If interested, please contact Anne on 021 065 3882.
- **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 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.

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

Sorry, we no longer publish graphic advertisements, except for Michael Park School activities, class fundraisers and Steiner-related events.



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

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



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!

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Thank you for your support.
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Always wanted to learn how to
make artisan sourdough but
thought it was too hard?

Sourdough Bread Making Workshop

Saturday 18th July
10am-1pm
10 Rawhiti Road, One Tree Hill

Learn the basics of making a really great and easy
sourdough including: making and maintaining a successful
starter, shaping and baking your loaves with artisanal flair,
adding flavourings, creating other favourites such as your
own sourdough pizza bases and more!
To finish, a lunch of homemade soup and freshly baked
sourdough, warm from the oven.
You will take home an active rye starter, notes with tips and
tricks for delicious bread - and the confidence to start
baking your own sourdough!

Suggested donation range: \$50-\$75 per person
All the proceeds go to
The Christian Community

Registration is essential & spaces are limited!
For more information or to register, please email:
christiancommunityauckland@gmail.com