



COMING EVENTS

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Monday 27 July	Board Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 28 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 28 July	Class 8, 9, 10, 12 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
Tuesday 4 August	Kindy & Rose Cottage Parent Meetings
Wednesday 5 August	Open Day
Friday 7 August	Class 5 Lunch Bar

Kia ora whānau,

Nau mai hoki mai ki te wāhanga tuatoru. A very warm welcome back, It has been wonderful to have our students and staff back on site this week. There has been a real sense of excitement as everyone has settled back into the rhythm of school life.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Matariki blessing and hikoi this morning. It was truly special to see such a large gathering of our community come together to acknowledge Matariki, reflect on the year that has been, and look forward with hope and purpose to the months ahead. Thank you for sharing the special occasion with us.

Next week promises to be another busy and exciting one. We are delighted to welcome 48 high school students from Japan, who will spend a week as part of our high school community through an international exchange programme. We know they will enjoy experiencing life at our kura, and we thank our host families and staff for making them feel so welcome.

Alongside this, we look forward to Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences, High School class meetings, and a Parent presentation on Wednesday evening. There is certainly plenty happening, and we appreciate the ongoing partnership and support of our families as we work together for the benefit of our young people.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to another wonderful week together.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

CLASS 3 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

As part of their Shelter Building Main Lesson, Class 3 have been creating tiny dwellings for the real and imaginary creatures that call Treelands home. Keep an eye out next time you're wandering through - you might just spot one of these magical little homes tucked away amongst the trees!



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, from Kirsten

TE AO MĀORI

Te Reo Club update and Hemi Kelly visit rescheduled:

We are sorry to say that due to teacher commitments this term and next, **Wednesday 12 August** will be the last Te Reo Club of the year. The library will be open on Wednesday afternoons until then, so students are welcome to continue to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative, whether through pitching the idea, attending, providing food, or offering valuable tautoko. We are very appreciative of your aroha, and grateful to see the enthusiasm for te reo Māori in the school and community. We look forward to continuing to support these initiatives in whatever ways we can.

Details of final Te Reo Club of the year:

Hēmi Kelly talk

12 August, 3.30-4.30pm

Michael Park School Library.

Shared kai and cuppa afterward.

All students, whānau and wider school community welcome.

Please RSVP to kurar@michaelpark.school.nz if you are interested in coming along, so we have an idea of numbers.

Hēmi Kelly 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. Come and get inspired in your own te reo Māori journey.

Kupu Whakarite o te Wā

Manawa tītī: Having the heart of a muttonbird; used to describe someone with great endurance and stamina.



CONGRATULATIONS AMU & VIVIAN

During the school holidays, Amu Wei (Class 6) and Vivian Wei (Class 4) travelled to Hong Kong with The Cloud Children's Choir to participate in the World Choir Festival – Hong Kong.

The choir received two Gold Awards:

- Gold Award in the Children's Choir Category
- Gold Award in the Contemporary Music Category

It was a very meaningful experience for both of them. They worked extremely hard in preparation for the competition, and we are very proud of their dedication, teamwork and achievement.



PAT HANLY CREATIVITY AWARDS

Congratulations to Noah Rolston and Aurelia Kment in C12 for being selected to represent our kura at this year's Pat Hanly Creativity Awards. A further well done to Aurelia for having her painting chosen to be on the poster for the event.

The Pat Hanly Creativity Awards exhibition is held at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. It opens on the evening of Friday 7th August (6:00-9:00pm) with the Young Gallery Night and runs through to Sunday 13th September. The Young Gallery Night is FREE to attend and EVERYONE is welcome. All students who submitted artwork for the Pat Hanly project will have their artwork projected on the wall inside the Gallery during Young Gallery Night! The night is going to be full of exciting activations from many universities, plus hands on workshops, live music and an Ice Cream Social to satisfy those with a sweet tooth. Please visit the Auckland Art Gallery website for more details.

CLASS 7 WRITERS WORKSHOP

Last term we had the opportunity to take some keen Class 7 writers along to Auckland Library for a workshop with Sonya Wilson. Sonya is the author of two books for middle school readers - Spark Hunter and The Secret Green. This was a great opportunity to learn about her process and she had lots of great tips for budding writers.

This was a practical workshop and the students were set to work straight away. As a parent I was struck by the respect she showed all of the students, with an assumption that they were all great writers and her recommendation they should read broadly.

Ngā mihi nui to Kura Rutherford and Remuera Library for the opportunity and to Aika Sakanouchi for driving us.

Alice Newman

Check out Sonya and her books here: [Sonya Wilson | Writer](#)



Class 7 FUNDRAISER 2026 The Village Press Gift Packs



MIXED GIFT PACK

\$35/pack (3 x 250 ml bottles)

1 x FIRST PRESS: Delicate and smooth; use in a wide range of dishes or just for dunking fresh, hot bread.

1 x GLOBAL VILLAGE SPAIN: A mild oil with delicate fruity and fresh character. This highly versatile extra virgin olive oil is a cupboard staple.

1 x TRUFFLE-INFUSED OLIVE OIL: The luxury of truffles, with earthy tones, this oil lifts any dish to a new level of indulgence.



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1 x GARLIC INFUSED OIL: Adds depth of flavour to any dish. Added to mashed potatoes or fūmarā, it will never be the same.

1 x LEMON INFUSED OIL: Perfect for salad dressings, chicken and fish, or pour over vanilla bean ice cream; top with grated lemon zest and a pinch of sea salt.

Order: 20th July – 7th August (weeks 1–3)

Delivery: 24th – 28th August (week 6)

To order, please contact:

Melanie, gatt.melanie@gmail.com

Alice, alicengairenewman@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our class!

JOIN THE MPS RUN CLUB

FREE!

ORGANISED BY
MOLLY AND ABI FROM CLASS 10

We run around the duck pond, back field and YMCA area every Tuesday after school from **3pm to 3:30/4pm.**

Meet at the bottom of the staff carpark, under the willow tree.

Students from Class 5 and up are welcome to join us.

Build stamina and ability, while having fun

Any questions, contact Molly:
m.marjoribanks@michaelpark.school.nz

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

REGISTER TODAY!

Spaces are limited



QUESTIONS?

Visit:
chesspower.co.nz
Click Parents Centre

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

ELLERSLIE WAR MEMORIAL 134/138 MAIN HIGHWAY

YIN & SOUND

Come stretch and unwind with us this Sunday evening in Ellerslie. Combining the deep, gentle poses of yin yoga with the soft, soothing sounds of singing bowls and chimes, this hour-long session is the perfect way to close out your weekend.

Please bring a yoga mat and blanket plus any additional supports you desire (e.g., bolster/blocks/pillow).
\$10 from every ticket goes to support Michael Park School class one.

SUN JULY 26TH 7:30-8:30pm \$25 PER PERSON

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



REGISTER AT:

ANISHAKULKARNI@KEAPSYCHOLOGY.CO.NZ

WHAT'S ON?

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

INSRUCTOR-LED
WITH MPS CLASS 3
PARENT HELPERS

DOLL MAKING COURSE

WITH NINA HAMILL

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL WALDORF STEINER INSPIRED DOLL
FOR YOUR CHILD OR WHANAU
IN JUST ONE WEEKEND

AUGUST 22 & 23
OR OCTOBER 17 & 18
OR NOVEMBER 28 & 29

9AM - 2PM BOTH DAYS
COURSE COST : \$150
TEA AND BISCUITS PROVIDED

MICHAEL PARK HANDWORK ROOM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW: NININOSCH@GMAIL.COM

A MINIMUM OF 4 DOLL MAKERS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE TO GO AHEAD



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 Valkenburg 027 2965390

COMMUNITY CHOIR

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Mondays | 7:00-8:00pm

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We warmly invite you to come along and join us for our

Community & Family Sundays 2026

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of the Human Being**
If you need childcare so that you can attend the service please contact
Cheryl (cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)

11.30am **Family and Community Time**
With singing and story, and
The Sunday Service for Children

Followed by shared lunch. Please bring food to share.

Sundays in 2026

2nd August

6th September

4th October (Michaelmas Festival)

1st November

29th November (Advent Festival)

27th December (Christmas Festival)



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;
hartmutborries@gmail.com 021 259 8555
or cheryl.n.p@gmail.com 021 023 20932*

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**TARUNA
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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



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.



Vanessa McHardy

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. ♥