



### COMING EVENTS

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| <b>Tuesday 4 August</b>    | <b>Kindy &amp; Rose Cottage Parent Meetings</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 5 August</b>  | <b>Open Day</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday 7 August</b>     | <b>Class 5 Lunch Bar</b>                        |
| <b>10-14 August</b>        | <b>Lower School Dental Van</b>                  |
| <b>10-14 August</b>        | <b>Library Week</b>                             |
| <b>Tuesday 11 August</b>   | <b>High School Info Evening 6.30</b>            |
| <b>Wednesday 12 August</b> | <b>Book Character Parade 9.50am</b>             |
| <b>Wednesday 12 August</b> | <b>Hēmi Kelly Talk 3.30pm</b>                   |
| <b>Friday 14 August</b>    | <b>Class 12 Lunch Bar</b>                       |

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been another wonderful week at Michael Park School, filled with connection, friendship and rich cultural exchange.



This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming students from Yokohama Suiryō Junior & Senior High School to our community. Their visit has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn from one another, build new friendships and experience another culture firsthand.

Yesterday, our Class 4, 5 and 6 students thoroughly enjoyed spending time with groups of our Japanese visitors, participating in a range of shared classroom activities. They have also been joining lessons in the High School, where they have been partnered with our Class 9 students. Thank you to our Class 9 students for being such welcoming and thoughtful hosts.

A very sincere thank you also goes to all of our whānau who have opened their homes to host our visitors. Your generosity, hospitality and care are greatly appreciated and play such an important role in making this exchange a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be hosting our Open Day next week, where we will have the opportunity to showcase our beautiful school and the unique education we offer.

As we start to work through enrolment applications for 2027, you will receive an email from me next week asking about your child's intentions for schooling next year. Any indication that

your family may be considering a move to another school is extremely helpful for our planning and enrolment processes. While we appreciate that some families may still be making decisions, any information you are able to provide will assist us greatly as we prepare for the year ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school and our community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki | Principal





# LIBRARY NEWS

## Library Week and Book Week - combined celebration

This year, New Zealand is celebrating its inaugural Aotearoa NZ Book Week. This follows immediately after SLANZA Library Week, so we are making the most of it and celebrating for two weeks.

This should be a fun few weeks, and includes the return of Book Character Day, thanks to the Charity Team, as well as several speakers, and lunchtime activities. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of books!



## TE AO MĀORI

### Te Reo Club update and Hemi Kelly visit rescheduled:

Due to teacher commitments this term and next term, our talk by Hēmi Kelly on **Wednesday 12 August** will be the last Te Reo Club of the year.

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.

### Hēmi Kelly talk

**12 August**, 3.30-4.30pm

Michael Park School Library.

Shared kai and cuppa afterward – please bring a plate.

**All** students, whānau and wider school community welcome.

Please RSVP to [kurar@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto: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.



Combined celebrations from

10 August-21 August

for

# LIBRARY & BOOK WEEK



### Events:

#### August 12

- Hēmi Kelly 3.30pm school library
- Book Character Day is back! This is a charity team initiative.

#### August 17, 18 and 20

- Lunchtime Storytime with our student librarians school library (Class 1 up)

#### August 19

Author Sonya Wilson

- Book Talk lunchtime (Class 5 up)
- writing workshops P5&6 for high school

Book image by Rosa May Rutherford @deansworkshop on Instagram.

# BOOK CHARACTER DAY!

On Wednesday the 12th of August come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Please bring a gold coin donation for the Kiwi Christmas Book charity. Parade at 9:50 so please dress up!



Charity Team Initiative





## CONGRATULATIONS VIOLET

Last Friday evening Violet (Class 12) competed in the senior section of the South Auckland Performing Arts Competitions. She came first in both of her classes (contemporary and own choice) and won both the Senior Strings Championship and Most Promising String Player awards.



## Class 2 Raffle - THANK you!

Kia ora Michael Park families.

A huge mihi from Class 2 for your support of our raffle. The children hustled really hard, and we appreciate you accommodating them repeatedly asking you to buy tickets!

The raffle was drawn last Friday and there were quite a few winners from within the school.

Thank you again for your support.



Michael Park Hoodies, Beanies & Hat  
Online Ordering System

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

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| <p>Hoodies Adult - \$69<br/>Hoodies Kids - \$67.50</p> | <p>WOLL Wolly knit Beanie<br/>\$31</p> | <p>Bondi bucket hat<br/>\$18.50<br/>Sizes Available<br/>Small Med Large</p> | <p>CH1462 - Kids School Wide Brim Hat NAVY<br/>\$23<br/>Sizes Available<br/>Med XL</p> |
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All orders will be delivered to Michael Park School  
For order assistance: Call: 027 5265321 email: [sup@funto.co.nz](mailto:sup@funto.co.nz)

All prices are inclusive of GST.



## 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.



### INFUSED GIFT PACK

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

1 x CHILLI INFUSED OIL: Use on just about anything. The smoky heat is so balanced it will lift the food's flavour.

1 x GARLIC INFUSED OIL: Adds depth of flavour to any dish. Added to mashed potatoes or fūmāra, 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](mailto:m.marjoribanks@michaelpark.school.nz)

# PAT HANLY

## CREATIVITY AWARDS 2026



SHOWCASING SENIOR STUDENTS  
FROM TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

**8 Aug–13 Sep 2026**



This project was made possible with the generous support of our education partners:  
The Frisland Foundation, the Open Church for Schools Fund, the Sir William and Lady  
Lisa Murdoch Charitable Trust, the Crow Foundation and Four Walls.

Pat Hanly Long Island  
Pat Hanly Art Gallery for a Thematic gift of  
Donna and Lisa Hanly and family, 2022

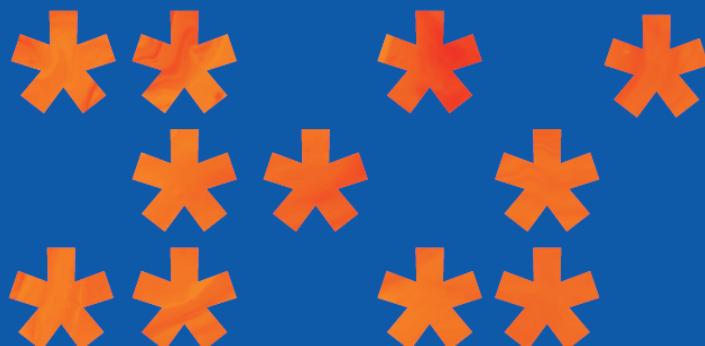
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# YOUNG GALLERY NIGHT

**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST  
6PM–9PM**



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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](mailto:ANISHAKULKARNI@KEAPSYCHOLOGY.CO.NZ)

### WHAT'S ON?

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

INSRUCTOR-LED  
WITH MPS CLASS 3  
PARENT HELPERS

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FOR YOUR CHILD OR WHANAU  
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### CLASS TIMES

FRIDAYS

1:30 - 2:30PM

In the Library

Spaces are limited.  
Enrol early to secure a spot!

### WHY CHESS?

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

Register at: [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)



### QUESTIONS?

Visit:  
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Click Parents Centre

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

*A joyful rhythm to your week!*

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