



COMING EVENTS

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15-21 August Book Week

Friday 21 August Class 1 Lunch Bar

Friday 21 August Cultural Festival at 1pm

Tuesday 25 August Class 8 Play at 7pm

Wednesday 26 August Class 8 Play at 7pm

Friday 28 August MID-TERM BREAK

**28-29 August NIWA Science Fair
Public viewing 6pm-8pm Friday
10am-4pm Saturday**

community. It promises to be a special afternoon and we hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy the rest of the week, whānau. We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki | Principal



FAIR MEETING (Class Coordinators)

On the 9th September (Wednesday) there will be a Fair Coordinators meeting at 6.00pm in the staff room. If the class fair coordinator cannot attend then at least 1 representative from that class must attend.

Any queries please contact fairadmin@michaepark.school.nz

Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to our new Tuesday Pānui.

You may have noticed that we have moved from our Friday Flyer to a new Tuesday publication. We are still working on finding the right name for it, so watch this space.



We thought moving our pānui to Tuesday would provide a more useful way for whānau to stay connected with what is coming up during the week, rather than looking back at what has already happened. Our hope is that this new timing will help you keep abreast of school events, celebrations and important things happening across our kura.

The submission deadline for articles, photos, class fundraisers and community noticeboard items is now midday on Monday, and contributions can be emailed to Dana at newsletter@michaelpark.school.nz

As always, we would love to hear your feedback as we settle into this new day of communicating with you.

Tomorrow, our students will have the wonderful opportunity to welcome renowned television reporter and author Sonya Wilson to Michael Park School as part of our Book Week celebrations. We are very excited to have Sonya sharing her experience, stories and love of books with our students.

We are also looking forward to welcoming whānau to our Cultural Festival Assembly on Friday at 1.00pm.

Our students have been practising and preparing for a number of weeks and are very much looking forward to showcasing and celebrating the wonderful diversity that makes up our





Michael Park School Cultural Day!

Friday 21st of August
Come dressed in cultural
attire and bring a gold coin
donation for a children's
home in Ukraine

CHARITY TEAM CULTURAL DAY FUNDRAISER

We are fundraising for the Good Samaritan Reformed Children's Home in Ukraine, in hope of helping them expand their residence.

On **Friday 21st of August**, the same day as the Cultural Festival.

We encourage everyone to wear their cultural clothes and bring a gold coin donation !

For more information about the Good Samaritan Children's Home, check out their [Wikipedia page](#), and you can view more beautiful pictures and videos on their [Facebook Page](#).



Class 8 presents

'A Wrinkle in Time'

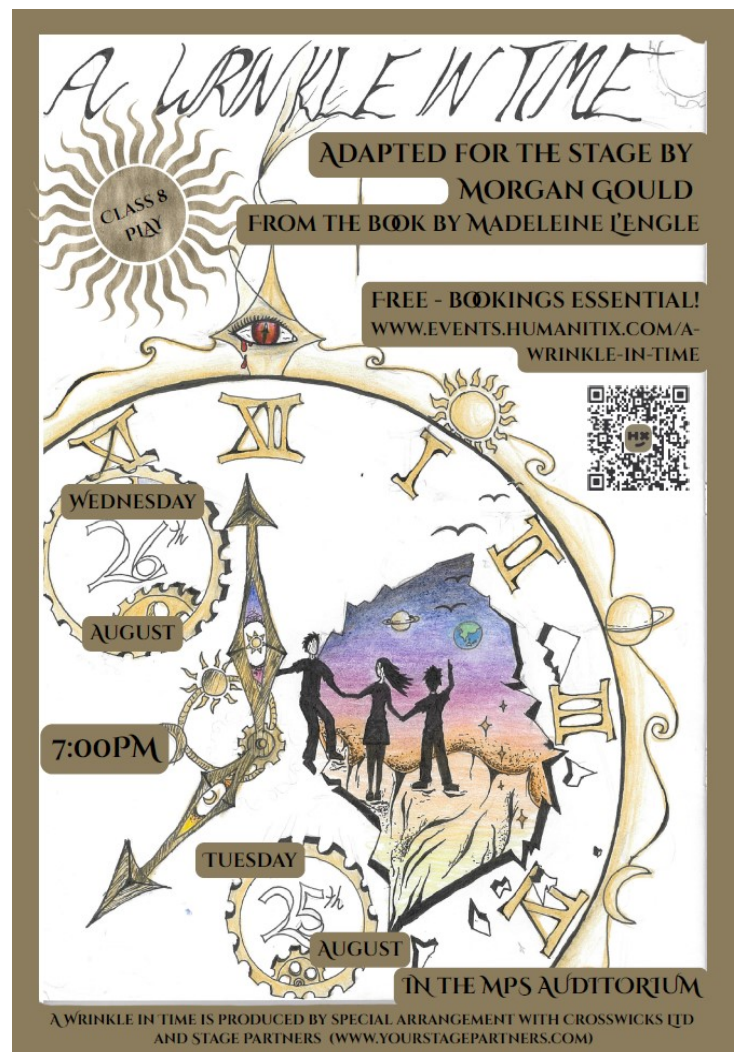
Adapted by Megan Gould.

One of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry, is back -- braces, stubbornness and all. Once again, she's joining forces with Mrs Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity and find herself. In the end, we know two things for sure: 1. Love CAN overcome evil and 2. There IS such a thing as a tesseract. This is a 50 minute adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's classic sci-fi adventure which is suitable for all ages.

A *Wrinkle in Time* is produced by special arrangement with Crosswicks Ltd and Stage Partners www.yourstagepartners.com

**Performances are Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th
August at 7pm in the Auditorium.**

**Tickets are free, so bookings are essential! They are
available from events.humanitix.com/a-wrinkle-in-time**



Top Art 2026

We would like to congratulate last year's student Finlay Newton who had his Sculpture folio boards selected to be part of this year's Top Art Exhibition. Top Art is an annual touring national exhibition featuring a selection of NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Arts in the previous year. Each year 12 boards are chosen from each visual arts discipline – Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Printmaking and Design to be part of Top Art. Well done Finlay.

Finlay wrote the following to accompany his work.

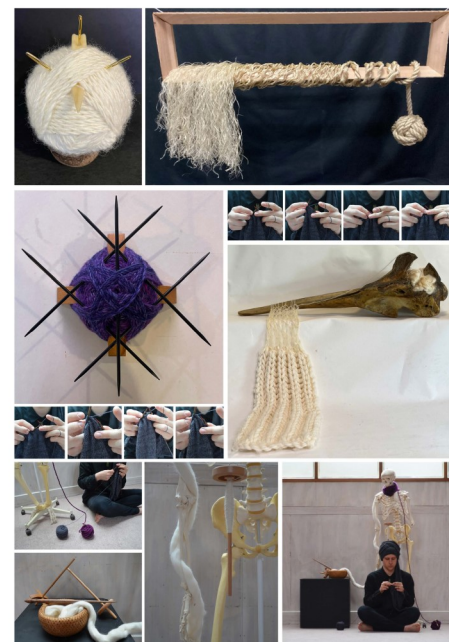
Name of art: How long is a piece of string?

What inspired the idea/concept/theme of your work? For me, there was no single source or moment of inspiration that inspired my board, but a primary area of interest for me was nature's weavers. My interests centred on organisms that weave, like silkworms, stitchbirds and spiders, along with the processes behind their work that allow them to fulfil their needs and desires. I wanted to explore how I, a human, could use similar methods of spinning and weaving, emulating nature, to fulfil my desire for an artistic understanding of the world around me.

How has your artistic style and themes evolved throughout your portfolio? I began with mediums and techniques I was comfortable with, and knew, like knitting, crochet, and spinning, using materials I knew how to use, like wool and wood. and then branched out to include new mediums and techniques like working with clay, wax and bone. My style moved from discrete objects that were experiments with conventions to curations and stagings of multiple entities working together, culminating in aspects like performance being included in my style.



- Auckland Transport have advised us of **road works on Amy Street and Ballin Street from 17-20 August**. To help minimise disruption, work hours in this location are between 10:00am and 2:00pm, avoiding the busiest school arrival and departure periods as much as possible. They are repairing patches along the pavement in preparation for upcoming resurfacing works. The footpath will remain open.



Pat Hanly Creativity Awards 2026

It has been quite a journey for L2 and L3 Visual Arts students who participated in this year's busy and inspiring Pat Hanly Creativity Awards. This event is one of Auckland's longest-standing youth art awards that celebrates senior secondary school artists as well as one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most prolific artists, Pat Hanly.

It all started in April when our senior students attended a kick off day at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, viewing exhibitions and taking part in a workshop with New Zealand artist Ruben Paterson. Afterwards they were invited to make artwork back at school in response to the theme Ko au taiao/I am the environment. In late

June Gallery staff visited us at Michael Park to view our students' art and give personalised feedback and tips. They also selected Aurelia Kment's painting "Breaking Surface" and Noah Rolston's painting "In 12 months" to be part of the 34 Auckland schools' exhibition at the Gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young artists to show their work in such a prestigious national public space. Well done Aurelia and Noah. Furthermore, Aurelia had her work chosen

to be the poster art for the Pat Hanly Creativity Awards 2026. It was great to see it plastered in several locations around Auckland city's CBD in the week leading up to the exhibition opening.

The exhibition opened at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with the Young Gallery Night on the 7th August and was well attended by our senior students, staff and school community. There was an opening karakia followed by a night of music, dancing, art-making workshops, a fashion show and life drawing. The exhibition runs until the 13th September and is free entry.



PAT HANLY
CREATIVITY AWARDS 2026



**CELEBRATING YOUNG CREATIVE TALENTS
FROM 29 SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACROSS
TĀMAKI MAKAUURAU**

Sat 8 Aug–Sunday 13 Sep
Te Aka Mātua | Creative Learning Centre,
Mezzanine Floor



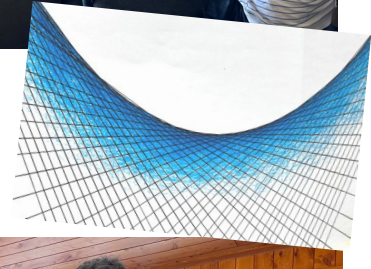
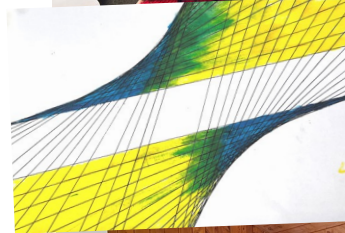
Main Lessons CLASS 9 CONIC SECTIONS

During the first three weeks of term 3, our Class 9 students explored the fascinating world of conic sections—Circle, Parabola, Hyperbola, and Ellipse—in their main lesson. The students engaged in hands-on activities that brought these mathematical concepts to life. They drew pictorial constructions of each conic section and studied their envelopes, gaining a deeper understanding of their properties.

To make the learning more tangible, students crafted clay cones, cut out the different conic sections, and painted them beautifully. This creative approach helped reinforce their comprehension of the shapes and structures.

In addition to individual work, students collaborated in groups to connect math with everyday activities by preparing simple dishes inspired by conic sections. They also enjoyed some traditional stick (rakau) activities, which added an element of fun and cultural engagement to the lesson.

We were pleased to welcome a Japanese group of students to the class, enriching the diverse learning environment. Overall, this main lesson was full of creative exploration and active learning about conic sections.





BOOK CHARACTER DAY

From Sherlock Holmes, The Wind in the Willows, and Little House on the Prairie, to Richie McCaw, Captain Underpants, Harry Potter, Moonface, Silky and the Saucepan Man.

Our best-loved stories came to life and our favourite characters came out to play on Book Character Day!



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Save fuel and car pool** 🚗 Kia ora friends, we're wondering if there are any families that live in Ponsonby, Westmere, Grey Lynn, Point Chev, Northcote, Birkenhead or similar that are keen to start a car pool or shuttle service to MPS a few days a week (or more). We have a few ideas about how it could work best but it all depends on the number of kids and ages etc. Text Rowan on 0226196040.
- **After-school childcare wanted:** We are looking for someone to help with after-school care for our two children (Class 3 and Class 5), approximately 3 afternoons a week for a few hours after school. We are open to a responsible high-school or university student, nanny/babysitter, or experienced caregiver. Days have some flexibility. If you are interested, or know someone who might be suitable, please contact Claire Valkenborg 0272965390.
- **Cleaner available:** Our lovely MPS cleaning team, Richard and Sunita, are available for your cleaning requirements! Commercial cleaning, carpets, windows and general cleaning. Contact Richard on 021 578 271.
- **Auckland Cricket and Ellerslie Cricket Club** are excited to be hosting a Term 4 Cricket Cluster Day on Wednesday, the 21st of October 2026 at Michaels Ave Reserve. Registration link: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/d1e6d8>

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at newsletter@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Monday.
Sorry, we no longer publish graphic advertisements, except for Michael Park School activities, class fundraisers and Steiner-related events.

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!

Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party!

Can you spare an hour or two to help attend our school stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party?

This will involve being part of a team selling lucky dip items and crafts made by our community members.

The festival date is Sunday 13th September
9:30am - 12:30pm

For questions, more information or to join the roster, please contact
Claire Valkenburg 027 2965390

ELLERSLIE WAR MEMORIAL
134/138 MAIN HIGHWAY

YIN & SOUND

Join us in Ellerslie for a one-hour session combining the deep, gentle poses of yin yoga with the soft, soothing sounds of singing bowls and chimes. Held once a month on a Sunday evening, this relaxing offering 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.

7:30-8:30PM AUG 23, SEPT 13, OCT 18, 0212079191
\$25 PER PERSON NOV 15, DEC 13 @yinandsoundnz

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

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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Graduation Tour 2026

Auckland performance

Michael Park School Auditorium

55 Amy Street, Ellerslie.

16th October

7pm

Entry by koha

A WRINKLE IN TIME

CLASS 8
PLAY

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY
MORGAN GOULD
FROM THE BOOK BY MADELEINE L'ENGLE

FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
WWW.EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/A-WRINKLE-IN-TIME



WEDNESDAY

26th

AUGUST

7:00PM

TUESDAY

25th

AUGUST

IN THE MPS AUDITORIUM

A WRINKLE IN TIME IS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CROSSWICKS LTD
AND STAGE PARTNERS (WWW.YOURSTAGEPARTNERS.COM)



Open Day

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YEARS OF WALDORF
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EDUCATION

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
10.00AM - 12.00PM

Curious about our wonderful education?
Interested in experiencing our natural environment and Steiner/Waldorf philosophy?
Are you a current student who would love to share your special place with friends?
Or a past student who would like to revisit the magic of your early childhood?

- Meet our lovely kaiako
- Experience our beautiful natural environment
- Share our much-loved kindy buns
- Get creative with crafting
- Enjoy storytelling

*Come and connect with
our Community!*

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