



COMING EVENTS

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10-14 August	Lower School Dental Van
10-14 August	Library Week
Tuesday 11 August	High School Info Evening 6.30
Wednesday 12 August	Book Character Parade 9.50am
Wednesday 12 August	Hēmi Kelly Talk 3.30pm
Friday 14 August	Class 12 Lunch Bar
15-21 August	Book Week
Monday 17 August	Board Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 18 August	RSST Meeting 6pm
Friday 21 August	Class 1 Lunch Bar
Friday 21 August	Cultural Festival 1pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

As I write this, I have just returned from lunchtime duty, and I couldn't help but reflect on what a privilege it is to witness the simple joys of school life. Watching our students playing together, making the most of the beautiful winter sunshine, and genuinely enjoying one another's company is one of those special moments that reminds us why schools are such remarkable places. The everyday interactions are often the moments that leave the greatest impression.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our families who generously hosted our visiting Japanese students. Your hospitality made their New Zealand experience truly memorable. A special acknowledgement goes to our Class 9 students, who embraced the opportunity to build friendships and showcase our kura through their eyes. Our visitors returned home with wonderful memories of Kiwi life, and that is thanks to each of you.

Congratulations to Aurelia and Noah from Class 12, whose artworks have been recognised in this year's prestigious Pat Hanly Creativity Awards. Both students received first-place awards across the Auckland secondary schools competition. Aurelia's artwork was selected as the feature image for the exhibition and has been used on promotional material displayed throughout Auckland. We are incredibly proud of both students and congratulate them on this outstanding accomplishment.



Finally, I would like to acknowledge our Class 10 students, so wonderfully guided families around our school on Wednesday. The feedback we received from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how welcoming and genuine our students were.

One comment, in particular, has stayed with me. A parent shared: *"If these are the types of students your school nurtures, then we want to be part of it too."*

Our young people are our greatest ambassadors, and on Wednesday they reflected the values, care and sense of community that make our kura such a special place.

Thank you all for another wonderful week, I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend.

UP THE WAHS!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

MPS invites you
to our

CULTURAL
Festival

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
AUGUST 21,
1PM – 2.10PM

THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY IN STEINER EDUCATION

An evening for lower/middle school students and their families, and anyone wanting to know more about our high school. We warmly invite you to join us for a special evening that brings to life how our Steiner philosophy shapes the high school years.

When: Tuesday 11 August, 6.30pm - 8pm

Where: Michael Park School Auditorium

This is a chance to explore how our unique approach meets the developing adolescent with depth, creativity, and purpose – and how that foundation sets students up for any path ahead.

The evening will include:

- **Teacher Insights** – how Steiner education enriches subjects from science to the arts.
- **Student Voices** – what high school feels like, the joys and challenges of learning here.
- **Alumni Reflections** – graduates sharing where life has taken them, and how their Steiner journey prepared them.
- **Q&A Panel** – teachers, students, and alumni together in conversation with you.

It's a beautiful opportunity to deepen trust with our parent community, gain insights into the high school journey, and see how the special character of Steiner education shines even more brightly in these transformative years.

We warmly encourage you to come along, ask questions, and connect with our teachers, students, and alumni.



The Dhal Wala

The Dhal Wala will be selling yummy kai at the High School Info Evening.



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

Michael Park School Fair Raffle 2026

Kia ora MPS whānau,

A quick call out to the school community, we are looking for donations for our upcoming raffle for this year's school fair and need your help finding prizes.

If you or someone you know has a business or contact who'd be willing to contribute an item, service, or voucher, please let us know?

Please reach out to Renee Coulter reneecoulter@gmail.com or Brian McDonnell brian@clevernz.com



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Kia ora Community, my name is Ingrid Carney, Class 9. For my independent project I'm working on designing and creating a full body fursuit. A resource I'm needing is a **Wet Suit full body (long sleeves and legs) Size - adult small**. If anyone has one they don't need any more, I would really appreciate it. I can be contacted via Brenda in the school office.
Thank you so much. Ingrid.

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

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 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

Middle-Earth and Main Lessons: Reflections from New Zealand

Exploring life abroad through the Waldorf High School Global Exchange

Proudly shared from the Pasadena Waldorf School Friday Flyer!

PWS High School student Nate Brody '28 spent the last three months of his 10th-grade year participating in the Waldorf High School Global Exchange in New Zealand. We recently caught up with Nate to learn about his experiences abroad.



What was it like attending a Waldorf school and living in a different country for three months?

For my 10th grade exchange, I went to the Michael Park School in Auckland, New Zealand, or Aotearoa – the Māori name for the country, meaning the land of the long white cloud. My host family—Axel, his sister, and his parents—lives in Piha, a beautiful beach town on the west coast with stunning views.

Class 10 at the Michael Park School was extremely welcoming to me and my fellow exchange students from Germany and Colombia, and they made it a very special experience for me. They are now some of my closest friends. Most classes were relatively similar to mine back at PWS, except that MPS is a semi-private school, so it's under the country's education system. At the end of every main lesson, they hold an assembly and each class presents a demo of what they've been doing that month. The school also has a lot of integrated indigenous Māori culture - in music classes, class names, morning greetings and assemblies. It's really wonderful how much it is a part of everyday life.

What were some of your most memorable experiences outside of school?

My time outside of school was usually spent with friends out and about in Auckland, playing on the school's basketball team, and at home and around Piha with Axel and his family. On a few

occasions, we took day and overnight trips to other towns. My first trip outside of Auckland was to the Hobbiton Movie Set, about 2 hours south. We spent the better part of the day there, on the tour and exploring the stunning sets where some of the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit movies were filmed. We then drove back up and went to the Auckland Blues rugby match at Eden Park Stadium, my first time seeing rugby played in-person.



My first overnight was spent in Rotorua, a town that smells like sulphur from all the hot springs. We went to a Māori village, where we saw Māori warriors perform a Haka and music, all concluded with a feast of food cooked in a Hangi, which is a pit in the ground. We finished the trip with lugeing down a mountain.

A couple weeks later we went to Raglan, a beach town on the west coast with the grooviest vibes of my whole trip to NZ. We stayed in an earth hut and went to a guided meditation in a sauna. The place we stayed, called Solscape, is entirely volunteer run by people from all over the world, which led to some really interesting conversations that night.

Anything else you'd like to share?

My time in New Zealand was really lovely and led to me meeting some incredible people and some of my closest friends. The entire experience for me was very grounding and helped me find a lot out about myself. I encourage other PWS students to take part in this opportunity.

I do hope to go back one day and meet up with everyone again and explore the beautiful country further, especially the south island. I can't wait to host Axel next month and show him LA and California.



FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS OF YOKOHAMA SUIRYO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the teachers and staff of Michael Park School, and to all our wonderful buddies, thank you so much for joining us at our farewell lunch today. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude for providing us with this wonderful place and time for our gathering.

When we first arrived eleven days ago, our students were very nervous and anxious. However, thanks to your warm smiles and kindness, that anxiety quickly turned into joy. Every single day here has been filled with unforgettable memories.

Although they are not with us here right now, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the host families. Thanks to their incredible warmth, love and support, our students were able to find a "home away from home" here in New Zealand and enjoy every moment with peace of mind.

A special thank you goes to our amazing buddies. Thank you for always standing by our students, speaking to them with patience and kindness, and making school life so much fun. Because of you, our students gained the confidence to speak up without fear of making mistakes. You are truly precious friends to them.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the teachers and staff for your thoughtful guidance and constant support throughout our stay.

Although we are returning to Japan today, the friendships we built and the valuable lessons we learned here will stay in our hearts forever. The time we spent at Michael Park School is a treasure we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything. We hope to see you again! Ka kite anō!



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m.marjoribanks@michaelpark.school.nz

PAT HANLY

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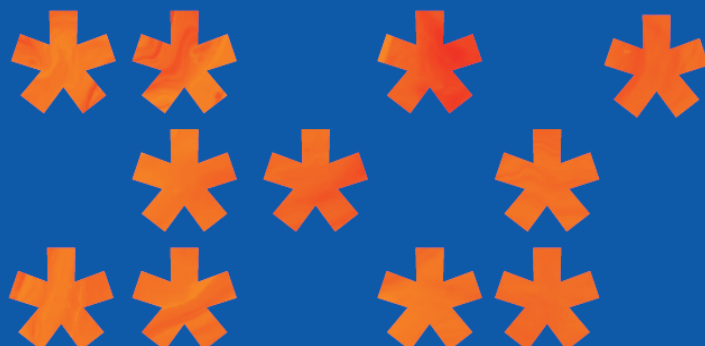
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