



COMING EVENTS

Thursday 14 April **Last Day of Term 1**

Tuesday 3 May **First Day of Term 2**

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School finishes at 2.15pm

Tēnā koutou katoa whānau,

Another week has come to an end and there are only four more days to the Easter Break. This has certainly been, and felt, like an awfully long term, especially considering how 'out of practice' we are for being at school. This was put into perspective for me when Sophie pointed out that her class (Class 3) has only experienced 3 full terms of school since they started in Class One.



What is even more remarkable is how resilient and adaptable our younger students have become. They have been able to continue their learning journey throughout the turmoil and seem so happy to be at school with friends and teachers, engaging in lessons and activities with gusto.

This term has not been without its challenges. Teachers were in isolation or sick and a few classes needed to learn from home for a week at a time, but we've got through it, in most part, because of the understanding and support we have received from parents. Your (parents') understanding and ability to demonstrate how to 'go with the flow' as challenges presented themselves has set an example of resilience for your children. And for that, we say, "Thank you!"

On another note - it gives me great pleasure to announce our new website!

Work began at the end of 2020 and, after many disruptions and hours of work and collaboration in the background, we finally

have a new website. While developing the website we recognised the importance of using images to help convey the 'look and feel' of our school and so it features beautiful, vibrant photographs taken around the school, including images of children and our community.

Permission to use these photos is given by parents when they sign the inclusion under the 'Consents' section of the Enrolment Agreement Form. From these, the office creates a list of names of students who cannot be photographed.

We hope you will agree that the photos are a fantastic way to show the special qualities of our school. If your circumstances have changed, and you do not wish to have your child's image used on the website or for any other purposes (Friday Flyer, prospectus, social media, newspaper adverts, etc.), then please let us know.

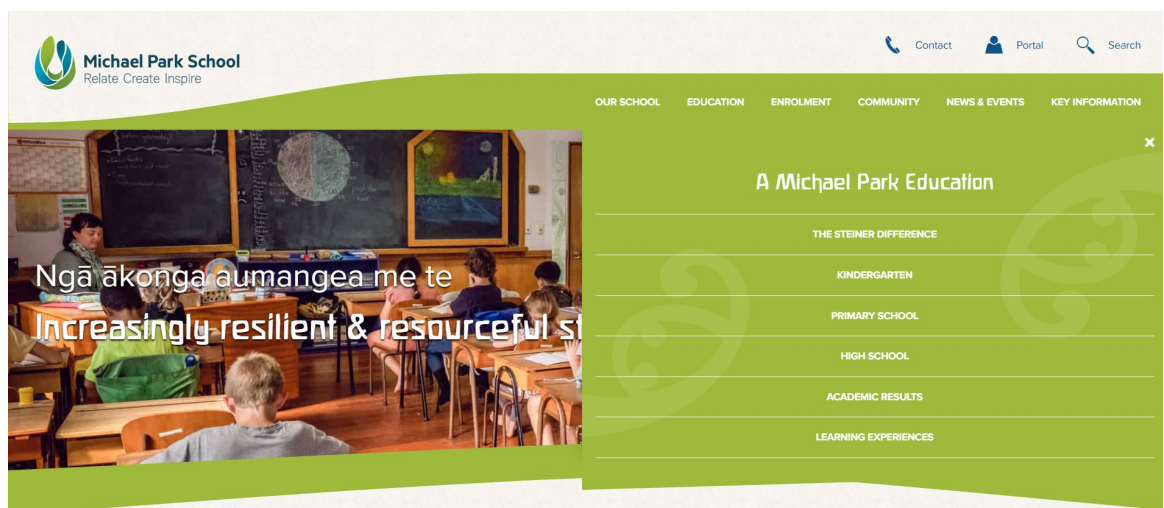
*Children's names are seldom used alongside their photo. First names and classes may be given in some circumstances. Full names are used with discretion, eg. to celebrate the achievement of a senior student.

If you have a query about photos or content on the website, please contact Dana danam@michaelpark.school.nz or Arlene (arlenec@michaelpark.school.nz)

Wishing you all a happy weekend and looking forward to the last four days of term.

Noho ora mai

Arlene



GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES

RSST

The RSST is looking for new members from our community to apply.

The RSST's main objectives are to establish, raise and provide the means and management for Kindergarten and schooling according to the methods advocated by Rudolf Steiner.

The RSST is made up of parents and a representative from the College of Teachers, for the following aspects at Michael Park:

1. we are the proprietors and manage the grounds of the Kindergarten and the School;
2. it holds the special character at Michael Park;
3. the RSST works with the Kindergarten for its educational, licencing and other ongoing requirements, by working closely with Karen Affleck the Kindergarten Manager to ensure that the kindergarten is as best served by the RSST as possible;
4. we manage our financial affairs and policies; and
5. we collaborate with the MPS Board and the College of Teachers.

The RSST meets monthly. The following attributes would be beneficial:

1. passionate about our school and its vision;
2. critical thinking; and
3. experienced in the fields of finance, property, communications or public relations.

If you are interested in joining the RSST please email us at RSST@michaelpark.school.nz

BOARD

The RSST operates separately from the Michael Park School Board, however the RSST has a representative that is appointed to the Board.

The Board comprises elected Parent, Staff and Student Representatives as well as the Principal.

Some of the key responsibilities of the Board are:

- Set the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school in consultation with the community.
- Monitor and evaluate student progress and achievement.
- Ensure that educational priorities set by the Ministry for Education are met.

- Fulfil the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.

Appoint and support the principal and assess their performance.

The Board's focus is on the governance of the school and so, other than in exceptional circumstances, does not get involved in operational matters or the day to day running of the school.

The Board typically meets once per month.

Elections for Parent Representatives are held every 3 years and this year is an election year, with the elections being held in September.

If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Representative on the Board and standing in the coming elections or would just like some more information on the role of the Board then please contact the Board at BOT@michaelpark.school.nz.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We currently have places available for children born in the 2018 birth year

For an expression of interest go to the Michael Park School website and click on the enrolment tab <https://michaelpark.school.nz/>

Children born between January and July will be able to start in term 2.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Want to live/rent closer to school?** Lovely, sunny, warm 4 bedroom house coming up for rent mid May. Ballarat St (10min walk to school). Contact Renee 021645202
- **House for sale on Amy Street.** 3brm 1 bath, garage and OSP. A short 3 minute walk to school. Contact Wanda 02040773144 wandagnatievsky@gmail.com

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz

Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline Thursday lunchtime.

Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6 portrait (¼ page).

Whole page ads are not accepted for non school-related activities. Ads may be published a maximum of twice per term, at the editor's discretion.

TE AO MĀORI

Kia ora koutou,

Ngā mihi to all of you that supported our cards fundraiser last year and this year. We made over \$350.00. Mauri ora!

Community Kapa Haka will start up again in term 2. If you are interested in joining, email me so I can include you in communications. andreag@michaelpark.school.nz

This is an adult kapa haka group. Children are welcome to join us with you. We meet Tuesday nights from 5.30 - 6.30pm.



Outdoor classroom workshops. Term 1 and holiday program.

Dear MPS Whanau. I am making two dates available workshops in the next few weeks:

Saturday April 9. Blacksmith for classes 5 and above. 8:30am to 4:00pm.. Basic forging skills with mild steel. Private tuition of \$80.

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27, April. Holiday program. Classes 2 and above. 8:30am to 3:00pm. Fire making, open fire cooking and the usual crafts. Private tuition of \$70 for a day or \$130 for two days.

Please email any expression of interest to luisbernalt@gmail.com.

THE GIFT OF HOPE CHARITY TEAM

It has been a while but the Charity Team is hoping to be able to meet again soon and looking forward to events in Term 2 when settings allow.

The Charity Team was formed in 2016. We have Lower/Middle School Team and a High School Team.

If your child would like to be part of the team please see Cathy. We hold meetings at lunch time (day to be confirmed) about once a month, and events are held throughout the year.

Our aim is not only to raise funds, but to raise awareness - to really "look into the world", building empathy and care for others.



GOLD COIN DONATION FOR UKRAINE

Thursday 14 April - last day of term.

Our middle school are doing something special for our lower school in a wonderful way of giving back to them!

We would love all our students to bring a gold coin on Thursday which will go towards supporting the 4 million refugees that have fled Ukraine.

Thank you for your support.

Cathy, Mrs Hooker and Mrs Feenstra

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WONDERLAND

April Holidays 2022

Jr Wonderland
ages 7-9 April 19-22, 2022

Sr Wonderland
ages 10-13 April 25-29, 2022

*Would You Like an adventure now,
or shall we have tea First?*

KAUAE RANGA VALLEY
CHRISTIAN CAMP



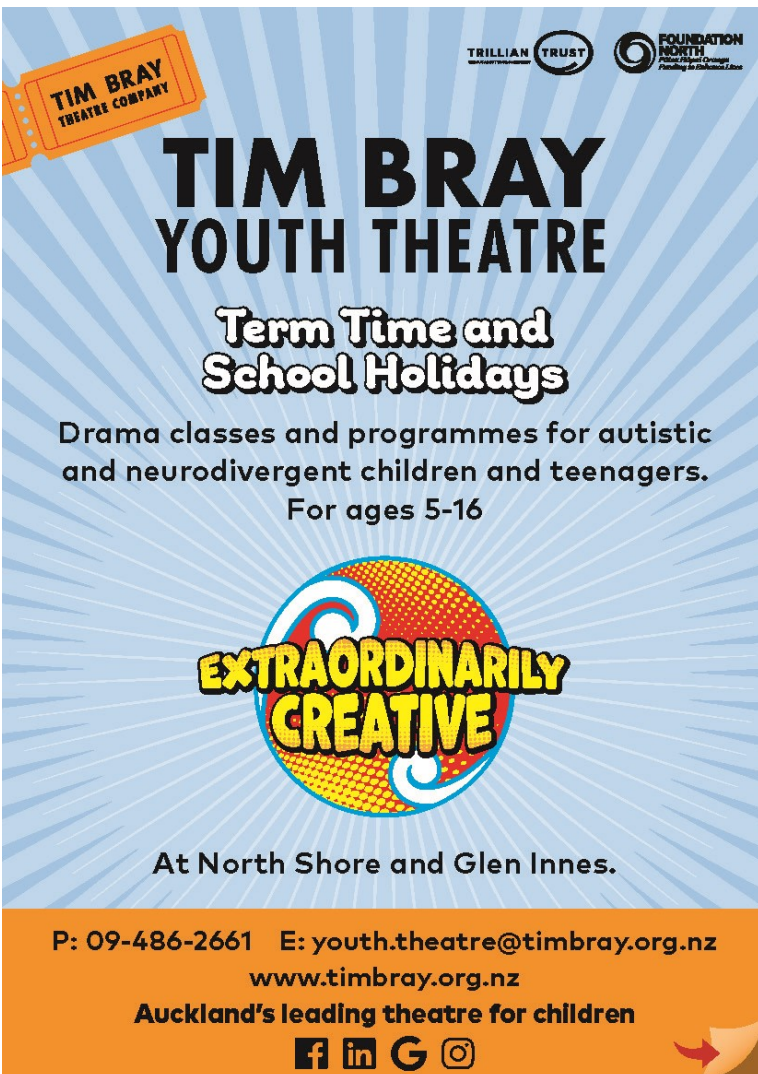
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programme



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