



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 23 August Class 5 Parent Meeting

Friday 26 August MID TERM BREAK

26-28 August NIWA Science Fair at MPS

Tuesday 30 August Class 8,9 & 10 Parent Meetings

Friday 2 September Daffodil Day

Tuesday 6 September Kindergarten Open Afternoon

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you to our parent nominees who are standing to be on our School Board. The next step is for our parent community to read through the candidate statements and complete the final process of choosing the individuals you would like to have representing our parent community on our Board for the next 3 years.



We have 7 nominations to fill the 5 parent representative positions on the Board. Please take the time to complete the form and vote. Voting forms can be posted or dropped off at reception.

Next Friday is mid-term break and, if you are not going away for the long weekend, drop by the auditorium and gymnasium to view displays from this year's NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair that we are hosting for the first time. Over 250 students from 32 schools around Auckland are taking part. The fair is about encouraging young people towards problem solving and creative discovery. Solutions to pressing problems will continue to emerge in unexpected ways from new knowledge, and who better to provide those solutions with fresh ideas than our students. A huge thank you to Mrs Valyashko and Mr Mander for providing the space and support that has enabled a number of our students to represent our school at this event.

www.scifair.org.nz

Have a wonderful weekend.

Naku noa,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



Vote now!

Voting is now open for school board elections. Contact your local school for more information.

Returning Officer

Raewyn Farley

raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz

Michael Park School

55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

I have received 7 nominations forms from candidates for the school Board. They are:

*Natasha Newton
Sanjay Theodore
Marcus Bird
Julie Brien
Walter Hsueh
Quinn Hamill
Leah Corbett*

Read the candidate statements on pages 6-7

Therefore a voting election is required. Voting papers are being posted out to all parents this week.

Please read the cover letter carefully, and the statements from the candidates. On the voting paper tick the 5 candidates that you want on the Board and put your voting paper in the envelope provided. Either post it or hand it into reception, where there is a secure voting box.

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RETURNING IN 2023

To assist with our planning for the 2023 school year we need to know the numbers of pupils who will be continuing on at Michael Park School. We hope that all students will continue their journey as part of our school, but understand that there may be changes imminent for some families.

Please could you complete the form on the last page of this Friday Flyer and email enrolment@michaelpark.school.nz or drop the form into reception to confirm whether your child is returning or not returning to school for 2023.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Brenda Davidson

2023 TERM DATES

PLEASE NOTE: While start and finish dates for each term are confirmed, there may be alterations to teacher-only days or mid-term breaks as our calendar emerges. Any changes will be published in the Friday Flyer.

TERM 1

Tuesday, 31 January - Thursday, 6 April

Auckland Anniversary Day Observed - Monday, 30 January

Waitangi Day - Monday, 6 February

*** Easter is during school holidays -*

*Friday, 7 April, Monday, 10 April, Tuesday, 11 April ***

TERM 2

Wednesday, 26 April - Friday, 30 June

Teacher Only Day - Monday, 24 April

ANZAC Day - Tuesday, 25 April

Queen's Birthday - Monday, 5 June

*** Matariki is during school holidays - Friday 14th July ***

TERM 3

Monday, 17 July - Friday, 22 September

Teacher Only Day (Lower & High School Parent Teacher Conferences) - Tuesday, 25 July

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 18 August

TERM 4

Monday, 9 October - Friday, 15 December

Labour Day - Monday, 23 October

Fair - Saturday 11 November

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 17 November

MPS CULTURAL FESTIVAL Friday 16 September

The cultural festival will now be held during the day. There will be an international food lunch bar from 12.40 and a concert starting at 1.15, finishing approximately 3pm. Whānau welcome!

KINDY SEEKING STAFF

Are you interested in working in our kindergarten? We are looking for registered teachers and teaching assistants to work as casual relievers when staff are away.

Contact Karen Affleck karena@michaelpark.school.nz 09 525 8996 for an application pack or to discuss further.

Classical Soloists Concert

Friday 9 September 7.00pm

ATTENTION: CLASSICAL MUSICIANS

- Do you learn a musical instrument?
- Do you play classical music?
- Are you about Grade 4 or above? (no exam experience necessary - ask your teacher if unsure)
- Are you looking for a chance to perform a polished piece of music?



If you answered yes to the above questions, please see the music teachers (Amanda Lawrence or Mary Chun) to sign up for the "Classical Soloists" concert. Students can collect a sign up sheet from Amanda or Mary.

SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE

- The Fair Shed will be open on Tuesday 23rd August from 3pm onwards.
- If you are interested in helping out on the Fair committee please contact me.
- If anyone has any wool we can use to tie sesame tickets please contact me.
- Next class fair coordinators meeting will be held 19th September, 6pm in staffroom.
- Pre Loved Clothing – it's time to start going through all your pre loved clothing, the clothing bin will be out in front of the auditorium foyer from the 5th September.
- If you or someone you know may be able to contribute item/s for our raffles this year please contact me also.

Any queries please contact me

Erin Wilson fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz



Michael Park Kindergarten
Cherishing Childhood

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Kindergarten talk & tour at 3pm

Enrolling now

For further information, or for an expression of interest pack visit our website or contact our enrolments officer on 579 3083.

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DESKS, CHAIRS & STOOLS FOR SALE

\$40 per set (desk and chair)

\$10 per stool

Contact erinw@michaelpark.school.nz



THE GIFT OF HOPE CHARITY TEAM

Daffodil Day - Friday 2 September

Raising funds and awareness
for the Cancer Society.

Wild Crazy Hair Day – Bring \$2

Lunch Time Sausage Sizzle/ice creams \$2

Wild Hair Salon/Face Painting \$1

'With your Help there is Hope'



Visit from Our Newest NZ High School Students

MPS was privileged to welcome students from the Mangere Refugee Centre for the day on Monday.

Thank you to Luis Bernal for organising a wonderful morning of craft supported by Barney Groom and Michelle Mullany. The visiting students got to experience woodwork, clay, wool and even some fire! After lunch they had a great hour of trying out sports. The smiles said it all.

Thank you MPS students for showing warmth, care and friendship - it was the best day.



Splish Splash
IT'S A
POOL PARTY

JOIN CLASS ONE
FUN-RAISING

Saturday, September 17
1:00pm - 3:00pm
CLM The Bays, 135 Morrin Road

TICKETS \$10
ADD EXTRA SIBLINGS FOR \$5.
ADULTS SWIM FREE.

Rsvp to ISABELL ON 0212967205
EVENT AIMED AT CLASSES 1-6

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Looking for a house/dogsitter** to care for our 1 y/o labrador between 26 Nov & 26 Dec in Mt Wellington.
Contact chloedewaele@gmail.com for more info.

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).

Class 8 Main Lesson 'The Unfolding Narrative'

By Nayu, Class 8




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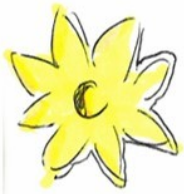
By Witi Ihimaera
Adapted by Tim Bray

LIVE ON STAGE



**AUCKLAND TOUR
24 Sept - 12 Nov
timbray.org.nz**

ADDITIONAL LOGOS: AD, BENEFTZ, TE ORO, Vodafone Events Centre



DAFFODIL



DAY

Crazy-Hair
Sausage
Sizzle

face paint \$1.00

\$2.00 Sausage Sizzle

ice cream \$2.00

September 7
Friday - End



Gold coin donation

get your face painted
or hair done

Thanks!!

The money we raise on daffodill day, will go to buying sport equipment for the refuge center in mangare. And that is where are lovley cathy is working.



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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Leah Corbett

Kia ora, my name is Leah Corbett and I am a mum to two boys, both in kindergarten this year, one moving to Class 1 next year. We're at the start of our Michael Park School journey and I value the opportunity to influence the direction of the school, whilst protecting the special character which drew us here.

With almost 20 years experience as a primary school teacher, student learning and wellbeing comes naturally. It's important to me that all Michael Park School students feel seen and heard so they have the chance to reach their potential.

I am organised and efficient and always looking for opportunities to learn and grow. I enjoy working collaboratively and bring positive energy to a team. I'm approachable and keen to engage and talk with parents to ensure our community is thriving.



Quinn Hamill

I have been involved in the Steiner community since I first attended the Kindergarten at Michael Park School (MPS) some 35 years ago. I was a student at MPS until 17 years old. I have always remained in contact with the MPS alumni and now my children are the second generation of our family attending MPS. As such I have a deep, lived understanding of Steiner education and the unique nature and requirements of MPS. I see huge value in the core principles of MPS and I believe it is critical we continue to foster them while also allowing the school to adapt and keep current with the changing times.

I also have over 6 years' experience working with the Ministry of Education as a construction project manager, so I have a good understanding of the bureaucracy and systems within the Ministry of Education and how to utilise them to achieve desired outcomes for schools.

If elected to the School Board I will work to effect positive change while retaining the core principles of Steiner's philosophies. I would be an asset dealing with the Ministry of

Education and I strongly believe my roll on the School Board would be to provide a sympathetic and inclusive ear, and voice, to the needs of all other parents and families at the school.

Walter Hsueh

Dear MPS Parents,

I am Walter Hsueh, and I express my interest in serving on the Board of Trustees for our Michael Park School.

My children have attended the Michael Park Kindergarten since 2013. My elder son, Rivers, is currently in Class 7.

Winster is in Class 5, whereas my youngest son, Lester, is in Kowhai Kindy.



At present, I am in the position of being able to represent the kindy and the lower school sectors. I am currently on the school board of trustees for the last six years. During my service on the board, I have only missed two meetings. Additional to my BOT responsibility, I have successfully introduced many initiatives for our students to experience, such as: Lunar New Year Celebration, Calligraphy Chinses form writing experience, International Award Chef teaching during our high school Craft Week, Nano Girl Science Demonstration, Go Game/Math Demonstration and the most recent Rotary MUNA speech/debating competitions.

Beyond the school community, I currently serve on the Rotary national ICT committee, which represents District 9920, including Auckland plus Rarotonga, Samoa, American Samoa, Fiji, Tonga and Tahiti, also serving as the chairperson for the Rotary Auckland South Charitable Trust.

I was born and lived in Taiwan until I was fourteen years old, followed by a move to Australia for three years. The family then settled in New Zealand, and I completed my tertiary studies in Auckland. I believe my international experience and ethnic background would allow me to bring a diversity of knowledge and understanding to the school. My life experiences have broadened my outlook, and I am regarded as a creative thinker and unafraid to take on new challenges.

I am currently working for The Warehouse Group as a Solution Architect. Before this, I was employed by Workday (the largest HR solution company) and Fisher & Paykel Healthcare.

I appreciate your time in considering my interest in this position. My family are so aware of the quality of Steiner education provided at our Michael Park School and would appreciate the privilege of serving in any way possible to support the aims and aspirations of our school.

*I appreciate your consideration,
Walter Hsueh*

Marcus Bird

Kia Ora. My name is Marcus Bird. I have three daughters who have attended Michael Park. My youngest is in class 9 and our family have been part of the school community since our eldest daughter joined class 4 in 2013, she has since graduated and is in her first year at university. I am self-employed and have worked as an Engineer for the past 25 years in environmental engineering and project management.

I am a current member of the Board of Trustees and hold the position of Deputy Presiding Member and am a member of the Finance sub-committee. I was initially appointed to the Board in 2020 to fill a vacancy. I am passionate about Steiner Education and Michael Park School and have been proud to be part of the Board of Trustees in the current term. If elected to the Board I would like to continue to focus on ensuring that our Principal and Staff have all of the support and resources they need in providing the best Steiner Education for our children and community. It is a desire for all facets of the school to work well together to provide the best educational outcomes for our children.

Sanjay Theodore

Kia ora,

I would like to be on the board as the school has a vibe like no other. Our daughter has been to schools here and in India and MPS has what those places don't. I'm talking about whānau



with purpose. To maintain this is hard work and I want to be involved with the school on a greater level.

I've been on a school board before and understand the challenges and rewards involved.

I work for and report to a board (7 years) and understand what it means to work as a team. I'm currently working as an Online Community Manager also as an artist and I teach at once a week at the University of Auckland. I have taught at high school level so I have an understanding of how a school works and what it takes to keep it going.

As a first generation immigrant, honouring Te Tiriti is very important to me and my whānau. I'd rather be a participant in change instead of a bystander watching others do the mahi.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

Julie Brien

Hi everyone, my name is Julie Brien and I am standing for re-election as a Parent Representative on the BOT having just completed my first 3 year term. My husband Michael and I are MPS parents to Reed in class 11 and Indie in class 8. We feel extremely fortunate to have our children at MPS.

I am currently in the final year of a PhD in Education at the University of Auckland and work with high school students part time at Te Kura. My research focuses on culturally responsive teaching practices and relationships. As an educator I value the Waldorf philosophy present in all facets of school life here as well as the connections to friends, family, community and especially the conscious inclusion of the arts in every action.

My educational background includes experience from playcentre through to Head of Dept at a large Auckland high school where I have been involved in Education Review Office reviews as well as numerous Ministry of Education reviews and consultations. This experience really helped me on the BOT these last three years and I hope to continue this work to support staff, students, families and the wider community for another term.

Ngā mihi.

Natasha Newton

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Many of you I already know as friends, fellow parents and volunteers from our various shared endeavours over the years. For those that don't know me, I am a parent of 2 daughters who have attended MPS since their playgroup days (now in classes 6 and 9) and also a former MPS student myself. I have a long and close association with our school and a strong commitment to do all I can to support its ongoing development to benefit all our students and community.

My professional background is in health sciences (midwifery), and the health and wellbeing of students, staff and whanau remain a priority for me. My other area of particular interest is in advocating for children with learning differences, and more generally in the delivery of quality inclusive education for all our students, whatever their background or ability.

I have been a parent representative on the Board since 2018 and have really enjoyed working, together with other Board members, to support our school and community in this role.

*Nga mihi mahana,
Natasha Newton*



**SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

19/08/2022

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Thank you for your prompt reply.

Kind regards

Brenda Davidson

DDI: 09 525 8998

Name of student

Class 2022

Please tick one

- My child will be returning to Michael Park School beginning of 2023
- My child will not be returning to Michael Park School beginning of 2023

Please tick one (if not returning)

- Relocating out of Auckland
- Transferring to another school in Auckland

PLEASE COMPLETE BY END OF MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022