



### COMING EVENTS

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**Friday 16 December** Last day for Lower School and Kindy - 12pm finish

**Tuesday 31 January** First day of Term 1, 2023

### LAST DAY OF TERM 4 TODAY

**12pm finish for Kindy & Lower School**

Kia ora whānau,

This week we have finished off the year with lots of movement, craft workshops and special morning teas and lunches each day. The lower school have been outdoors playing traditional Māori games in between their end-of-year migration to their next room ready for the following year. Class 8, 9 & 10 students have been enjoying their Craft Week workshops with master craftspeople leading the different classes on offer. In addition, Class 7 have just arrived back today from camp and kayaking down the Waikato River.

Upon reflecting on this year, I am incredibly proud of the way in which our community has responded to the many challenges which have been thrown your way. The spirit that our students



have shown this year has been outstanding and will stand them in good stead moving forward. The professionalism that our staff have shown this year, to produce the best outcomes for all our ākonga, has been simply amazing.

Last week we farewelled our Graduating Class 12 students of 2022. For the most part, Michael Park School and Steiner Education have played a major role in their life. It is hard to put into words the significance of their achievement. They have typified what student leaders are all about. On behalf of all of our staff we are truly proud of what they have accomplished, we congratulate them on making it this far, and wish them all the best for the future.

To our other families who are also leaving our school at the end of the year, we wish you all the very best at your new school and new beginnings that the new year may bring.

We wish you all a safe and refreshing summer break with whānau and friends and look forward to an exciting 2023.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki





## TOO GOOD TO BE 'ANONYMOUSE'

After hearing about one of the Auckland SPCA vans recently being broken into and burgled (which resulted in some significant damage to the vehicle) our wonderful Class 5 fundraisers, Lola, Dana, Khloe, Simaiya, Shiloh, Caroline, Evania, Minna and Kairra (known collectively as Anonymouse) raised over \$400 for the SPCA in their lunchtime sales, selling handmade items and baking. Well done girls!



## CLASS 8, 9, 10 & 11 REPORTS

Kia ora whānau,

A digital report for students in Classes 8, 9, 10 and 11 has been sent to the email addresses that we have on record for you here at Michael Park School. Please let me know if you have not received a copy of your child's report which would have been sent showing a Michael Park admin email address. Sometimes reports end up in the junk folder.

Ngā mihi

Andrew Johnstone  
High School Deputy Principal

## GOT MARKETING SKILLS?



The RSST and MPS Board are reaching out to the community for someone with marketing expertise, who can advise us on invigorating our marketing of the school and kindergarten. Please email [rsst@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:rsst@michaelpark.school.nz) if this sounds like you.

## TE AO MĀORI

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Te Ao Māori section this year. We have some exciting ideas of things to share in 2023. If you would like to contribute to this column, or have any ideas of things we could share, please get in touch with Kura Rutherford at [kurar@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:kurar@michaelpark.school.nz)

Wishing everyone a very restful holiday.

Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Looking for a family to rent our 4 bedroom home in Umere Crescent. It's located on the same side of the road as the school entrance and has a view across to Mt Wellington. Anyone interested please reach out to me on 021646472 or [abraham@amystreet.co.nz](mailto:abraham@amystreet.co.nz)

- Bear the dog is a regular at Waiatarua Reserve, Orakei Basin and St Heliers Beach, and has brought love to many people and children who know and adore him. He recently suffered a medical trauma leaving him paralysed from the torso down. If you'd like to support Bear with his medical costs, check out his [Give a Little page](#).



- Excellent quality upright piano for sale, \$1500. (Valued at \$5500). Text 021 0876 2442
- Free hutch for a rabbit or two. Has a ramp and the lid lifts off easily. Pick up from Ellerslie. Ph Janet 022 080 5810 or Mark 021 533 004



- If anyone is selling their camera gear for L2 or L3 photography please let me know. Julie 0212073317
- Naru Furumi from Kyotanabe Steiner School (Kyoto) year 11 is looking for **short term homestay accommodation**. He will come to Auckland to learn English and needs accommodation from 16-21 January 2023. He will go to the English language school at Downtown. Naru is interested in acting in plays so he wants to learn English. Please contact [tatsuya.otomo@icloud.com](mailto:tatsuya.otomo@icloud.com)

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto: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.



## CHARITY TEAM UPDATE



Thank you MPS for your generous support for Christmas Kindness and Kiwi Christmas Books. Our Elves will be loading up the reindeer sleigh today to get your donations to the Royal Oak Salvation Army, to bring joy and care to those who are struggling this Christmas. The Refugee Centre has already been blessed with beautiful books from Kiwi Christmas Books and we are making up packs for our families that will still be on site on Christmas Day. The Elves will be delivering to 30 families on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

### Gift of Hope Charity Award / Te koha o te manawa ora

Is awarded for outstanding charitable service from a member or members of the Gift of Hope Charity Team who have shown long term dedication and support to the team.

*We have the best trophy thanks to the skills of Tiffany Clarke and Barney Groom, and the donation of Tarquin Hooker.*



The Gift of hope team was born in 2016 and this year's award recipients, Angus Yearbury and Saskia Jamieson, were with us from the beginning. Angus was always baking the most incredible creations for us to sell. Saskia was always there to work in the background, especially to clean up many of Angus' creations! But she came into her own when asked and ,along with Angus, emceed two talent shows, supported PJ days, crazy hair, World Vision walk abouts, sausage sizzles, face painting, many, many dress up themes and running Pink Day for anti-bullying. They also work at giving back in their own community. We are so proud of these two incredible team members.

Thank you Michelle Mullany for once again producing the most beautiful Gift of Hope badges.

### Thank you Mrs Hooker

It is with sadness that we see Tarquin Hooker step down from the staff. We are so grateful for her passion, commitment, creativity, time and energy she gave to this team. Mrs Hooker and Cathy are still committed to supporting the team and the

school to give hope and look outwards.

### Sustain a Ball 2023

If you are having a summer clean out, please remember us for 2023 when we will be seeking donations of formal wear, ball dresses, suits, shoes, etc.

Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled Christmas.

The Gift of Hope Charity Team

## 2023 TERM DATES

*Any changes will be published in the Friday Flyer.*

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### 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



# CRAFT WEEK

Craft week in the high school is one of those unique events that stands us apart from other schools, and sits at the core of Steiner Education's principle of experiential learning. Class 8 & 9 high school students spend a week working on the craft of their choice, led by passionate facilitators from our community:

**Jewellery making, Bushcraft, Traditional Māori wind instrument making, Cooking, Tile ceramics and pottery, Blacksmithing and Film photography.**

- Luis Bernal, HOD Technology Hard Materials & Craft





# CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

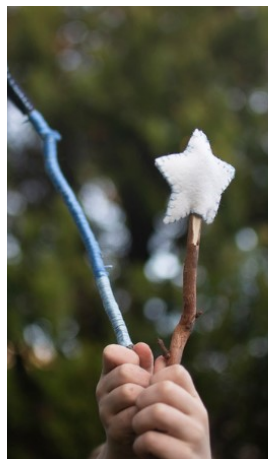
*"Shall I tell you who will come  
To Bethlehem on Christmas morn.  
Who will kneel them gently down  
Before the Lord newborn?"*

The Christmas story narrated and played for you, while we all join in with singing Christmas carols.

Time:  
Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5PM

Place:  
The Christian Community  
10 Rawhiti Rd, One Tree Hill 1061  
Tel. 09 5252 305

All ages warmly welcome!!



## FOREST FOLK

Waldorf Inspired Art, Craft and Gift Shop



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## Two Day Deepening Course

20 and 21 January 2023

### 'Healing ways to work with the 12 senses'

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School, 5 Helios Place, Titirangi

\$50 for the entire two days, incl. morning and afternoon tea, BYO lunch or head to Titirangi Village's many cafes.

We have managed to bring to NZ someone who we have wanted to invite for a long time. **Barbara Baldwin** will join us to give morning lectures on 'Doorway to the world: Understanding the twelve senses'

The afternoons will be spent in the outdoors with a choice of experts in their field. You may choose a different workshop for each day, but you will be in that workshop for the whole afternoon. **Outdoor/bush/ngahere kindergarten** is something so needed for today's children and we hope we can give you an opportunity to extend your own skills in this area.

A timetable and registration form will be sent to you by [edith.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:edith.vandermeer@gmail.com)

### **Barbara Baldwin**

B.Sc.Speech Pathology (Germany); Dip. Special Education (UK/Germany); Dip Chirophonetic Therapy (Austria)

Barbara is committed to raising awareness in the area of social inclusion in all ages and stages of life.

As a speech pathologist and special/social educator Barbara has experience in many areas of education, having worked as a teacher/educator, therapist and consultant the area of special education and inclusion in Waldorf schools in many countries as well as in mainstream public and private education. Through lectures, workshops and seminars she has contributed to a Steiner oriented understanding of special needs throughout life, from early childhood, to integration and inclusion in schools, to transition to work, vocational training and independent living.

Among her special interests are working with the 12 senses, nurturing an understanding of constitutional polarities and appreciating the idiosyncrasies of exceptional children. Her innovative and refreshingly modern approach is accessible and practical.

**the  
village  
square**

1982  
**40<sup>th</sup>**  
2022  
anniversary  
40 years serving the community

fun activities every  
day for 5-13 year olds

**NEW**  
site at Balmoral School!

7.30am-6pm  
15 December 2022 –  
27 January 2023  
at Balmoral, Epsom and Parnell



## Summer school holiday programme

[villagesquare.org.nz/shp-enrol](http://villagesquare.org.nz/shp-enrol)