



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>11-17 September</b>	<b>Māori Language Week</b>
<b>Monday 11 September</b>	<b>Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>	<b>Class 12 Parent Meeting</b>
<b>Wed 13 September</b>	<b>Kindergarten Open Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 15 September</b>	<b>Cultural Festival 1pm</b>
<b>Friday 15 September</b>	<b>Class 6 Play 6.30pm</b>
<b>19 &amp; 20 September</b>	<b>Class 12 Presentations 6-8pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21 September</b>	<b>Lower School Spring Festival</b>
<b>Friday 22 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

Mālō e lelei,

This week is Tongan language week | Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga. This year's theme is 'E tu'ulua 'a e Lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasí (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá', which means the Tongan Language will be sustainable if used at home, church and in the wider community. We have over 80,000 people of Tongan descent throughout the motu and the largest age groups are the youngest – meaning many ākongā are enriched with Tongan culture.



We are now at the “business end” of the year in the high school where our senior students are pushing towards making gains towards their level of achievement. Last week Class 11 and 12 completed their derived grade assessments and art workshops and are well underway with their study programs.

Next week, information pertaining to our health curriculum guiding statement will be sent out to all whanau and staff throughout our community as well as to our high school students. Consultation on the health curriculum is conducted every two years for every school in line with the legal requirements of the Education Act (Section 60B). We would like to hear your views in shaping this valuable learning area and we invite you to provide input after reading through the material. Expect an email at the start of the week.

Class 12 are currently completing their Independent Projects this year and in a couple of weeks, they will be sharing their journey to whanau, teachers and our wider community with

their presentations that will be taking place on Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 evenings in the auditorium.

Next Friday, classes 1 – 7 will be celebrating the cultural diversity throughout our kura with our cultural festival. The students are excited and we are looking forward to showcasing and celebrating all that is great about our school.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

GO THE ALL BLACKS

GO THE WARRIORS

Malo 'Aupito,

Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki



**NEXT FRIDAY**  
**15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**

MPS kindly invites you to celebrate our cultural diversity with a concert in the auditorium. The concert will feature songs sung in 12 different languages from around the world!

Whānau are very welcome to attend. The concert begins at 1.10pm, and we ask that you please be seated in the auditorium by 1pm.

Lower/middle school will finish a little later (at 2.30pm) on the day. We kindly invite children (and parents attending) to wear their national costumes.

Class 5 and 6 will also be running an international lunch bar to raise money for Swaita, our international sponsored student. We welcome a donation of an international food plate for the lunch bar. Please, drop this off early in the morning.

Thank you for your support in celebrating cultural diversity in our community.

Kind regards,  
Lower School Teachers

## FAIR UPDATE

- Pre loved clothing – its time to start going through all your pre loved clothing. The clothing bin will be out in front of the auditorium foyer from the 4<sup>th</sup> September (Monday).
- Class coordinators meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in staffroom - please make sure there is a representative from your class there.
- If you or someone you know may be able to contribute item/s for our raffles this year please contact me.
- Hay bales – if you know of anyone who could help us out with hay bales please contact me.

All queries to Erin Wilson [fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

## WELL DONE, SILVER DOLPHINS!

Huge congratulations to the Class 5 Netball Team - The Silver Dolphins - who have just ended a hugely successful winter season. With only one default and one loss, they had an incredible season and played with amazing spirit. Every week they brought the fun and showed such lovely team support to each other and to all the teams they played. An extra huge thank you to Tabitha Yearbury of Class 12, who so very kindly gave her time each week to coach the team, as well as support from Cilla Waetford.

Tama + Dan



## PARENT GROUP

**Would having a MPS parent group that supports whanau who are living with neurodivergence and/or learning differences be of value?**

We are seeking feedback from the school community to understand whether there is a need for a parent led group that:

- Raises awareness about neurodivergence and/or learning differences.
- Coordinates speakers/learning opportunities for parents.
- Creates opportunities for parents to connect and share their experiences/resources/stories.

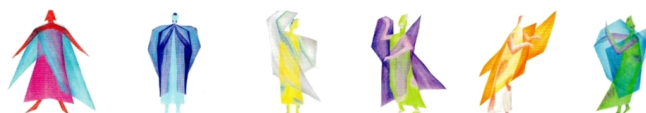
If you'd like to see this idea become a reality, have ideas/questions to share or wish to be involved with coordinating what it could look like, please email

[esther.rose.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:esther.rose.roberts@gmail.com)

and [haideet@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:haideet@michaelpark.school.nz).

Ngā mihi nui

Esther (Class 1 Parent) & Haidee (MPS Staff)



## EURYTHMY FOR ADULTS - TERM 4

There will be a short course of eurythmy in Term 4 for interested parents, staff and friends of the school who would like to take part. All are welcome, no experience is necessary.

Amongst other things, we will work on the Steiner verse: "He Who Illuminates The Clouds".

*Please email or phone to register for the course.*

Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the large Eurythmy Room at MPS. Koha at the door.

18<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November

Eileen Boland

[eileenb@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:eileenb@michaelpark.school.nz)

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

The kindergarten teachers are currently doing enrolment interviews for families of tamariki born in the 2019 and 2020 birth years. If you know of anyone considering a place, please let them know and encourage them to get in touch.

## KINDERGARTEN OPEN AFTERNOON

There will be a Kindergarten open afternoon on Wednesday 13th September at 3pm.



# CONGRATULATIONS MISHA!

Last weekend, Misha Dergilev (Class 3) represented Auckland in the National Indoor Bouldering Competition held in Christchurch. This competition is one of the key events on the climbing competition calendar and is cherished by rock climbers from all corners of the country. Misha demonstrated exceptional skills on the boulders and secured the first-place position in the Under 10 category. Congratulations, Misha!

In addition to joining the competition, Misha had the opportunity to visit Castle Hill, a world-class bouldering destination located in the Canterbury region. Castle Hill is renowned for its ancient limestone formations and its rich spiritual history. What a fantastic playground for a young climber!

Misha's passion for rock climbing is well-known to his school friends and teachers. He dedicates all his spare time to climbing and, despite being the youngest member of the 'black' training team at the local climbing gym, he is deeply involved in the climbing community. Misha is fortunate to learn from some of the best climbers in New Zealand and explore the numerous outdoor climbing spots that our country has to offer.

If you are interested in learning more about rock climbing, feel free to reach out to Misha and his family for an introduction into this wonderful sport.



## Middle School Sports Tournament

Classes 5-8 had to contend with some soggy weather for their Middle School sports tournament this week. There was some fantastic sportsmanship shown, and plenty of snazzy outfits to show team spirit. Congratulations to Magnolia who took out the top spot on the points table! Also, a special mention for Kowhai, who had an extra 10 points included in their total for being the most enthusiastic and supportive house.

Huge thanks to Mr. Ciaran Overton and to the Level 2 P.E. students for organising the event.

Magnolia	55 points
Kowhai	51 points <i>(including their 10 bonus points)</i>
Maple	39 points
Jacaranda	5 points









# September Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th  
& Wednesday 27th September  
9am-3:30pm

MPS Handwork Room and Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)  
Crafts galore and cooking/baking!

\$80 1x day

\$75 per day 2x days

\$70 per day 3x days

Limited spaces available.

Book now to secure your space.

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## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

For classes 2-7 with Mr. Bernal  
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October.

"Wild Suburbia" - Explore one of our urban green lungs. There will be a lot of maintenance works at school which will be unsafe to be around, therefore the workshop will be held at a reserve in the city (venue TBC). Traditional crafts and primitive technology will feature as usual. More details to come.

Single day \$80, two days \$75 per day.

Expressions of interest to [luisbernal@gmail.com](mailto:luisbernal@gmail.com)

Thank you to all the students, parents, MPS and all the performers who played a part in contributing to the Steiner House fundraiser. It was a lovely evening of music and poetry.

Michelle Mullany



## ABOUT STEINER HOUSE

Rudolf Steiner house is a community house in Ellerslie. It is the home of the Auckland branch of the Anthroposophical Society, Aotearoa New Zealand, and is a cultural hub containing a library, meeting space and biodynamic garden. The house facilitates talks and workshops on philosopher Rudolf Steiner's teachings, as well as artistic lessons, biodynamic gardening, and community events.

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104 Michaels Ave, Ellerslie, Auckland, 1051

## ELLERSLIE Fairy Festival & Pirate Party

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, FROM 9.30AM



### Join the fun!

9.30AM - 1.00PM

Face Painting, Bouncy Castles,  
Amusement Rides &  
General Collective Kids Market

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Main Entertainment:  
Fairies, Pirates, Superheroes  
& Princesses

Find us on Facebook: Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party  
Visit [www.ellerslievillage.co.nz](http://www.ellerslievillage.co.nz) for more details

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& cafes  
open as usual.



Ellerslie Village

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**Holiday programme for 8-10 year olds**

<b>Wed 27 Sep 2023</b>	West Wave Pool & Leisure
<b>Mon 2 Oct 2023</b>	Papatoetoe Pool & Leisure Centre
<b>Wed 4 Oct 2023</b>	Lagoon Pool & Leisure Centre Panmure

**9.30am - 2.30pm**

- Increase water competence
- Fun in-water activities
- Develop new water safety skills

**REGISTER NOW**

(Max. 25 participants)



**[dpanz.org.nz/holiday-programme](http://dpanz.org.nz/holiday-programme)**



**HOL DAY**

**Program**

**25 September**  
Starts & Ends **6 OCT**

AJ Studio  
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Remuera Road

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& Late pick up**

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7.30am-6pm  
25 September – 6 October 2023  
at Balmoral, Parnell and Epsom



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school  
holiday  
programme**

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





TARUNA  
COLLEGE

Connect, Nourish, Sustain

# Biodynamics as Michaelic Deed Workshop

29 September (Friday evening) - 1 October (Sunday afternoon)  
Cost: \$370



*Michael subdues the Dragon through the strength of his Iron Sword. Rudolf Steiner's 1924 Agriculture lectures take place on the high iron soils of the Koberwitz farm, hosted by the Iron Count and the Iron Countess. Iron will is required for the practice of biodynamics.*



In this workshop Rachel Pomeroy and James Millton guide us to awareness of our true relationship to the things around us as we:

- Stir and spread 500 at evening equinoctial full moon
- Stir and spray 501 at sunrise
- Make super-good, rat-free, kitchen scrap compost
- Practice the uses of Cow Pat Pit
- Lift a soil sample.

As well, Drs Helen Proctor and Richard Drexel offer their wisdom about the heart and iron rich blood, in relation to strength and courage for will activities, subduing our dragons, and doing the tasks of biodynamics.



### ***This workshop is designed for everyone:***

- wanting biodynamic regenerative practice in their own farms or gardens
- interested in wellness for land and people
- wishing to increase their perceptive powers of land, soil and life
- wanting to explore their own dragons and create their own iron swords
- already a biodynamic practitioner wanting to experience the wider context of biodynamics.



### ***Your workshop facilitators:***

Rachel Pomeroy - biodynamic teacher and star watcher  
James Millton - passionate biodynamic grape grower and wine maker

Dr Helen Proctor and Dr Richard Drexel medical doctors from the Sophia Healing Centre.

***Gratitude to the Kete Ora Trust for generous sponsorship of this workshop. Travel subsidies can be applied for.***

For further information and registrations please contact  
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