



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 17 October	Kindergarten Parent Evening, 7pm
Monday 23 October	LABOUR DAY
Tuesday 24 October	Class 3 Parent Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 25 October	Kindergarten Open Afternoon
Wednesday 25 October	Community Strategic Consultation Workshop, 6pm
Saturday 28 October	Storytelling Parent Workshop

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to term 4, and I hope you managed to get some rest and relaxation with your tamariki over the school break.

As we turn our attention towards our school fair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fair coordinators who have been working behind the scenes, setting up the rosters, delegating jobs and ensuring that their fair activity will be ready to go come November 11. Please read the important information that is in this week's issue about what we need to do.

This is our time to showcase everything that is wonderful about our kura and our whānau to the wider community of Ellerslie and Tāmaki Makaurau. Let's do this!

I am reminded about the following whakataukī:

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

This whakataukī refers to collaboration and a strengths-based approach that we carry out together as a community. It acknowledges that we all have something to offer; we are a piece of the puzzle, and by working together we can all flourish.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE ALL BLACKS!

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki



COMMUNITY STRATEGIC CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

6PM-8PM - WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - AUDITORIUM

Whanau and parents are invited to attend our school strategic consultation workshop on Wednesday 25 October.

The evening workshop will be facilitated by Carol Scholes, former parent, Board member and RSST chairperson.

The purpose of the evening is to gather information to assist the Board and the School to determine the direction and purpose for the next 3-5 years.

VOTING IN THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Michael Park School will be open for voting tomorrow on Election Day, Saturday 14 October, 9am-7pm in the Auditorium Foyer.

If you haven't yet voted in the General Election, come on down to school tomorrow. There's loads of parking and you'll be warmly greeted by some familiar ladies who are working as electoral officials. 🧑🏻



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANA

We send our warmest wishes to Ana Van Der Pol, who celebrated a very special birthday last week.

Ana is a key figure at MPS. One way or another, she has always been a committed and inspiring member of our community - teacher, trust member, parent, grandparent, and friend to us all.

We love you Ana!



SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE

We are full steam ahead with planning for the up-and-coming FAIR.

Fair Shed will be open on the 14th & 15th October from 8am Saturday and 10.30am Sunday.

What we need from you:

1. Please bring your clean **pre-loved clothing** and place it in the marked bin at the auditorium entrance.
2. If you have a place where one of our **Fair signs** could go (fence outside your home) where there is either high foot traffic or road traffic.
3. If you have an empty **chest freezer** that we could borrow from now until Fair.
4. We are looking for 4 small **kids-sized trestle tables** if anyone has one or two we could borrow for Fair day.
5. Make sure you share the **Facebook page** advertising our Fair.
6. **Hay Bales** – if you know of anyone who could help us out with hay bales.
7. If you or someone you know would be able to **donate items to our raffles** ie: bach for weekend, gift hamper, vouchers.
8. There will be **NO second hand book store** this year – we have a new and exciting ice cream parlour that will be in Class 2.

Thank you in anticipation, please contact Erin if you require any further information or can help with any of the above.

fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

TE AO MĀORI

Ko tangi te wharauora, kua tou te kūmara

When the cuckoo cries, it is time to plant the sweet potato

Now is the time of year when people are starting to think about preparing their garden beds for growing kūmara. This year, Class 3 have taken on the project of growing kūmara at school and we will share their journey here. Here is an account from two students of the first stage of preparation.

Digging the kūmara gardens:

By Jasmine and Penelope Class 3

Last term, Class 3 went up to the gardens with Mrs Dixon and Mr Bernal and got split into two groups. Mr Bernal took one group to get compost, Mrs Dixon's group took the cardboard from a patch of the garden.

Next, the first group brought the compost up in wheelbarrows, then both groups loosened the soil with kō (traditional digging stick) that we had made in outdoor classroom a few weeks earlier. Then we spread sheep pellets on top of the soil. Later, we put the compost that Group One had collected on top, and finally put the cardboard back on. It was a very fun afternoon.

Kupu o te Rā:

Whakatipu(a) – to grow

Tipu – seedling

Mara – garden

Whakatō(kia) – to plant

Taupoki(tia) – to dig



CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

Dancers, musicians, etc, to perform at the fair. Please see Amanda Lawrence or email her on amandal@michaelpark.school.nz

To get a chance to perform you need to contact Amanda by Friday 27 October.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Hi all - we will be in between houses from the end of November until mid December. I am hoping to find a **pet/house sit or a short term furnished rental** (our stuff will be in storage). Please let me know if there is anything around. 😊 Julie 021 207 3317 (Class 9 & 12 parent).

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.

Sign-up form for Concert on Friday 3 November

Do you learn a musical instrument or go to dance classes?

Are you looking for a performance opportunity?

If you answered yes to the above questions please sign up for our last Music Department concert of the year.

Who: Class 1-12 students from Michael Park School

Where: Michael Park School auditorium

When: Friday 3 November 2023

Time: 7pm

Students will be expected to perform a piece they have been working on that is “polished” and ready to perform. Performers will be expected to dress tidily.

Please fill in the form below and return to Amanda Lawrence or Mary Chun by *Friday, 27 October*. amandal@michaelpark.school.nz maryc@michaelpark.school.nz

Please note that students performing on band gear will need to set up their own instruments (especially drums), mics, amps, etc.

Name _____ Class _____

Instrument _____ or dance style _____

Name of piece _____ Length _____ mins

Parent name (if under 16) _____

Parent signature (if under 16) _____

Parent email (if under 16) _____

I will provide an mp3 of my backing track/dance music: Yes No NA
(circle one)

RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A series of workshops to be held throughout 2023 at Michael Park School, bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

STORYTELLING with Sally Russell

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER

9.30am – 12.00pm

Come and join Sally in the kindergarten for a joyful morning of story.

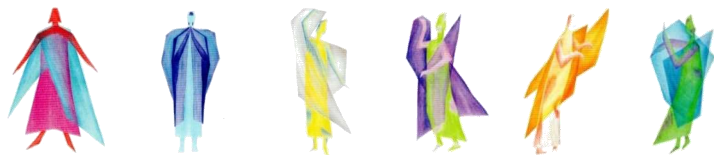
For adults only.

Find out how to tell simple stories in your whare (home) and how we approach story in the kindergarten.

Venue: Kindergarten

Cost: Koha (donation)

RSVP: Email saraho@michaelpark.school.nz to register.



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".

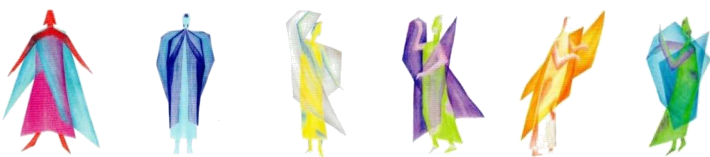
Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the large Eurythmy Room at MPS. Koha at the door.

18th October, 25th October, 1st November

Eileen Boland

eileenb@michaelpark.school.nz 021 125 2106

Please email or phone to register for the course.



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Friday 13th October

Start date

Friday 1st December

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

\$ 118

Term Fee

Register online today at www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration



Creative Wisdom Workshops

A series of creative workshops for fun and wellbeing. Each workshop is a taster of Creative Wisdom; come to one or all.

**Charcoal Making + Drawing /Kate Le Pelley
Oct 14th 2023/10.30-12.30/\$45/MPS Outdoor Class**

We'll light a fire and make charcoal. Then we'll look around...use the charcoal and other drawing materials to draw some of what we see... some plants, tools, maybe even each other! No experience required, materials included. Small group, **booking essential**. Perfect for nervous drawers or those with 'rusty' skills.

Botanical Printing + Ink Making /Emma Green and Kate Le Pelley

Nov 4th 2023/9.30-12.30/\$70/MPS Outdoor Class

Further details coming soon. Contact Kate to express interest or ask for info.

kate@lepelley.com

Unlock your Parenting Potential

Struggling to be the best parent you set out to be?

Wanting to feel confident with your parenting skills?

Join us for a 4-Week Journey with Happy Parenting

Date: 24 October 2023

Online

For more information and registrations go to:

www.facebook.com/happy.parenting.2023

or email: happyparents23@gmail.com

Chip Carving Class

with artist Wanda Gillespie

This is a great way to learn the principles of wood carving using only 1 tool – the chip carving knife. In this 1 day workshop you will be creating a 2-dimensional chip carved bird that can be used as a candle holder. The chip carving will introduce the basic methods and patterns of geometric chip carving, which involves cutting out small triangles to make patterns.

Dates:

Saturday 4th November
Saturday 18th November

Location:

The Warren
2a Cross Street
Auckland Central

Time:

10am – 4pm

Investment \$160

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The Art Collective Project



Collaborating & charting the landscape of today's art scene

October 2023 Classes

Weekdays

Tuesdays

(10am-1pm)
Watercolour Art
with Linda Wills

Wednesdays

(10:30am-1:30pm)
Micromacrame
Jewellery
with Yoko Onishi

Wednesdays

(6pm-9pm)
Creative Ink Art
with Cath Sanvictores

Thursdays

(6pm-9pm)
Intuitive Collage Art
with Naomi Azoulay

Weekends

Saturdays

7th & 21st Oct (10am-4pm)
Human Figure Exploration
with Nicky Hartley

Saturday 14th Oct

(10am-4pm)
Intuitive Collage Art
with Naomi Azoulay

Saturday & Sunday

28th & 29th Oct

(10am-4pm)
Sewn Recycled Fibre Art
with Dee Petit

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