



COMING EVENTS

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Saturday 28 October	'9-Year-Old Change' Workshop
Saturday 28 October	Storytelling Parent Workshop
30 October - 3 November	Class 9 Camp
From 1 November	Class 11 & 12 on Study Leave
Thursday 2 November	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Friday 3 November	Music Concert, 7pm
Tuesday 7 November	Class 4 Parent Meeting
Saturday 11 November	FAIR DAY

THE RSST IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

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. we hold 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 manger 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 Board of Trustees (BOT) and the College of Teachers.

The RSST meets monthly, and we are looking for new members from our community to apply. The following attributes would be beneficial:

1. passionate about our kindergarten and school, our mission - vision - values;
2. critical thinking; and
3. experienced in the fields of finance and property.

If you are interested in joining the RSST please email us at

RSST@michaelpark.school.nz

Many thanks from the RSST

FINANCE UPDATE

Thank you to all those families that have paid in full or paying by AP to cover their attendance and donation contribution for 2023.

Your financial contribution is important as it is used directly to support the unique, beneficial programmes that are only offered within a Steiner school (Special Character Donation)

The money provided by the Ministry of Education contributes towards the cost of a basic education programme within the school.

Parents, we need you to give your full support in order for us to be in sound financial position to deliver on our philosophy and create a wholesome, healthy and well-resourced Special Character environment for our children.

If you require any further information please contact Erin Wilson erinw@michaelpark.school.nz

MESSAGE FROM THE RSST

Dear Community,

We are writing to let you know that the RSST has been undertaking a careful analysis and review regarding sustainable financial modelling for our Kindergarten. We have received information from the IRD regarding our donation model which indicates this may not be a viable way forward so we are currently seeking legal advice.

We have formed a committee overseeing this review which includes members from the RSST, Board, and Management and look forward to understanding their recommendations. An extraordinary meeting of the RSST has been convened for Monday 30h November for this purpose. It is then our intention to seek your feedback prior to making any decisions.

The RSST is appreciative of all the care and work from our Kindergarten staff and supportive community. We wish to continue to offer a quality Steiner education for our tamariki going forward.

Darren Rawlins and Melanie Woodham
RSST Co-Chairs

SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE - 2 WEEKS TO GO!

1. Please make sure you have put your name on your **class roster**, we need all parents to help out - your class coordinators need your FULL support!
2. **Advertising** - can you help deliver the fair flyers in your local area? Please collect flyers from reception and tell us which streets you can deliver to.
3. The last day for dropping off clean **pre-loved clothing** will be Monday 30 October.
4. **Cake Stall** – Each year every school family makes 2 cakes plus a third item (preserves, meringues, biscuits) for the cake stall. Packaging for these will go home the week of the 30th October.
5. If you have any **flowers and any trailing greenery/vines**, these would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped to Maple Kindy the morning of Friday the 10th of November – there will be buckets to put these in outside Maple.

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

Enchanted Scoops

Ice Cream stall new to the Fair 2023

Class one will be running a new stall this year. Replacing the Book Stall in Class 2 will be the brand-new Ice Cream Parlour, Enchanted Scoops.

Come along and enjoy a cup of Chocolate, Strawberry or Vanilla Ice cream topped with sauce, sprinkles and a wafer.

The vegan-friendly option, Nice Blocks will be just outside the class.

Keep an eye out for our sign at the Fair.



Stage Helpers Needed

Music Stage - Volunteers are needed to help **set up the PA and musical gear** on the morning of the fair (8-9.00) and take it down at the end (3.00). Please contact Amanda Lawrence: amandal@michaelpark.school.nz.

Also, If anyone has a large PA they could lend for the fair please contact Amanda: amandal@michaelpark.school.nz.

Cake Stall

Best in show cake competition

Win great prizes...

baking hamper from Sabato, vouchers from Richoux and Mint Cakery



If you are entering the cake competition please take a photo of your cake and email it to mazmiller00@gmail.com with your name, class, and your phone number.

Further instructions are with the packaging that gets handed out to students.

Cake competition cakes need to be delivered to Class room 3 before 3pm on Friday 10th, as this is when they are judged.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

It's that time of the year where all those Sports Uniforms that haven't made it back to school need to find their way back so we can do a stock take on what needs to be repaired or replaced. We try provide a cost efficient way of participating in Sports at Michael Park where our teams look sharp. Part of this approach is reducing the amount of lost uniforms, so if you see a uniform laying around the House please return it so we can continue to provide great sporting opportunities at an affordable price.

Warm regards,
Andrew Johnstone

'THE 9-YEAR-OLD CHANGE' WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023, 8.30AM-1PM

Hosted by Nicole King, anthroposophical nurse. This workshop is especially suited for Class 2 and 3 parents.

Cost: \$45.00 pp

Venue: Michael Park School Class Two

Registration: Please email Lucy lucye@michaelpark.school.nz



HEALTH & SAFETY NEAR-MISS REPORTING

Kia ora whānau

To help us meet our responsibility as a Healthy and Safe school we're going to need a community approach.

Below is a link that can be filled out if you see any near miss incidents around the school that once identified may reduce the likelihood of an injury and continue to make this Kura a safe and wonderful place for all.

<https://forms.gle/SUuTyL1EkWodgaAE9>

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Johnstone (On behalf of the Health and Safety Committee)



CLASS 3 LUNCH BAR

sausage sizzle



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 10

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the MPS Class 10 Play, King Lear. We are finalists in the 2024 Auckland Showdown Awards and King Lear has been nominated for:

Outstanding Play

Best Production

Best supporting Actress - Tilly Arasaratnam

Best supporting actor - Miles Miller.

King Lear is a very hard play to perform, so we are especially thrilled for Tilly and Miles, and the wonderful efforts of the whole ensemble.

Patrice Wilson



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 22nd November at 3pm.

CONGRATULATIONS MISHA



Great news from Misha Dergilev, a Class 3 student, who has become a New Zealand National Champion in bouldering (a rock climbing discipline). A confident climber, Misha demonstrated his skills at the La Sportiva National Youth and Masters Bouldering Championships organised by Climbing NZ where he represented Auckland Climbing Club.

Misha reached the top at all of 10 routes and secured the first place in his age category (Under 12).

This national championship brings together all the competing rock climbers from across the country across all age groups and provides an opportunity for climbers to test their skills on the routes set by the internationally accredited route setters. Great experience and heaps of fun!

Congratulations, Misha, keep it up!

CONGRATULATIONS LEON

And, in another demonstration of MPS students' athletic prowess in a variety of sports, Leon Kment from Class 11 won a gold medal at the Jiu-Jitsu Gi Nationals last weekend.

Outstanding work, Leon!



The MPS Craft Group is seeking donations of dolls or hand crafted toys, in good condition, that children have grown out of, but that still have a few more years' of play left in them.

In addition to Snapdragon, the craft group will be in the gym this year with some pre-loved items for sale and all the lovely things that we have been making this year.

Donations can be dropped off at reception. Many thanks!



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Kupu o te wā

The reo Māori word for spring, kōanga, includes the word kō (the digging implement), highlighting spring as the time to start digging the soil for summer crops.

Whakataukī o te rā:

Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai – nurture the seed and it will grow.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- We are looking for a cat/house sitter from 23rd Dec - 3rd Jan (or a portion thereof - dates slightly flexible), and would be so happy if it were someone from the MPS whānau. Please contact me if you are interested. Lari 022 465 4800 (Maple kindy parent)

- 2-Bedroom house for sale, right next to school, on Elwood Place.

www.barfoot.co.nz/855352



Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline Thursday lunchtime.

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.

MEETING STEINER'S WORK

First Saturday of every month.

10.30am to 11.30am at Steiner House

104 Michael's Avenue, Ellerslie

**Next meeting on Saturday,
4 November 2023**

(Free, but please consider koha for Steiner House.)

Come and find a path to answer life's questions.

Our aim is to build a picture in a collaborative way.

Anne Mansart will be your host.

SNAPDRAGON TE PĀTAKA

Did you know our school has its own little shop?!

Come and visit our school shop, Snapdragon, and buy Waldorf-inspired crafts, wax crayons and pencils for your school supplies and much more.

All profit goes to our school.

We are open on:

Mondays 8:15-8:45am

Fridays 8:15-8:45am and 2:00-3:00pm



Our final sale for 2023! **Saturday 4th November, 10am - 12 pm**

Our container store is full with newly donated fabric from our best suppliers, including a huge range of the best interior design fabric labels. Old stock will be sold at reduced prices.

As usual there will be \$2 and \$5 bundles of smaller pieces and outdoor fabric, silk, wool, smaller upholstery pieces, craft fabric.

EXQUISITE FABRICS FOR SALE - Remnants and samples of interior design textiles - cottons, linens, velvets, embroidered linens and more. Most priced at less than \$20! Bargain pieces under \$1.

Gifts for Good handmade products - cushions, bags, aprons, table linen, children's & baby items and more!

Container Store open Wednesdays 12-3pm

17 Marewa Rd, Greenlane

(Grace City Church)

www.giftsforgood.nz

