



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 28 November	Class 4 Play - 6.30pm
Tuesday 28 November	Class 1 2023 Parent Meeting
Thursday 30 November & Friday 1 December	Class 9 Independent Project Presentations - 6pm
Monday 4 December	Kindergarten Advent Festival
Tuesday 5 December	High School Prizegiving - 9am
Wednesday 6 December	Class 12 Graduation - 9am
6-13 December	High School Craft Week
Thursday 7 December	Advent Festival & Carols
Friday 8 December	Snapdragon Christmas Market

Kia ora whānau,

He mihi nui aroha ahau kia koutou katoa.

We could not have asked for a better day;
the weather gods were smiling on us.

More importantly, our FAIR could not
have happened without the generous time you provided that
enabled hundreds of people to experience a wonderful day at
our amazing kura – NGA MIHI NUI WHANAU xx

We will be able share how much we raised in the next issue of
the Friday Flyer.

Class 6 have just arrived back from camp at Waitomo, as have
Class 8 who were on camp in the South Island. Next week, Class
5 will be looking forward to their Olympic camp that they will
be having with other class 5 students from the Steiner schools
of Titirangi, Waikato & Tauranga. I wish them all the very best
carrying out their activities and making memories.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank our parents
and staff who are travelling with our tamariki next week as well
as our parents and staff who went with Class 6 and 8 - without
your assistance, our camps would not have been possible.

I'm looking forward to watching the Class 7 play this evening in
the auditorium.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Naku noa,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



Injury Near-Miss Reporting

<https://forms.gle/SUuTyL1EkWodgaAE9>

CLASS 4 PLAY

Class Four invites whānau from Class 1 age and up to attend our
performance of Ronia the Robber's Daughter, at 6:30pm on
Tuesday the 28th of November in the auditorium. This classic
story has been adapted to the stage and is an exciting, funny
and joyful adventure of dueling robber bands and their two
children.

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS

All school library books are due back by November 30th for our
annual stocktake. Emails will go out to caregivers for any titles
still outstanding after this date, and any long overdue books will
need to be charged a replacement cost. Please check with your
child if they have any books out, and contact the school
librarian, Kura, at kurar@michaelpark.school.nz if you have any
queries.

COMMUNITY ADVENT AND CAROLS

Thursday, 7 December - 5:30pm

Last year, the Lower School teachers gifted the students and
their whānau with a presentation of an adapted version of "The
Shepherds' Play". In this adapted performance, the whole
community played a part by joining in and singing some well-
known Christmas carols.

This year, we hope more members of the community will join
us in the celebration which will begin with a community picnic
(BYO) at 5:30pm on the middle field, before moving into the
Auditorium at 6:30pm for the play.

If you haven't begun singing or humming along to these
Christmas tunes, perhaps you'd like to start on these:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem; Away in a Manger; The First Noël;
Little Drummer Boy; Silent Night; Joy to the World and Ding
Dong Merrily on High.

Please come and join us on Thursday, 7 December at 5:30pm
(with your picnic basket) or join us in the
Auditorium for the play at 6:30pm.

Blessings to one and all
Arlene



WAHAROA UNVEILING

Open invitation to our waharoa unveiling & blessing ceremony, Tuesday 12 December, 10am

Our waharoa is nearing completion and we are excited to have it installed and presented to our community. We are unveiling our waharoa at a blessing ceremony on **Tuesday 12 December**.

Our master carver Harry Wikaira has thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating a taonga for our kura that will enhance our auditorium entranceway when it is unveiled.

We warmly invite our whānau to attend what will be our last school wide event for the year.

Kīwaha o te wiki

Wananei.

Wicked!

Whakataukī o te Wā

Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai.

Nurture the seed and it will grow.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Appeal for Fair footage** - If anyone videoed the performance by **Merlin** on Fair day, we would greatly appreciate a copy, as it will help form Merlin's assessment for Level 3 Music. Please contact the school office if you can help!



- **Babysitter available - Tabea Trounson.** Kia ora! I am a 25yr old former MPS student looking for casual babysitting jobs in the area, leading up to Christmas. Available most evenings and weekends, and potentially during weekdays (depending on my uni schedule). I have 7+ years of experience in babysitting and I have worked as an au pair in Germany. I am more than happy to help out with homework, get the kids outside, take the dog for a walk, cook dinner, etc. I have babysat for several Michael Park families in the past and I am happy to provide references if wanted! Contact me via text or WhatsApp on +642040329328
- **4 bdrm house for sale** - 45B Arthur Street, close to MPS. www.barfoot.co.nz/852254

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



Christmas Kindness

We are collecting festive food and gifts for the Salvation Army again this year. Over the next few months we will see thousands of Kiwis in desperate need. Increased costs of living are further stretching families who already have so little, meaning they don't have the luxury of participating in festivities like gift-giving and shared meals this year.

Can you help with providing items that we can gift them?

Think festive treats and gifts for teenagers (body spray, nail polish, hair accessories, colouring books, etc.). These should be unwrapped. This is the age group that often gets overlooked and they really struggle with gifts for them.

There will be a donation box in the school office, or you can bring your donation to the Community Advent & Carols evening on 7th December - a lovely way to finish the year.

www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal/donate-now

Thank you MPS whānau for bringing hope and joy at Christmas.

DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Once again MPS is collecting donations of **brand new books** to gift to kids

in need this Christmas. Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction - we'd love them all! Even better if we can support Kiwi authors and illustrators.

We have a donation box in the school office, or you can bring your donation along to the Community Advent & Carols evening on 7th December.



The books will be distributed to families in need through various charities, including the families that will be having Christmas onsite at the Refugee Resettlement Centre. The team of Michael Park Elves worked hard last year to make sure that every child got a book delivered to them by sleigh!

You can also purchase **GIFT CARDS** through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents - please do check them out!

Donations close on Monday, December 11th.

Thank you for your support!

Registered Charity CC60356

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SANTA
PRETZELS
SAUSAGES
SAUERKRAUT
POTATOSALAD
CHRISTMAS MUSIC
STALLS & FOODCARTS
ALL AGES CRAFT GROTTO

25m
mega
bouncy
obstacle
course!

German Christmas Market

25
NOVEMBER
3-8pm

The Crossing Community Centre
30/44 Kaurilands Rd, Titirangi
Doggies on leash outside welcome
 GermanChristmasMarket

All Together Now
PRESENTS

Preschool Music

KODÁLY MUSIC EDUCATION INSPIRED CLASSES
FOR 0 TO 5 YEAR OLDS
WITH MARIA WINDER

FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER,
GO TO:

www.thechoir.co.nz/preschool

Leading through Change A 1-day Seminar by Torin M. Finser PhD 27th Jan 2024

Join us at the Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School in Auckland, New Zealand on the 27th of January 2024, 9am – 4pm, for this unique in-person seminar on leadership in Waldorf schools with Torin M. Finser PhD.

This seminar is perfect for

- Newly hired school administrators and administrative staff in admissions, HR, business, development, marketing, etc.
- Experienced administrators seeking renewal and further professional development.
- Pedagogical leaders: school directors, faculty chair, teachers, college chair, section chairs, principal (state-integrated Waldorf/Steiner), and committee chairs.
- Trustees seeking greater collaboration among school decision making groups.
- Lead parents who wish to serve their school in present or future leadership roles

Torin, Professor of Education at Antioch University, is the renowned author of School Renewal, A Second Classroom and 12 other books and the highly regarded Waldorf Leadership Development program at the Centre for Anthroposophy (CfA), where he is the founding Trustee

Go to <https://titirangi.steiner.school.nz/torin-finser> to learn more and register to attend
Attendance Fee: \$75 per person / \$50 pp for two to three from the same school

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

HANDMADE CERAMICS MARKET SAVE THE DATE

9th & 10th
DECEMBER

Summer school holiday programme

- 18 December to 2 February
- open 7.30am to 6pm
- on-site activities & trips
- for 5 to 13 year olds
- Balmoral, Epsom and Parnell

villagesquare.org.nz/shp-enrol



iSOOTH kids sore throat study

Volunteers Needed Children (3 – 14 years)

Streptococcus A (or Strep A for short) are bacteria and a common cause of sore throats (strep throat) in children. Most Strep A infections are mild, but the bacteria can also cause serious diseases like rheumatic fever.

This study is an important step towards creating a vaccine for Strep A.

What this study involves

- Three home visits throughout the year where samples will be collected (throat swabs, finger-prick blood, and saliva).
- An extra home visit is arranged if your child experiences a sore throat.

A Koha for participation is available.



If your child would like to participate in the study, please complete the form using the QR code.



EURYTHMY AOTEAROA

COME JOIN US FOR THREE FULL DAYS OF EURYTHMY
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING OF TARUNA!

This summer workshop offers three full days from the 9th – 11th of January immerse oneself in the dynamic movements of visible speech and music. The workshop is open to all those interested in or passionate about eurythmy no matter what age, profession or field of interest.



Extend your stay and discover the delights that Hawkes Bay offers, such as Te Mata Peak, Napier, local beaches, cycleways, bush walks, the gannet colony and more.

ARE YOU INTERESTED, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE?
CONTACT US EURYTHMYAOTEAROA@GMAIL.COM

Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

AUCKLAND

16th - 29th December 2023

Rudolf Steiner's Christmas Foundation Conference, took place in 1923/24, on the site of the Goetheanum in Switzerland. During this event many seeds were laid that we can draw strength from in these times.

ART EXHIBITION

16th Dec - 4pm with Susie Gay - Painting Group - working with Rudolf Steiner's Motifs, Michael Burton, Natarani and Sasha Witten-Hannah. Rudolf Steiner House.

CONCERT - DINNER - SPEAKER'S

23rd Dec - 5:30pm with Stuart Lithgow, Michael Burton and Penelope Snowdon-Lait, Bernadette White, and Ann-Marie Jacobs-Brown. Michael Park School Auditorium and Rudolf Steiner House.

EURYTHMY

24th Dec - 2pm/3pm/4pm with Kimberlie Haswell - Hestia Eurythmy, Michael Burton and Penelope Snowdon-Lait. Michael Park School Auditorium.

CONFERENCE

26th - 29th Dec - starts 26th Dec 7pm with speakers and workshops. Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School.

Let's renew and enliven our heart-forces
for the good of humanity

For more info:

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Adult events 18+

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16th December 4pm 2023

Facilitated by Susie Gay

Speech Michael Burton. Music Natarani and Sasha Witten-Hannah

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The visual arts motifs given by Rudolf Steiner in 1923 can be experienced as seeds of the Michaelic impulse of the Christmas Foundation Meeting. These motifs can be experienced as portals towards the renewal of the Michael mysteries in the social realm; especially when painted in community. This group exhibition reflects the dedication of artists and participants that have for some years been working with these motifs. Through Imagination, Inspiration, and Intuition, a new art with 'heart thinking' can meet humanity and the future.

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Date: Exhibition Opening - 16th Dec 4pm

with an introduction by **Susie Gay**.

Location: Rudolf Steiner House,
104 Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie, Auckland.
Donation's appreciated.

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CONCERT

23rd December 5:30pm 2023

An accompanied choral concert - Directed by Stuart Lithgow

Speech by Michael Burton and Penelope Snowdon-Lait

Rudolf Steiner's Christmas Foundation Conference, took place in 1923/24, on the site of the Goetheanum in Switzerland. During this event many seeds were laid that we can draw strength from in these times.

'100 Years' is composed by Dale Maurice Jones, the piece is set to excerpts from the Foundation Stone Meditation by Rudolf Steiner and is in three parts; 'You Live in the Limbs', 'You Live in the Beat and You Live' in the 'Resting Head'. It is a musical reflection on the first three verses of the meditation that concludes with an invocation for human beings to "hear it ... in East and West and North and South." It also includes some spoken narration from the final verse of the Foundation Stone Meditation.

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Times and Locations:

5:30pm Concert with an introduction by **Bernadette White**
at Michael Park School Auditorium,
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland.

6:30pm Community Dinner followed by talk at 7:30pm by
Ann-Marie Jacobs-Brown at Rudolf Steiner House,
104 Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie, Auckland.

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EURYTHMY

24th December 2023

2pm / 3pm / 4pm

Directed by Kimberle Haswell

Speech by Michael Burton & Penelope Snowdon-Lait

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One of the most sacred gifts from by Rudolf Steiner to Eurythmy is the form for the Foundation Stone Meditation. It is a very challenging work for the participants. With great depths a living picture of the human beings' true nature is revealed. More than five years ago work began looking at a new perspective on the Foundation Stone Meditation by eurythmists Heike Houben, Brigitte Fischer, and Kimberle Haswell and later supported by Uta Stoll-Kuwilsky. Upon this beginning, Hestia Eurythmy has steadfastly continued and now shares their efforts in honour of this Centennial.

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Date: 24th December 2pm, 3pm & 4pm with an introduction by **Kimberle Haswell**.

Location: Michael Park School Auditorium
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland.
Donation's appreciated.

For more info:

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CONFERENCE

26th - 29th December 2023

Rudolf Steiner's Christmas Foundation Conference, took place in 1923/24, on the site of the Goetheanum in Switzerland. During this event many seeds were laid that we can draw strength from in these times.

In this three-day event we will explore the meaning of the Christmas Foundation Meeting, how it is important to us today and how it can become a part of our lives. With speakers and artistic workshops, that include Norbert Mulholland (Speech) Susie Gay (Painting) Simone Hamblett (Eurythmy), Diane de Saint Quentin (Biodynamics), evening performances, and spending time together in nature and community.

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Date: Welcome and Opening 26th Dec 7pm,
followed by full day program on 27th, 28th, 29th
that includes lunch and dinner.

Location: Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland.

For more info and to register:

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