



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>Thursday 30 November &amp; Friday 1 December</b>	<b>Class 9 Independent Project Presentations - 6pm</b>
<b>Monday 4 December</b>	<b>Kindergarten Advent Festival</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b>	<b>High School Prizegiving</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	<b>Class 12 Graduation</b>
<b>6-13 December</b>	<b>High School Craft Week</b>
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	<b>Advent Festival &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	<b>Snapdragon Christmas Market</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	<b>Waharoa Blessing</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	<b>Last day for Class 8, 9 &amp; 10 - 3pm finish</b>
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	<b>Kindy Farewell</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	<b>Last day for Lower School &amp; Kindy - 12pm finish</b>

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe that we have less than three weeks to go until the end of the school year!



Class 5 arrived back today from their Olympic camp, and, on Wednesday, Class 12 returned from their final camp before their prize giving and graduation next week.

Class 4 performed their play "Ronja the Robber's Daughter" to their parents on Tuesday night and to the lower school on Wednesday. Last night we had the first evening of presentations for the class 9 projects; the final set of presentations will be carried out this evening.

Next week we have a lot on with our high school end of year events: Class 12 graduation, Prizegiving, Class 12 v staff volleyball match and the start of our C7,8,9 & 10 craft week.

Finally, from me - heads up that the last day of school for the year is Friday 15 December; on that day school and kindergarten will close at 12pm.

Have a wonderful weekend whānau.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianei,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki



**Injury Near-Miss Reporting**

<https://forms.gle/SUuTyL1EkWodgaAE9>

### 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



### NEW KINDY HOURS

*The Kindergarten is pleased to announce its new hours for 2024:*

**Monday to Thursday  
Friday**

**8.30 to 2.45  
8.30 to 2.00**



*We are enrolling now for 2024 and have space available.*

*Phone the kindergarten on 525 8996 for more information.*

## 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.



### FAIR RESULT

A huge thank you to you all in the Michael Park School Community for your hard work through the year and on Fair Day. **We made a profit of \$41,674.99 excl GST**. Full fair results will be sent to class coordinators.

We hope you enjoyed the day; our Summer Fair is a well-known and well-run event, and we have had so much positive feedback. Have a great Christmas and New year break and we will see you next year.

Kind regards  
Erin Wilson



## HOSTING HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL WALDORF STUDENTS

**We are currently looking for families who are interested in hosting international high school students in 2024.**

We invite expressions of interest from families within our school and also families that are part of the wider Michael Park School community to host international High School Students seeking a Steiner education. We are seeking families who are interested in short-term to long-term stays.

Hosting an international student provides many benefits for you and your family; an international cultural experience, expanding your horizons, supporting a young person to learn at Michael Park School. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Brenda Davidson on [brendad@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:brendad@michaelpark.school.nz) for further information.

## TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Some students who travel long distances could be eligible for Transport Assistance Allowance from Ministry of Education, more information available at:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/>

All applications are done online and all families are welcome to look at this and apply online to see if they qualify for this allowance.

If you have any queries please email Brenda Davidson, [brendad@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:brendad@michaelpark.school.nz)

## TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

### Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau

Auckland Museum currently has a special exhibition *Te Rā, Navigating Home*, where the museum is hosting Te Rā, the only known customary Māori sail still in existence. The sail is dated to be around 200 years old, and this is the first time it has returned to Aotearoa after being held in the British Museum for many years. Standing at over four metres high, the sail, finely woven in harakeke and other materials, is a stunning reminder of the rich history of Māori sailing and navigation.

Alongside the sail is an exhibition, *Te Karanga o Te Rā*, by Te Rā Ringa Raupā, a group of Northland weavers who have worked since 2009 to recreate replicas, or younger siblings, of Te Rā; Hine Mārama, a small-scale model of the sail, and Māhere Tū ki te Rangi, a full-size recreation.

**For more information about the exhibitions, see the link [here](#).**

In time for the return of Te Rā, Christchurch Art Gallery has also published a stunning book about the sail, written in verse by Ariana Tikao and illustrated by Mat Tait.







*Last weekend, Topaz Osborne, Class 11, danced the role of Ariel the mermaid in her ballet show, Great South Dance Academy's 'Ocean Tails'.*

*She was awesome!*

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **For rent:** 4 bed, 2 bath house for long term rent - \$915pw. Right next to MPS (on Elwood Place). Start date for tenancy 17 January. Call 021642645. [Trade Me listing 4443900640](#).
- **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](http://www.barfoot.co.nz/852254)



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.



## 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](http://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

[KIWICHRISTMASBOOKS.ORG.NZ](http://KIWICHRISTMASBOOKS.ORG.NZ) #GIVEBOOKSTOKIDS





## TERM 1, 2024

**Tuesday, 30 January - Friday, 12 April 2024**

Auckland Anniversary Day - Monday, 29 January

Teacher Only Day - Monday, 5 February

Waitangi Day - Tuesday, 6 February

Good Friday - Friday, 29 March

Easter Monday - Monday, 1 April

Easter Tuesday - Tuesday, 2 April

## TERM 2, 2024

**Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July 2024**

King's Birthday - Monday, 3 June

Matariki - Friday, 28 June

**\*\* ANZAC Day is during school holidays - Thursday 25th April \*\***

## TERM 3, 2024

**Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September 2024**

Teacher Only Day (Lower & High School Parent Teacher Conferences) - Tuesday, 30 July

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 23 August

## TERM 4, 2024

**Monday, 14 October - Tuesday, 17 December 2024**

Labour Day - Monday, 28 October

Fair - Saturday 9 November

Mid-Term Break - Friday, 15 November



THE CHRISTIAN  
COMMUNITY

# CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

"Darkness gives way to the Light  
that radiates toward us in the Star  
of Mankind. Darkness yields and  
comprehends the Light."

24TH DECEMBER 2023  
5:30PM

10 RAWHITI ROAD, ONE TREE HILL

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## 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 Kimberle 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+

THE CLAY CENTRE

# 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

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## Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

### ART EXHIBITION

**16th December 4pm 2023**

Facilitated by Susie Gay

Speech Michael Burton. Music Natarani and Sasha Witten-Hannah

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.

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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for the good of humanity**

**Date: Exhibition Opening - 16th Dec 4pm**

with an introduction by **Susie Gay**.

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

**For more info:**

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**rudolfsteinerhouse@xtra.co.nz**

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## Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

### 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.

Donation's appreciated.

**For more info:**

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## Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

### EURYTHMY

**24th December 2023**

**2pm / 3pm / 4pm**

Directed by Kimberle Haswell

Speech by Michael Burton & 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.

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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## Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

### 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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