



### COMING EVENTS

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Monday 11 December	Craft Week Lunch Bar
Tuesday 12 December	Waharoa Unveiling & Blessing ceremony - 10am
Wednesday 13 December	Last day for Class 8, 9 & 10 - 3pm finish
Friday 15 December	Kindergarten Farewell 10.30
Friday 15 December	Last day for Lower School & Kindy - 12pm finish
Tuesday 30 January	First day of Term 1, 2024



### Injury Near-Miss Reporting

<https://forms.gle/SUuTyL1EkWodgaAE9>

Tena koutou whānau,

We're almost at the end of what has been an eventful year; I have been impressed by the diligence and enthusiasm that our students, staff and whānau have carried out throughout the last four terms.



Congratulations to each student recognised at our high school prize giving on Tuesday. Special mention for the following awards: Dux, top academic scholar, Bibi Miller and Proxime Accessit, second runner up, Estelle Hebley were standouts in a strong academic cohort. Bhodi Prohl received the Rudolf Steiner award, and Alex Geng was the recipient of our most prestigious award at Michael Park School, The Colin Lawrence Cup. This year a new award, the Whaea Andrea award for exemplifying belonging and inclusion, was presented to the school by Keith and Ollie Gordine. The first recipient to receive this award was Tabitha Yearbury.

On Wednesday we farewelled our Graduating Class 12 students of 2023. For the most part, Michael Park School and Steiner Education have played a major role in their life. It is hard to put into words the significance of their achievement. They have typified what student leaders are all about. On behalf of all of our staff, we are truly proud of what you have accomplished, we congratulate you on making it this far, and wish you all the best for the future.

Below are our Class 1 -12 Kaiako for 2024.

Class 1	Janette Feenstra
Class 2	Cameron Ashby
Class 3	Lucy Espeche
Class 4	Jill Dixon
Class 5	Sophie Hudson
Class 6	Briar Gibson
Class 7	Marco Liguori
Class 8	Emma Robertson & Mike Meyer
Class 9	Patrice Wilson & Ciaran Overton
Class 10	Aurelia Zatta
Class 11	Alan Kim
Class 12	Iva Barretto

This Tuesday 12 December, 10am, you are warmly invited to attend the blessing and unveiling of our own waharoa that will stand at the entranceway of our auditorium.

One more week to go, whānau.

Heoi ano taku mo naiane,  
Naku noa,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki | Principal

## TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

### Kīwaha o te wiki

Ākuni pea

Maybe, perhaps, soon, possibly.

### Whakataukī o te Wā

This whakataukī seemed like a perfect one for our wonderful graduating students, at the end of their Steiner educational journey.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.



Class 12 Graduates and Class 12 Prize Winners



## LOST

Has anyone noticed a cardboard box full of eurythmy shoes (most still new in their plastic bags) and a small number of slightly bent copper rods wrapped up in a green cotton blanket? They were removed from the back of the Auditorium stage area some weeks ago.

Please contact Eileen Boland if you have seen these items, thank you. 021 1252106

## NEW KINDY HOURS

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

**Monday to Thursday 8.30 to 2.45**  
**Friday 8.30 to 2.00**



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

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

## KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

**Saturday 9th December, 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Auditorium**

Kia ora Michael Park Whānau

The consultation session will be facilitated by Carol Scholes (who facilitated the school's recent strategic planning meeting, Carol is a former RSST chairperson, BOT member, and Michael Park parent), members of the RSST will also be present at this session.

The consultation session is designed for us to understand what issues are most important for you, and it is an opportunity for you to ask questions and understand the work that has been done within the RSST to this point.

Once we have had an opportunity to consider your feedback, the RSST can plan what our kindergarten experience looks like moving into next year and beyond.

We understand not everyone will be able to attend this session, if you would like to make suggestions, or ask questions please send to the RSST via our email at [rsst@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:rsst@michaelpark.school.nz).

Many thanks

Darren Rawlins  
RSST co-chair person

## LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check the lost property before school closes at the end of next week... all items are donated to charity at the end of term.



## 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)



## 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 is a donation box in the school office; you can bring your donation in anytime up until the morning of 15th December.

[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!

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. Donations close on Monday, December 11th.**

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

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



# Lunch Bar

**MON  
11<sup>th</sup>  
DEC**

Students from the High School Craft Week cooking workshop are making some different and exciting items to tantalise your taste buds!

**Savoury dishes, sweet items, and drinks for sale at morning tea and lunch. Vegan, veg and GF options.**



**Cash and Eftpos available.**

Profits will go to a charity for those in need over Christmas.



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

With beauty, joy and wonder you're invited to our Christmas Eve Community Event. Suitable for all ages. Starts promptly at 5:30pm. Followed by a shared supper. Entry by donation. All welcome come join us!

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[cheryl.n.p@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)  
[www.thechristiancommunity.net](http://www.thechristiancommunity.net)



# Christmas Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December

9am - 3pm

MPS Handwork Room  
and Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki  
(Ages 6-11)

Candles, baking, decorations and more!

\$80 1x day

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**NEW! EARLY BIRD OFFER**  
(until 15 December)

### Lazure Painting Workshop with Charles Andrade

MOTUEKA STEINER SCHOOL

New Zealand January 2024

Lazure Painting workshops offer a unique social art form opportunity to its participants as they come together as a team to create something of lasting beauty in their shared community space. In just one weekend you will learn how to bring beautiful light-filled color to any room in your school, home or business.

**When:** January 12th -15th, 2024

**Where:** Motueka Steiner School

**Lecture:** The Creative Power of Colour  
Friday evening public lecture  
January 12th, 7:30 pm (Koha)

**Workshops:** January 13th and 14th 9am-5pm  
~~\$390~~ **NOW \$295**  
January 15th 9am-5pm  
~~\$210~~ **NOW \$165**

**RSVP:** For registration and more information:  
Warwick Sandler: email [nzsandler@gmail.com](mailto:nzsandler@gmail.com)  
or text +6421493277

The workshops will be taught by artist and master Lazurist, Charles Andrade who has lazured interior spaces worldwide. For more Information about the artist and lazuring or to commission a project, email: [info@lazure.com](mailto:info@lazure.com)  
[www.lazure.com](http://www.lazure.com)



## VEIL PAINTING with CHARLES ANDRADE

TWO DAY WORKSHOP  
Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th January 2024  
Motueka Steiner School  
Robinson Rd. Motueka. NZ.  
with master artist Charles Andrade.

**Early bird, NOW \$120.00**  
(until 15 December)

In this 2-day course participants will learn the basic technique of translucent watercolour veil painting. Utilising an approach developed by artist, therapist, colour theorist Liane Collot d'Herbois, Charles Andrade will show workshop participants how colour dynamic evolves out in the interplay of light and darkness. Through the application of dozens of translucent glazes of watercolour, their work will build up to a luminous choreography of movement, gesture and form.

Students will apply washes of colour (veils) to the sketched watercolour papers in colour combinations determined by the teacher. Technical handling of the medium will be taught to develop lost and found edges that will allow light to filter through the forms as they arise.

For registration and more information:  
Warwick Sandler: email  
[nzsandler@gmail.com](mailto:nzsandler@gmail.com) or text +6421493277

## Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

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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**

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**Adult events 18+**

## Ōrākei's Youth EXPO

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12 - 5PM**

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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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**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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**Adult event 18+**

## 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.

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**Adult event 18+**

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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.

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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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