



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 13 February	Class 4 Parent Meeting 7pm
	Class 9 Parent Meeting 7pm
	Class 10 Parent Meeting 6pm
	Class 12 Parent Meeting 7pm
Friday 16 February	Community Picnic, 2.10pm
Tuesday 20 February	Class 5 Parent Meeting 6.30pm
	Class 8 Parent Meeting 7pm
	Class 11 Parent Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 20 February	Kindy New Parent Induction Evening, 7.30pm
Wednesday 21 February	Class 3 Parent Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 21 February	Open Day - talk and tour at 9.30am and 3.30pm
Friday 23 February	ID photos for Classes 7-12

FINANCE INFORMATION 2024

Welcome to 2024 from the Finance Team

Haidee Thompson (RSST/Kindergarten Accounts)

haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

Raewyn Farley (BOT Accounts)

raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz

The 2024 RSST statements have been posted out to you and the BOT statements have been emailed out.

Your financial contribution is important as it is used directly to support:

- the unique, beneficial programmes that are only offered within a Steiner school
- quality education for all our students
- a well-resourced Special Character environment for students

Have a fantastic 2024!

Erin Wilson

Business Manager

EOTC BLANKET CONSENT FORM

Dear Parents/Whānau

At the beginning of the school year we need to update our EOTC (Education outside of the Classroom) forms. We have sent home a Blanket Consent Form with your son/daughter and we would appreciate you completing the form and sending it back to your class teacher / kaitiaki by early next week, if you haven't already.

The form is also attached at the end of this Friday Flyer.

Many thanks for your support of our EOTC programme.

New Bell Times for 2024

	Class 1-7	Class 8-12
First bell 8:30	Main Lesson	Hui ako
8:40		Period 1
9:30		Period 2
10:20	Interval	
10:50	Period 3	Main Lesson
11:40	Period 4	
12:30	Lunch	
1:20	Period 5	
2:10	Period 6	
3:00	Finish	
** On Fridays school finishes at 2:10pm for Class 1-7		

Community Picnic

Friday 16th February
on the school field at 2.10pm.

A chance for our new and existing whānau to come together and meet each other, as well as having the opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team, Board & RSST members.

We will have a free sausage sizzle (plant based & meat) ice cream & Nice Blocks.

HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

If you have changed your postal address, email address or phone number, please email Brenda with your changes:

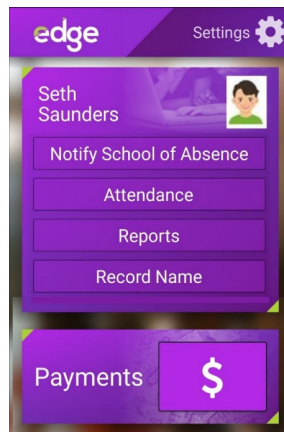
reception@michaelpark.school.nz

DOWNLOAD THE PARENT PORTAL AND COMMUNICATION APP

Our school uses 'The Edge' (Musac Edge) to communicate notifications, as well as being able to receive messages from whānau about absences or if a child is running late, or if a child has an external Doctor or Dentist appointment and will need to leave school early.

The Edge app also enables whānau to interact with your child's schooling. You'll be able to view that they have been marked present in class, access past and present school reports, view your Michael Park School account and contact details, view student timetables and view NCEA grades for Classes 11 and 12.

We encourage all whānau to download the **Musac Edge** app onto your phone and save the **Musac Edge** web link on your computer. We have **discontinued SchoolLinks** for school messaging, and using **The Edge** exclusively. (*The Kindergarten uses Storypark for messaging*).



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Google Play https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.musac.edge&hl=en_NZ&gl=US

App Store <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/musac-edge/id1174126289>

Web Portal https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/Loginpage_caregiver.aspx?returnurl=%2fcg%2fdashboard%2fmydashboard

- To log in for the first time, enter your email address (the one we have on file for you) and hit 'forgot password' or 'reset password'. A full set of instructions can be found here: <https://michaelpark.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/How-to-access-the-edge-portal.pdf>
- The absentee function on the app is only for whole/half day absences for illness or doctor/dentist appointments. This automatically marks the roll for us which speeds up our morning absentee checks. For all notifications other than illness or doctor/dentist appointments, i.e. running late, on holiday, or need to get a message to a student or teacher, please phone or send an email to reception.

STUDENT ID PHOTOS CLASSES 7-12

Classes 7 to 12 will have their **ID photos** taken on **Friday 23rd February** in the morning. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time, wearing the correct dress code, as photography will start first thing in the morning.

If your child is away on the day they can come to the office for a photo to be taken on their return to school.

School ID cards are used for photocopying and printing at school and also as ID for public transport discounts. The ID photo charge of \$10 will be added to your account.

If a card is lost and a reissue required, the cost is \$10 which is payable to the office before replacements are ordered.

HOUSEKEEPING/SAFETY MATTERS

SIGNING IN AND OUT PROCEDURE

If your child is late to school, please make sure they sign in using the tablet at the office.

If you are taking your child off school grounds during school hours they must be signed out by a parent using the tablet at the office. For students in classes 1-4, a parent must sign out the student at the office. Students in classes 5-11 may sign themselves out but a note, phone call or email from a parent/caregiver must be given to the office with the reason for leaving. Class 12 have off-site privileges and may sign themselves out during lunch only.

VISITORS - EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Every year at Michael Park School we are required to run various drills for our emergency procedures. When running fire drills or lockdown drills it is essential that we know who is on site so that they can be accounted for.

To this end it is a Health & Safety requirement for all **visitors, parents and itinerant teachers to sign the tablet in reception** when they come into school and sign out when they leave.

ABSENTEES AND MESSAGES

You can use 'The Edge' (Musac Edge) for reporting whole or half day absences for illness or doctor/dentist appointments only.

If you are reporting an absence for any other reason, or needing to get a message to a teacher or a student, please email reception@michaelpark.school.nz or phone the absentee line 579 3083. Please do not send to admin@ or our personal emails as these might not be seen in time. The reception email is checked regularly in the mornings by Brenda or whoever is covering reception.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

When dropping children off in the morning please drive as far around to the auditorium doors as possible. This lessens the chance of waiting cars being backed up outside the gates and creating a safety hazard. Please drive in and out slowly to help keep our tamariki safe.

Please do not park in the Bus Parking Area. If you park in that space then the buses are unable to make the turn and block the traffic behind them. Also, it allows a parking space for emergency vehicles that may be needed.

A reminder also that, for safety reasons, we ask that parents and students do not cross at the top by the busy main entrance gate. Please walk down to the crossing at the Auditorium and use the footpaths rather than walking on the driveway. We have had several 'near misses' reported to us.

CAR PARKING

The staff car park is strictly for staff and those holding a disability card only. We have staff on varied schedules coming and going throughout the day, and we do not have sufficient parking spaces to cater for them as it is (as we have 40 spaces, but 70 staff members!)

When other people use the carpark, even just for a few minutes, staff may be forced to look for street parking and risk being late for classes or meetings. Please be respectful of our car park constraints.

2.10PM FINISH FOR CLASSES 1-7 ON FRIDAYS

School finishes at 2.10pm each Friday for classes 1-7. Please ensure your children are collected promptly as we are unable to supervise children after 2.10pm.

CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

The school is responsible for all students on our grounds and we do not have the means to supervise students after hours.

We are also committed to honouring our undertakings to minimise noise to neighbours.

Please ensure you collect your child on time and that they are off site by 3.15 pm when duties finish.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are 8.00am to 3.00pm

Thank you for assisting us in our procedures.

GOT YOUR HAT?

Remember, sunhats are required during terms 1 & 4 for break, lunch and outdoor lessons.



LIBRARY NEWS

Kia ora koutou

The library is already a hive of activity this term, with 34 student librarians having joined the team for 2024, and lots of classes visiting.

Our current hours are:

Mon-Thurs 8.00am-3.30pm

Closed Friday



Whānau Hour:

Whānau Hour continues this year – the library is open for whānau and school community 2.15-3.13pm Mon-Thurs. You are welcome to pop in, enjoy the space, and issue books (please sign in and out at the school office if you visit).

Book returns:

Please make sure any books issued to students or community over summer (or prior) are now returned to avoid replacement costs.

Long overdue books:

A reminder that long overdue books (titles that have been overdue for longer than 6 months) will incur a replacement cost. However, a reminder notice will always be sent by email to parents and caregivers before any charges are placed.

Wishing everyone a happy start to 2024, and happy reading!

Ngā mihi nui
Kura Rutherford
School librarian

KINDY CASUAL RELIEVER

The Kindergarten is seeking a casual relieving assistant.

The ideal applicants are well organised and practical, creative, have a good sense of humour and able to build warm and responsive relationships with children and colleagues.

For assistants, previous experience is an advantage but not essential. Hours of work between 8.30am-2.45pm.

Please send your CV to karena@michaelpark.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Raw milk Co-op** - Would you like to get great quality raw milk every week for you and your family? Join our milk co-op! We are MPS parents. Every Thursday one of us is driving to Drury and back to get all our milk. We are taking turns. Bottle drop off and pick up is conveniently situated close to school on Amy Street, Ellerslie. \$3.50 per litre milk. For more questions contact Mary 021 207 9191 or Nina 021 2086206.
- **Experienced, responsible babysitter** looking for work on evenings and weekends, close to Ellerslie. References available. Phone Rebecca Affleck Buxton 0212263718.
- **Carpool** - Are there any MPS families travelling from Titirangi who may be interested in carpooling? Please contact Gayley on 021 260 7482.
- Do you or someone you know have a rumpus room, **separate self-contained type area**, garage or studio space that you're not using and open to renting it out? Keen for a bit of extra cash?! I'm in the early planning stages for a new venture, I would be using the space a few days a week during school time. Short or long term, size approx 30 square metres but very flexible. Call Leah 021 0204 0780
- **Cornucopia Organics is for sale** - An iconic organic shop in the heart of Hastings! It's the end of an era for us and maybe the start of a new era for someone else! After 30 plus years of serving the wonderful Hawkes Bay community, it is time for us to step back and hand over the reins to someone else who will hopefully carry on the impulse that we started many years ago and bring their own impulse and skills into the business. Please send expressions of interest to Kaye & Alan at cornucopiaorganics@gmail.com





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EAST AUCKLAND

SUN 24TH MAR 2024
PT ENGLAND RESERVE

- **Join the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon with Michael Park School!** Sunday, March 24, 2024, Pt England Reserve, starting at 8:00 am. Kids aged 6 to 15 years are welcome to participate. They can choose to compete individually or in a team of two. Visit [Weet-Bix TRYathlon](https://www.weetbix.co.nz/tryathlon) to register. Here's a direct link to join our group: [Join Michael Park School Group](https://www.facebook.com/joinmichaelparkschoolgroup) for a chance to win fantastic prizes for our school!

We look forward to seeing many of our students representing Michael Park School!

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.
Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6 portrait (¾ 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.

RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A series of workshops at Michael Park School & Kindergarten,
bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

STORYTELLING with Sally Russell

SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH

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.

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CONTACT
[JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jameslwalden@gmail.com)

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RECENTLY MAKING FELT TOYS, DOLLS AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS.
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FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11AM
CONTACT
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INTERESTED IN CERAMICS?

WE'D LIKE TO GAUGE INTEREST IN STARTING A CERAMICS AND
POTTERY GROUP THIS YEAR USING THE SCHOOL KILN AND WHEELS
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Friday 16th February 2024

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Friday 5th April 2024

End date

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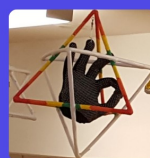


Term 1

7 Feb - 27 March

NZ MANU BIRD

In Māori culture, Manu (birds) are special messengers connecting our world and the spirit one. Create your own Manu with paper mache to show your awesome connection



Term 2

9 May - 27 June

NORTH STAR

Create an eight-pointed star mobile with recycled materials that symbolizes your individual connection with the stars



Term 3

1 August - 19 Sept

PERSONAL ART PANELS

Through colourful printmaking you will create a Polyptych, art panel, that represents your personal style



Term 4

24 Oct - 12 Dec

MY HOUSE OF "WONDER"

Create your own "wonder" house using recycled and natural materials to bring expression to your unique individuality, imagination and creativity



Shiloh Creative Life Centre - 117 Arthur Street Onehunga
Register @ shilohcentre.org.nz / Enquires 022.309.2979



Naomi Azoulay



Linda Wills



Cath Sanvictores



Lene Toni Kjeld



Dee Petit



Nicky Hartley

The Art Collective Project

Collaborating & charting the landscape of today's art scene



2024 Classes

5 February to 12 April

Term 1

Mondays - (10am-1pm)

Intuitive Collage Art with Naomi Azoulay

Tuesdays - (10am-1pm)

Beginners Watercolour Art with Linda Wills

Tuesdays - (6pm-9pm)

Creative Ink Art with Cath Sanvictores

Wednesdays - (10am-1pm)

Mixed Media Printmaking with Lene Toni Kjeld

Thursdays (10am-1pm)

Hand Sewn Art Projects with Dee Petit

Fridays - (10am-1pm)

Human Figure Exploration with Nicky Hartley

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Classes filling fast! Scan the QR code to find your nearest location.

Blanket Consent for EOTC



Michael Park School

Relate Create Inspire

I give my consent for the student enrolled to participate in off-site programmes of learning, within his or her normal classroom time allocation and approved by the principal.

I understand that Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events/activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site. This includes sport.

- Our school believes in using a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning.
- We have ready access to the beach, rivers, mountains, and the bush in our area and beyond. We are also close to various built environments in our community. These areas are rich learning environments for our students both in and out of school. They need to learn how to be safe. Our school also values the concept of providing students with opportunities. Thus some of the learning for students occurs beyond the school site and this document is seeking your consent for your child/ren to participate in such learning

The Ministry of Education's **EOTC guidelines** identify four EOTC activity types, each with recommended types of parental/caregiver consent. In brief they are:

Type of event	Description	Type of consent
A	On-site in the school grounds	No consent sought or blanket consent for <i>lower risk environments</i> . Separate consent for each event or programme for <i>higher risk environments</i> *
B	Off-site events in the local community occurring in school time.	Blanket consent at enrolment for <i>lower risk environments</i> . Separate consent for each event or programme for <i>higher risk environments</i> *
C	Off-site events - finishing after school finishes	Blanket consent at enrolment for <i>lower risk environments</i> . Separate consent for each event or programme for <i>higher risk environments</i> *
D	Off-site residential overnight events	Separate consent for <i>lower risk environments</i> . Separate consent for each event or programme for <i>higher risk environments</i> *

**Involves risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity.*

All EOTC activity categories require staff to undertake an analysis of the risks, and identify the management strategies required to eliminate, isolate and minimise the risks. Emergency procedures are also in place.

BLANKET CONSENT

I/we agree to the participation of _____ In *lower risk* category **A** and **B** and **C**
EOTC events while a students at Michael Park School.

I/we have provided the school with up to date medical, supervision and learning information through the enrolment form and will make every endeavour to keep this information current.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____