



### COMING EVENTS

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Monday 26 February	Board meeting
Tuesday 27 February	Class 1 Parent Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 27 February	RSST Meeting
Friday 1 March	Class 4 Lunch Bar Fundraiser
Thursday 14 March	Class Photos
Friday 15 March	Athletics Day for Classes 5-12

Kia ora whānau,

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa – Let us keep close together, not wide apart.

This whakatauki speaks of keeping connected - coming together to support each other and moving forward together.



Last Friday, this was evident at our community picnic celebrating our schools birthday. How lucky we are that a group of parents had the foresight and intuition that lead to the establishment of our kura and kindergarten 45 years ago.

At our whole school assembly this week, I spoke about the significance our motto Relate, Create & Inspire is weaved throughout the mahi we do together everyday from class 1 to class 12. I also spoke about our waharoa, whose name is hikoia te hikoi – walk the walk, and encouraged our students to place their hand on the carving whenever they walk past our gateway transferring their positive energy into our taonga. I would also encourage the same for all whanau who may be walking past it either in the morning or after school to do the same and place their hand on hikoia te hikoi as well, transferring your positive energy onto our waharoa.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE BLUES!  
GO THE BREAKERS!  
GO THE BLACK CAPS!

Nga mihi nui,

Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki, Principal

## MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL'S VERY OWN TRAIL RUNNER !!!

Tilly (class 11) just participated in the Tarawera T21 Trail run as part of the World Series. Tilly ran 24km of long, hilly Rotorua



Trails. She smashed it in 2hours 4mins and came FIRST in her age group and a whopping 13th out of 755 female athletes from all over the world.

Amazing and well done Tilly.

### 2023 Level 3 NCEA & University Entrance attainment results

Year	NCEA L3 (%)	UE (%)
2023	100	95
2022	84	68
2021	94	88
2020	90	86

### 2023 Level 2 NCEA attainment results

Year	NCEA L2 (%)
2023	95
2022	94
2021	90
2020	95

2023 NCEA L2 EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS	2023 NCEA L3 EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS
Lucas Cross	Alex Geng
Jasper Firth	Estelle Hebley
Leon Kment	Rosa Jonas
Layla Robinson	Bibi Miller
Catherine Zhao	Caixia Tan
	Tabitha Yearbury

## OFFER: FREE GERMAN COURSE

Kia Ora,

My name is Anna-Maria, I am 20 years old, I come from Germany and I am doing part of my voluntary social service year at Michael Park School until July. While I am here, I would like to offer free German courses.

German course: Every Tuesday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm, beginning 12 March 2024

My contact details:

email: [annamariastoeckle@gmx.de](mailto:annamariastoeckle@gmx.de)

I am very much looking forward to hearing from you!

## FLUTE, CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE

MPS is offering private lessons in flute, clarinet and saxophone.

If your child is interested in taking lessons on one of these instruments please contact Amanda Lawrence

[amandal@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:amandal@michaelpark.school.nz)

The following is some info about the teacher:

*"Jong-Yun J.Y Lee is a saxophonist & flautist based in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland, New Zealand. He's currently involved in a variety of musical projects such as jazz rap group 'Avantdale Bowling Club', kiwi music icon 'Sir Dave Dobbyn', progressive electronic hip hop band 'Yoko-Zuna', Persian-Kiwi rapper 'CHAI', and spiritual jazz group 'The Circling Sun'. With these groups he's performed at major festivals across NZ and Australia."*



## MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

Please check out (and subscribe!) to our new Career Education website. A one-stop-shop to Careers related events, news and resource material. [michaelpark.careerwise.school](http://michaelpark.careerwise.school)



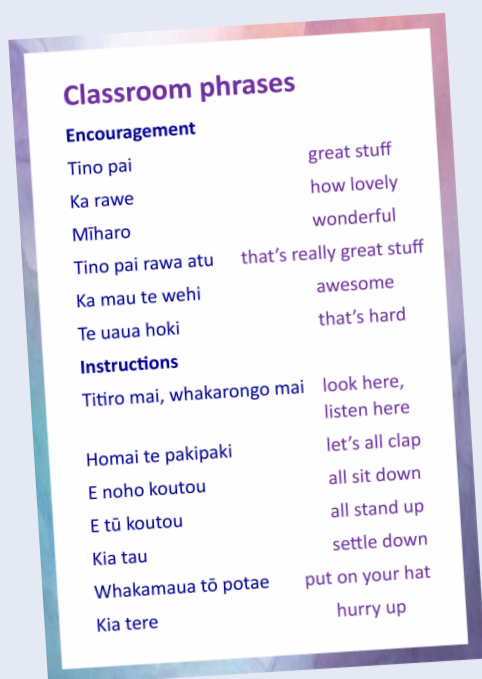
## TE AO MĀORI

Kia ora e te whānau

### Whiria te tangata – weave the people together.

Within Steiner education, language learning has been described as an opportunity “to develop an ever-widening palette of inner colours”.<sup>1</sup>

This year at Waiatarua we are happy to announce a new initiative to grow te reo me ōna tikanga Māori within our school. A group of kaiako have been working together to develop a curriculum support programme for teaching staff that helps



uphold the amazing mahi that has been carried out by others here in the past. Our work is informed by both the te reo course some of our staff are attending, and He Reo Puāwai, our national te reo curriculum guidelines for Steiner Schools in Aotearoa.

Our focus across the kura this year will be *whakawhanaungatanga* – the act of getting to know each other and building relationships.

Growing connections and working collectively is at the core of all things Māori and so it is fitting that relationship and identity building is where we pick up this mahi together. Our primary focus will be on learning our mihimihi (learning how to introduce ourselves in te reo Māori) and developing our ability to greet each other and ask how we are doing in te reo. Alongside this will be a collection of phrases that we will use in classrooms and all around the school, in the hope that these terms become part of our everyday. The resources will be shared across the whole school and kindergarten, and we also hope to bring you along on the journey by sharing our new phrases and mahi with you here.

Through taking up this work in growing our capacity with language, we will not only be growing our ability to see the world through another's eyes, but also strengthening our own place in

the world – an essential indication of contemporary Waldorf education.

I read a beautiful quote that said a language teacher in a Waldorf school has a special role in helping enrich the environment so a “true sense of [connection] may arise among human beings.” Or as Efeso Collins said in Samoan in his maiden speech at parliament so soon before he sadly passed away this week, “E le tu fa’amaugaa se tagata” – “no one stands alone”.

Whiria te tangata – weave the people together – our hope is that this project is another strand in our continued endeavour to work together and support each other as a school community.

Nāku iti nei

Nā

Kura Rutherford

Kaitiaki pukapuka/school librarian

<sup>1</sup> *A creative approach to language teaching for Waldorf teachers – Rene M. Querido.*

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](mailto:saraho@michaelpark.school.nz) to register.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Needed to rent** - MPS teacher seeking 2 bedroom home to rent. Close to school is great, but anything considered! Mary Chun [maryc@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:maryc@michaelpark.school.nz)
- **Excellent reliable cleaner available** - Mt Wellington and Ellerslie Area. Must supply own contact cleaning products. References available. Contact: [melissapene88@gmail.com](mailto:melissapene88@gmail.com)
- **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.
- **Cornucopia Organics is for sale** - An iconic organic shop in the heart of Hastings! 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](mailto:cornucopiaorganics@gmail.com)



**Early Bird entry closes at midnight on Sunday, 25th February.**

Enter NOW and pay only \$52.50 per participant - **saving \$16.50 off the full price**

Don't forget to add your child to the Michael Park School group for a chance to win fantastic prizes for our school!  
Point England Reserve **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz)

Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

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.

# Play Chess!



- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
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- ✓ Improve decision making
- ✓ Develop independent thought

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**Join our Chess coaching classes here at our school!**

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- Professional and accredited coaches
- Well structured classes
- Good mix of learning and playing
- Skill ratings and progress reporting



Visit the Parents Centre on [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) to learn more

**Friday 16th February 2024**

Start date

**Friday 5th April 2024**

End date

**Library, Fridays 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Room

**\$ 125**

Term Fee

Register online today at [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

## PARENT LED CRAFT GROUPS

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL PARENT LED GROUPS ENABLE YOU TO DIVE INTO SOMETHING NEW, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. MAKE WALDORF INSPIRED CREATIONS FOR SNAP DRAGON, THE FAIR AND YOURSELF

### WOODWORK

RECENTLY MAKING SWORDS AND TOYS.  
THURSDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM  
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL WOODWORK ROOM  
CONTACT  
[JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM)

### DOLL & CRAFT

RECENTLY MAKING FELT TOYS, DOLLS AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS  
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11AM  
CONTACT  
[ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM)

### INTERESTED IN CERAMICS?

WE'D LIKE TO GAUGE INTEREST IN STARTING A CERAMICS AND POTTERY GROUP THIS YEAR USING THE SCHOOL KILN AND WHEELS  
EMAIL INTEREST TO:  
[ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM)

**CREATIVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU ARE  
IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO**



A colorful illustration for a garage sale poster. It features a central light orange circle with the words 'GARAGE SALE' in large, bold, dark red letters. Surrounding the circle are various household items: a framed picture, a clock, a lamp, a cushion, a potted plant, a chair, a table with a bottle and glass, and a clothes rack with clothes. The text 'FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 8:00AM - 3:00 PM' and '12 JOPARD PLACE, ELLERSLIE (JUST OFF MICHAEL'S AVE)' is written in blue. At the bottom, it says 'SELLING: CLOTHING BOOKS FURNITURE SPORTS GEAR APPLIANCES AND MORE' and 'EFFPOS AND BANK TRANSFER AVAILABLE' in blue.

# GARAGE SALE

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024  
8:00AM - 3:00 PM

12 JOPARD PLACE,  
ELLERSLIE (JUST OFF  
MICHAEL'S AVE)

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A poster for Creative Arts Therapy. It has a white central box with text, surrounded by a colorful, abstract border made of green, yellow, and red brushstrokes. The text includes the title 'CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY', the subtitle 'For Adults and Children', contact information, and a description of the therapy.

## CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY

For Adults and Children

[creativesoultherapy.co.nz](http://creativesoultherapy.co.nz)  
[normasoultherapy@gmail.com](mailto:normasoultherapy@gmail.com)  
☎ 021 0884 3185  
Te Tuhi, Pakuranga

Creative Soul Therapy uses anthroposophical principles and holistic, mindful, compassionate, creative and expressive processes to facilitate mental, emotional and spiritual health and well-being.

It gives Invaluable support when dealing with anxiety, stress, emotional, mental, physical or existential distress.

Norma Hernandez  
Registered Creative Arts Therapist  
MA CAT (Clinical) (Hons); MSc Human Nutrition; ANZACATA (Provisional member)

A bronze sculpture of a young boy standing and holding a long, thin, curved object that looks like a comb or a small broom. The boy is wearing a patterned shirt and trousers. The sculpture is set against a plain grey background.

Wanda Gillespie

Crossing the Rubicon  
21st Feb - 17th March

Sanderson Contemporary  
2 Kent St Newmarket  
Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm  
Saturday - Sunday 10am - 4pm

Two bronze sculptures of young boys standing side-by-side. They are wearing patterned shirts and trousers. The boy on the left is holding a long, thin, curved object that looks like a comb or a small broom. The boy on the right is holding a long, thin, curved object that looks like a comb or a small broom. The sculptures are set against a plain white background.

## The Reckoning

Wanda Gillespie

16th Feb - 1st April

Waiheke Art Gallery  
Te Whare Taonga o Waiheke  
2 Korora Road, Oneroa  
Waiheke Island

Open daily 10am - 4pm



# TUTORING FOR NCEA SUBJECTS

Hello everyone I am Charlotte Stuart, a proud graduate of Michael Park School now pursuing my Bachelor's of Engineering with Honours at the University of Auckland.

I'm excited to announce that I am offering tutoring services in **Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.**

I am available **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays** after school. Sessions take place on **school grounds.**

Over the past two years I have gained valuable experience in tutoring. Now I'm eager to extend my client base and help more students succeed.

If your child is looking for extra support to excel in these challenging subjects, I'm here to help! Please contact me to discuss how I can help support your child's learning

Email: [charlottestuart157.nz@gmail.com](mailto:charlottestuart157.nz@gmail.com)



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AUCKLAND

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAM  
DAILY SERVICES AND EVENTS, MARCH 24 - 31

## PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

10.00 am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea and community time

## DAILY: FROM HOLY MONDAY MARCH 25 TO GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

10.00 am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea  
11.30 am HOLY WEEK CONTEMPLATION:  
'The Mysteries of Beholding and Becoming'

## GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2.45 pm Open chapel for quiet contemplation  
3.00 pm 'IN MINDFULNESS OF CHRIST'S DEED'

## HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea  
11.30 am Cleaning to prepare for Easter Sunday

## EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea  
11.30 am EASTER FESTIVAL with singing, story and  
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN  
Followed by egg decorating, Easter egg hunt and shared lunch  
PLEASE BRING festive food to share.

For further information please contact Cheryl: 021 023 20932 or [cheryl.n.p@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)

10 Rawhiti Road, One Tree Hill, Auckland, New Zealand  
Tel: +64 (9) 525 2305



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The certificate is an introductory course to Rudolf Steiner Waldorf education. This part-time year-long programme gives a broad overview of the many-faceted dimensions of Waldorf pedagogy, curriculum and culture. Alongside lectures and workshops that will deepen and extend your understanding of child development and approaches to teaching and learning, you will have the opportunity to engage your creative side with many practical activities including arts, crafts, music and movement. Biography work, observation and reflective journaling recognise the importance of schooling and nourishing the inner life of the teacher.

The Certificate programme is designed for:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education who wish to extend their knowledge or to enliven and re-examine their classroom practice.
- Teacher aides in Steiner Waldorf schools
- Student teachers looking to teach in a Steiner Waldorf school
- Home-schooling parents or parents wishing to accompany their children's development and education in a Steiner Waldorf school.

Enrolments for 2024 seminars are now open:

Seminar One: 21-25 April

Seminar Two: 14-18 July

Seminar Three: 29 September - 3 October.

Cost: \$1250 per seminar (Early bird price of \$1150 per seminar when all three seminars are paid on enrolment at least one month prior to Seminar One)

Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.

For further information and inquiries please contact  
[info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) or see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)  
or call +64 6 8777174



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TUTORING WITH BIBI MILLER

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I graduated from Michael Park in 2023 as Top  
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All subjects covered from class 1-10  
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