



### COMING EVENTS

[Click here to view the full calendar online](#)

Saturday 2 March	Storytelling Workshop
Friday 8 March	Class 5 Lunch Bar Fundraiser
Thursday 14 March	Class Photos
Friday 15 March	Athletics Day for Classes 5-12

Kia ora whānau,

As we are now well into the first term, our focus still remains on quality teaching and supportive learning to engage every student throughout our kura.



Our strategic plan outlining our direction for the next 3 years is available to view online: [michaelpark.school.nz/2024-2027-MPS-Strategic-Plan](https://michaelpark.school.nz/2024-2027-MPS-Strategic-Plan). Our strategic plan 2024-2027 came out of the collaborative workshops, consultation, online feedback and whānau hui carried out last year. Your voice provided the content to determine our focus, our direction and what we hope to see by 2027. Five strategic priorities and 17 strategic projects are the key indicators that our board established from all of the feedback that was submitted. Six strategic projects will be starting this year. This is also available to view: [michaelpark.school.nz/Strategic-Priority-Projects-2024](https://michaelpark.school.nz/Strategic-Priority-Projects-2024).

The next 3 years we will be journeying together, advancing our kura as a Rudolf Steiner school in Aotearoa, New Zealand and determining what that looks like in Tamaki Makaurau in this present time and place.

Ngā mihi nui ano whānau for all of your input and also to our Board for putting this together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE BLUES  
GO THE BLACK CAPS  
GO THE BREAKERS

Mauri tu, Mauri ora,  
Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki

### MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL BOARD Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Natasha Newton - Presiding Member  
Michael Park School Board

55 Amy Street  
Ellerslie 1051

P.O. Box 11224

Ellerslie 1542

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

by: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

MPS strategic & annual plans can be found on our website:

[michaelpark.school.nz/annual-plan/](https://michaelpark.school.nz/annual-plan/)

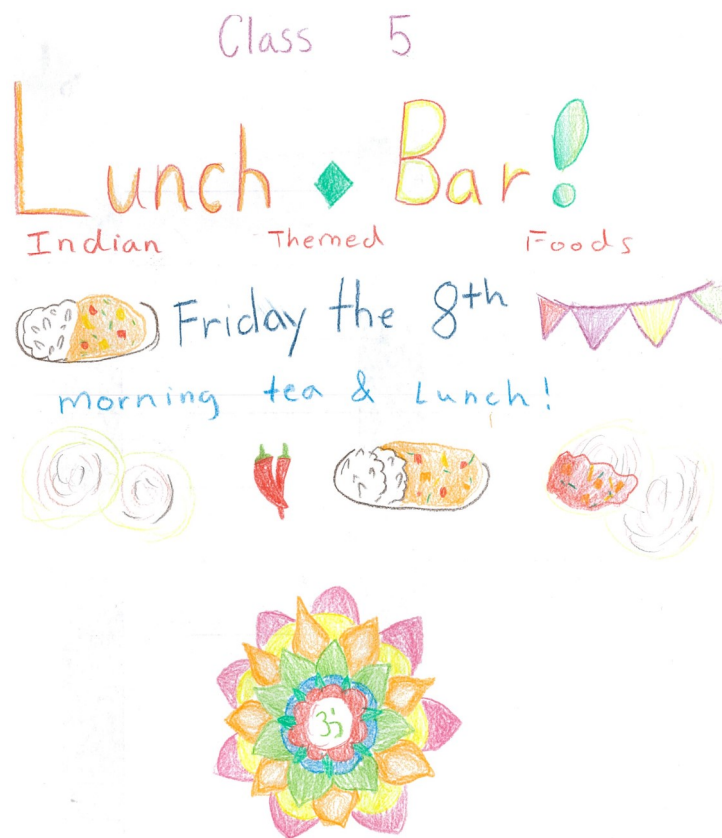
## TERM DATES – A CHANGE

Please note, we have adjusted the **Mid Term Break** for Term 3 to accommodate the NIWA Auckland Science Fair, which is being hosted at Michael Park School.

Previous date - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

New date - **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

This change has been reflected in our website term dates [here](#), and our website calendar [here](#).



## CONGRATULATIONS LEON!

Leon Kment (Class 12) competed at the Jiu-Jitsu Summer Slam Competition last weekend and managed to take home a silver medal in the adult GI category, despite fighting much older competitors. Outstanding!



## Parent Action Group

Anyone interested in joining a new 'Parent Action Group' please contact Leah - [leahd83@gmail.com](mailto:leahd83@gmail.com) or 021 0204 0780. We'll be working with the BOT, RSST and Management to help with marketing projects, raising the profile of the school and raising funds for things we can all benefit from.

If you're willing to help, big or small please reach out. We'd love to boost community events and get our school thriving but we need more human power.



## 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 'CHAIL', and spiritual jazz group 'The Circling Sun'. With these groups he's performed at major festivals across NZ and Australia."*



## TE AO MĀORI

### Ko te aha tēnei rā? - What day is it today?

*Troy Gardiner, te reo Māori teacher at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School has kindly shared this kōrero with us:*

It has become a common practice for our kaiako to write the date in te reo Māori on the board. When I used to write the date, I utilised the kupu for the days of the week that Te Taura Whiri i te Reo (The Māori Language Commission) created. These kupu for the days of the week reference aspects of te ao Māori: Rāhina (Monday), refers to the moon, Ratū (Tuesday), refers to Tū, the God of war and by some distant association goes back to the planet Mars. These kupu Māori have their origins in the Roman narratives that stand behind the days of the week as we know them.

Over time, after listening and following the kōrero of people like Doctor Rangi Mātāmua, who talk about time from a te ao Māori perspective, the way I write the date has changed. I have shared a link to the podcast, Everyday Māori, which explains this well.

[Everyday Māori Podcast - 33. Ko te aha tēnei rā? \(What day is it?\) | Free Listening on Podbean App](#) Now, when I write the date on the board, I use the kupu mino, or loan words, that sound like their English counterparts. I also use the transliterations for the months, instead of the periods of time taken from the Maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar). The maramataka is about what is happening within the environment, the phases of the moon, and has a very specific time allocation that does not correlate with the English months of the year.

I have been teaching the first waiata from this Youtube clip to our tamariki, that support their learning of 'Ngā rā o te wiki [The days of the week Waiata \(youtube.com\)](#).

Whakarongo mai!

Kia pai te wiki...have a good week!

Nā, Matua Troy, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

### Days of the week using kupu mino

Mane  
Tūrei  
Wenerei  
Tāite  
Paire  
Hātarei  
Hanare

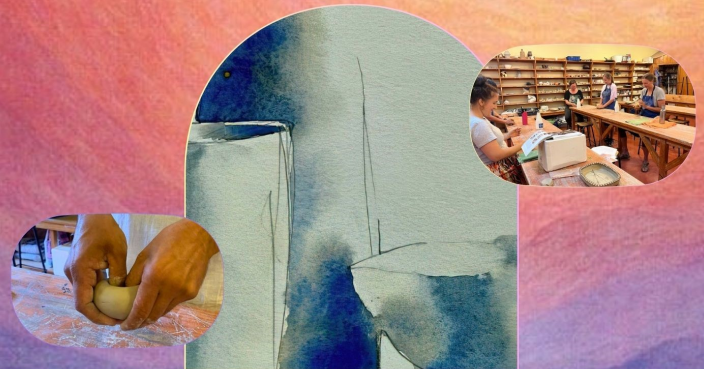
### Rerenga kōrero o te wiki - phrase of the week

Ko te aha tēnei rā? Ko te Paire tēnei rā.

## MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP

A NEW PARENT LED GROUP  
LEARN TO CREATE WITH CLAY  
EVERYTHING PROVIDED

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM



WHERE: MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS ROOM  
JUST PAST SCHOOL RECEPTION ON THE LEFT  
HAND SIDE

JOIN THE WHATSAPP GROUP  
OR TEXT  
ROBBIE 021733829



## 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)



Point England Reserve **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

[Enter NOW](#) and don't forget to add your child to the Michael Park School group for a chance to win fantastic prizes for our school!

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.



Parent Contact at MPS  
Phones 021 177 8444



**TIDES**

## rites of passage

5-day residential program in Golden Bay for girls age 14-17 years and their mothers, marking the transition from childhood into young adulthood through intergenerational and community-led rites of passage

**1 - 5 OCTOBER 2024 &  
14 - 18 JANUARY 2025**

For more information:  
Contact Siti at [contact@tides.net.nz](mailto:contact@tides.net.nz)  
or 027 860 1517

Parent Contact at MPS: Roger 027 230 9149



**Tracks**  
Inspiring young men

## rites of passage

5-day residential program in Golden Bay for boys age 14+ years and their fathers, marking the transition from childhood into young adulthood through intergenerational and community-led rites of passage

**23 - 27 APRIL &  
8 - 12 OCTOBER**

For more information:  
Contact Adge at [info@tracks.net.nz](mailto:info@tracks.net.nz)  
or 027 309 8871

**TARUNA COLLEGE**  
Connect, Nourish, Sustain

## Foundation Course in Anthroposophic Nursing

Starting in April 2024 Taruna College is offering an 18-month programme for registered nurses. Come and be re-inspired in your nursing work and practice as we deepen our understanding of our profession's unique healing potential and universal cultural significance.

Our studies will introduce principles of an integrative nursing approach including:

- Working with plants and other substances in various therapeutic external applications
- Nursing process informed by concepts of a spiritual anatomy and physiology to add to our knowledge of the physical body
- Effective self-care along with strategies that support sustainability in day-to-day life and professional practice.

If you are interested please visit our website: [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or contact us on 06 8777174

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## Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education

Discover the True Art of Teaching

Discover the true heart and art of teaching while undertaking a rich and exciting journey of personal and professional development. 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



**SHINE  
2024**

**HOSTS... HANNAH & EMILY**



**JOIN THE STEINER  
MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS!**

**BBQ** **NEW**


**SAT 2ND MARCH 7:30 - 9:30PM**  
**AGES 18-28**  
**KOHA \$10 -20**

**LOPDELL PRECINCT - ROOFTOP TERRACE  
TITIRANGI**

**FOR INFO & TO REGISTER:**  
[hello@diannabrinsden.co.nz](mailto:hello@diannabrinsden.co.nz)

**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

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

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**SPLASH LANDING**

**16-17 MARCH  
11AM-6PM**



**Entertainment  
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Water Sports  
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Market Stalls  
Kids Activities**


**MOANA AUCKLAND**

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**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