



COMING EVENTS

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TONIGHT	MPS Concert, 7pm
Saturday 23 March	Play Parent Workshop
25-27 March	Lumino High School Dental Van
Wednesday 27 March	Parent Action Group first meeting - 6:30 in staffroom
Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 1 April	EASTER MONDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 2 April	EASTER TUESDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
3-5 April	Class 10 Camp
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	First day of Term 2

Kia ora whānau,

As we approach Easter and the last few weeks of Term 1, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful learning and project-based activity that is happening throughout our kura. It is also a time to acknowledge our harvest festival that we celebrate on or near the Friday closest to the autumn equinox. At this time, the star Whānui - or Vega - appears in the morning sky, and for Māori this was a sign for the kumara to be gathered in.



For us all at Michael Park School, it is the time for celebration of the gathering in of produce from the land. We strive to foster in our students, both at home and at school, a deep feeling of gratefulness for the generosity of our earth.

He tina ki runga, tāmore ki raro, In order to flourish above, one must be firmly rooted below.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



RSST PARENT EDUCATION SURVEY

The Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust (RSST) provides parent and community education opportunities throughout the year.

We'd appreciate **5 minutes** of your time to provide insight on the topics you are interested in learning about this year to ensure the opportunities meet the community's needs.

Not interested in parent and community education? Please answer three quick questions to help us understand this.

Survey Link: [RSST-Parent-Education-Survey-March-2024](https://www.rsst.school.nz/parent-education-survey-march-2024)

Your responses are anonymous and are combined with that of other respondents to inform the direction of the parent education programme this year.

With thanks,
RSST

TONIGHT!

MPS Students Present:

Music Concert

Friday, 22nd March

Venue: MPS Auditorium
Time: 7pm
Entry Fee:
Child \$5 Adult \$10
Family 4+ \$25

Michael Park Sailors

Over the weekend of 15th-17th March 2024, five students from MPS took part in the National Secondary Schools Keelboat Championship sailing competition hosted by the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron.

Cameron Le Pelley, Amberley Doo, Erica Le Pelley, Finn Murray & Robert Abel-Pattinson were the team representing our school, sailing an Elliott 7 fleet along with eleven other schools across NZ.



Despite having only a very short time to prepare for the competition, we managed to have one practice on the Elliott 7 with David Le Pelley who kindly took us out and coached us.

This was the first time our team had sailed together and/or used a spinnaker, and most of us had only experienced sailing a dinghy boat. All of us had so much fun out on Waitemata Harbour, and agreed that we've all learnt and gained valuable experience as sailors.

You can find all the race results on the RNZYS website under 'National Secondary Schools Keelboat Championship 2024'.

A big thank you to all the parents for your time and support!

Amberley, Class 11



TE AO MĀORI

Here are just some of the phrases you will hear around our kura in the coming weeks:

Phrases of encouragement:

Tino pai – great stuff

Ka rawe – how lovely

Miharo – wonderful

Ka mau te wehi – awesome

Te uaua hoki – that's hard



Good luck to all of our MPS students who are participating in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon this Sunday!

Michael Park Kindergarten presents...

Unlock the Power of Play

SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH

9.00am – 12.00pm

Explore the profound impact of play on lifelong learning, resilience and fostering joy at our one-day workshop.

Discover how embracing play can enrich your child's development and learning, and enhance your experience as a parent.

Venue: Michael Park Kindergarten, 55 Amy Street, Ellerslie

Suggested koha: \$20

Register now via email: saraho@michaelpark.school.nz

Phone 09 525 8996

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C12'S CONTEMPORARY ART MAIN LESSON

Last week C12 completed their Contemporary Art Main Lesson. The topic opened with a visit to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki to experience first hand a contemporary art exhibition. The students were guided through the exhibition "Portals and Omens" by two gallery educators.

Back in class the class was introduced to important Contemporary Art movements and invited to participate in various activities that emulated the key characteristics and approaches of several groups. These included Jackson Pollock Action Paintings, Land Art works in the school gardens, Neo-Dada Ready-Made sculptures, a Yayoi Kusama "Dot" Corner, many string and tape installations and a group of unique clay figures in response Anthony Gromley.

C12 ended their main lesson at assembly where they set up several interactive art-making stations for their high school peers. The Graffiti wall and Feminist Artists' poll were popular. It was hoped that this main lesson expanded C12 students' views and lead to a better awareness and understanding of Contemporary Art and its place in our world.






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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

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

PLAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 6 APRIL, 11am-4pm
Tuna Mau/Western Park, Freemans Bay

Come along to a **FREE FAMILY DAY** to play and explore traditional games, music and food from many different cultures!
THIS IS FOR ALL AGES!



Play Festival celebrates cultural identity, facilitates intercultural connections, and creates a safe and inclusive environment for people to play, interact and **JUST HAVE FUN.**

For more info
SCAN HERE



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MOTH PLANT POD COMPETITION.

Kua kite koe i tēnei tarutaru?
Have you seen this weed?

Moth Plant is spreading quickly, killing our native plants!
Help your local community get on top of controlling this pest plant and win some prize money for your efforts!

2 Categories – Preschool and Open (Primary/Intermediate/Secondary combined!)

If you are a student in the Ōrākei District, grab some friends and gather as many Moth Plant Pods as you can – the team or individual with the most Pods and small vines pulled out by the roots wins!

Registrations are now open – get in quick – you must be registered before midnight, Wednesday 27th of March 2024 – please scan QR code below or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2s674hk6>.

For Terms and Conditions Please See: <http://tinyurl.com/22ex9ch9>

Competition will run from Thursday 28th March to Monday 6th May.



To find out more please contact:

orakeimothplant@gmail.com An

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CORBAN ESTATE ARTS CENTRE

**KIDS ARTS
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FREE! Saturday 6 April
10am - 3pm

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See you on Sunday
24th March at the

**HARVEST
FAIR**

10am-3pm