



### COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 30 July	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 30 July	Lower & Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday 5 August	Parent Action Group Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 6 August	Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 7 August	Open Day
Tuesday 13 August	Class 9 Parent Meeting

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o ngā ākonga huri noa i tō tātou kura.

Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa! Arā, i te Matariki, nō reira rā, tēnei au e mihi ana!

Welcome back whānau. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break, as we gear up for another exciting term, we are thrilled to see our vibrant community come together once again.

Throughout our kura, we have a plethora of engaging activities and learning opportunities planned. From exploring new main lessons and topics in science and maths to creative arts and sports, our kaiako are ready to inspire curiosity and foster learning in every child.

Our senior students in class 11 and 12 have a crucial term ahead as they prepare for their NCEA assessments and future pathways. We are here to support you every step of the way, offering guidance and resources to help you achieve your goals. Remember, your hard work and dedication will pave the way for your future success.

This term, we are also excited to announce several upcoming events and initiatives that will bring our school community together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we look forward to a fantastic term filled with learning, growth, and wonderful experiences.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Desmond Pamerika  
Tumuaki



**TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**TUESDAY 30 JULY**  
**No School or Kindy**

### FAIR MEETING

Fair Coordinators meeting will be held on the 6th August at 6pm in the school staffroom. All class fair coordinators need to attend.

Any questions please contact Erin  
[fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

### LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Lower/Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Tuesday 30th July from 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM**

This day is also a Teacher Only Day for the whole school.

Interviews will take place in your child's classroom. Each interview is 10 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time. If you need longer than 10 minutes, please make a separate arrangement with your class teacher.

#### Booking your interviews

The booking website will open from Tuesday 23rd July at 8.30 AM and will close Monday 29th July at 12.00 PM.

Go to <https://parentinterviews.co.nz/book/welcome?code=WPJSPVFE>

- Enter your name, contact information, and the names of the student/s you wish to make bookings for.
- Select your teacher by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Choose Time button at the bottom of the page and then confirm interview.
- Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
- Continue until you've made bookings for every teacher you'd like to see.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking "My Interviews" at the top of the page. You can also print a copy of your timetable to take to the event.

Before your interviews you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any bookings, you can do so by following the link in the email you receive when you first sign up.

## TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Some students who travel long distances could be eligible for Transport Assistance Allowance from Ministry of Education, more information available at:

[www.education.govt.nz/school/property-andtransport/transport/sta-eligibility/](http://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-andtransport/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)

## PĀNUI FROM OUR WHARE PUKAPUKA

This term, in celebration of Matariki, Mahuru Māori and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, our lower/middle school library sessions will be dedicated to learning te reo Māori.

Students will still have a chance to issue their books as usual, but we will also spend time learning the art of whakawhanaungatanga – developing connections – through greetings and learning how to introduce ourselves in te reo Māori. This will culminate in small ceremonies for each class in Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, where we introduce ourselves formally to special guests.

This is an opportunity to extend our goals of our whole kura being able to introduce ourselves in te reo Māori by the end of 2024. It also ties in with one of our school values, **Whanaungatanga**: demonstrating participation, leadership and service through working with others and making connections within our community.

We look forward to sharing the journey with you all and providing opportunities for you to be part of the process. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Ngā manaakitanga

Nā

Kura Rutherford

Kaitiaki pukapuka/school librarian



### Parent Action Group

Next meeting - Monday 5 August  
6.30pm in the staffroom

Keen to join?

Contact Leah on [leahd83@gmail.com](mailto:leahd83@gmail.com) or 0210 204 0780

## OUR SCHOOL GARDENS

Organised by the Parent Action Group

Our school gardens need some helping hands!

If you would like to lend a hand, please join us with your gardening gloves every 2nd Saturday of the month to make our school's vege gardens look great!

**Saturday 10th of August**

(weather permitting)

**10am-12pm**

**Drop in any time!**

For more questions txt  
Nina on 021 208 6206



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## TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

### Te Reo Māori Club

Do you want to be in an environment that encourages the use of te reo Māori in a fun atmosphere?

Starting in **Week 3** of this term, we will be holding a lunchtime te reo club.

Wednesdays 12.40-1.10pm in the whare pukapuka, supported by a team of our student librarians.

We will learn a new phrase each week, then do activities and play board games that encourage the use of te reo Māori.

This is open to all students, staff and school whānau.

Please contact Kura Rutherford at [kurar@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:kurar@michaelpark.school.nz) to register your interest.

### Kapa haka group

A reminder that the kapa haka group is open for all -- Friday lunchtimes in the music room, with Amanda Lawrence.



### Kiwhaha o te Wiki

Mahi tika ana - great work!



RSST PRESENTS...

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

# BLACKSMITHING with Luis Bernal

SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST 2024

9am-4pm

Forging mild steel to make a fire poker, hook, utensil or similar.

Venue: Metalwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$50.00 Bring your lunch

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops, please email Dana in the school office:  
[danam@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:danam@michaelpark.school.nz)

## Michael Park School Class 2 Fundraiser

Class 2 are selling tea towels as a fundraiser this term featuring beautiful hand drawn art by one of our class parents.

Tea towels are 100% cotton, printed with water based dye and they make a great Christmas gift as they are lightweight and pack down small for sending.

Tea Towel pricing is:

\$15 for 1

\$24 for 2

\$10 each for 3 or more



Please deposit the total into  
MPS Class 1 2023 Bank account  
38-9024-0577163-00

Include "TT#(tea towels ordered), name & contact number as payment reference

[Click here for link to order form](#) or use QR code.

Orders close midnight 29/08/2024





# DOLL MAKING COURSE

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL WALDORF STEINER INSPIRED DOLL FOR YOUR CHILD OR WHANAU

FRIDAY MORNINGS HANDWORK ROOM

9AM - 12PM

8 WEEKS

STARTS FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

COURSE COST : \$60

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW: [ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM)  
021733829



TERM 3

## Simplicity Parenting WORKSHOP | 25 AUG 2024

Create more space for connection, secure attachment, love and laughter in your family

Based on the book 'Simplicity Parenting' by Kim John Payne, as a group we will learn practical ways to ease the daily tensions, parenting battles and overwhelm your child is feeling in this fast paced modern world.

What we'll cover:

- Decluttering the environment.
- Bringing rhythm, ritual and predictability into each day.
- Allowing children plenty of downtime and play without overscheduling.
- Filtering out adult concerns and screentime that causes confusion, fear and anxiety.

The course is facilitated by Leah Corbett – a parenting mentor, primary school teacher and Michael Park parent.

Please email [saraho@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:saraho@michaelpark.school.nz) to register. Spaces are limited.

**Sunday 25 August, 9am-3pm, Michael Park Kindergarten**

BYO lunch. Cost: \$40 per person.

 Leah Corbett

EMPOWERING PARENTS | [www.leahcorbett.co.nz](http://www.leahcorbett.co.nz)






# Play Chess!



- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop problem solving skills
- ✓ Develop strategic thinking
- ✓ Improve decision making
- ✓ Develop independent thought

0800 4-CHESS [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz)

Join our Chess coaching classes here at our school!

-  Learn a new skill each week
-  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 26th July**

Start date

**Friday 27th September**

End date

**Library 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Room

**\$ 147**

Term Fee

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



**ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL**  
LOYALTY & COURAGE

Onehunga High school is hosting a group of 300 Japanese students for **5 nights** only and we need to find as many homestay families as we can.

We need loving and caring families to host two to three students for **five nights**, either 24th September to 29th September OR 25th September to 30th September.

We will pay **\$650** in total for two students and **\$975** in total for three students. Your payment will be tax-free.

### Requirements:

- Students can share one bedroom as long as there are separate beds, e.g. single beds, bunk bed or trundler bed.
- Three meals a day.
- Full family inclusion – e.g. having one meal together as a family, making conversation with them, include them in your family activities, take them local sightseeing.

### Highly preferred:

- Drop off and pick up (or carpool with other families) to and from school on the **THREE** days they attend school.
- Other options may be available upon discussion.

If you are interested and keen to help out, please email [mtaghavi@ohs.school.nz](mailto:mtaghavi@ohs.school.nz) or text 021980718.





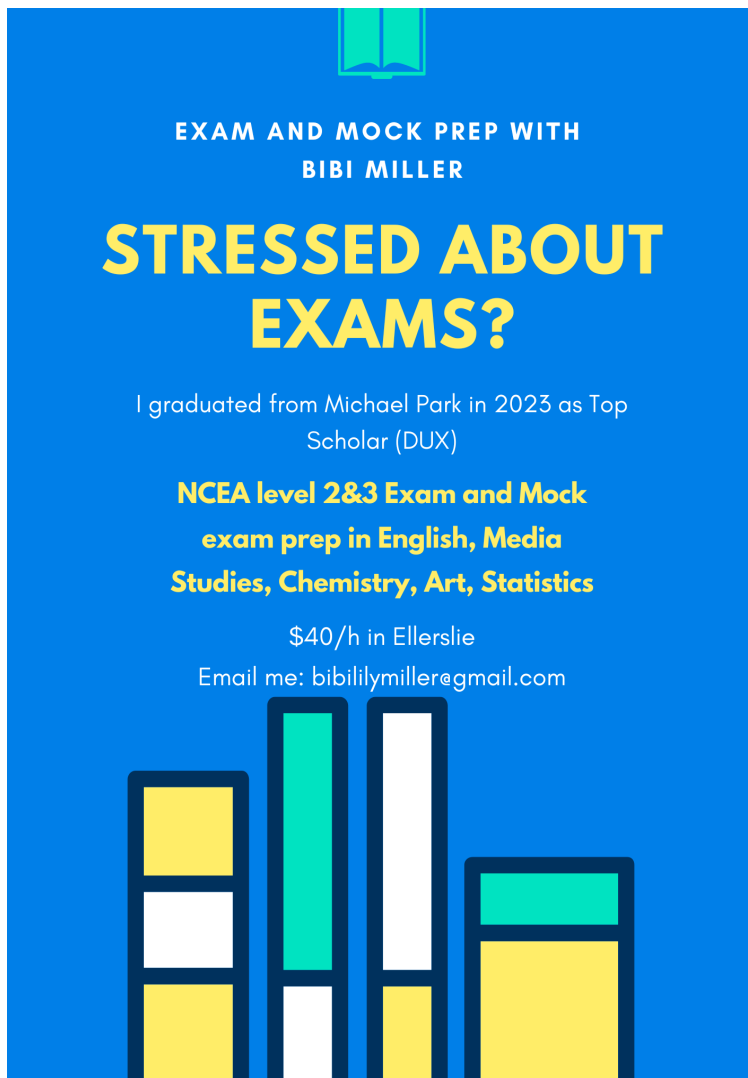
**MPS  
TUTORING**

My name is Luka Winz and  
I'm in class 12.

Is your child is looking for tutoring  
up to level 1? I'm happy to help!

**SUBJECTS I TAKE:**  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Math  
English  
Art

Happy to discuss time/price.  
Contact me on: 021 081 15447



**EXAM AND MOCK PREP WITH  
BIBI MILLER**

# STRESSED ABOUT EXAMS?

I graduated from Michael Park in 2023 as Top  
Scholar (DUX)

**NCEA level 2&3 Exam and Mock  
exam prep in English, Media  
Studies, Chemistry, Art, Statistics**

\$40/h in Ellerslie  
Email me: [bibilymilleregmail.com](mailto:bibilymilleregmail.com)



**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
Movement for Religious Renewal**  
10 Rawhiti Road, One Tree Hill

You are very welcome to our  
**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUNDAYS**

10.00 THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE  
HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea

11.30 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TIME  
with singing, story and the  
SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Followed by lunch. Please bring food to share.

Dates for 2024:  
August 4, September 1, October 6,  
November 3, December 1



**SCAMPS**  
Supervised Care After Michael Park School

The after-school care service exclusive to MPS students 5yrs+

A safe and nurturing environment based in the new ECC facility  
inside the park grounds and right next door to school!

Our priority is the safety and care of your children; we offer engaging  
physical and creative activities throughout the supervised sessions.

Operation is 3pm - 5.30pm, Mon - Thurs during term time.  
Fee per day is \$30 per child (discount to \$25 for 2 or more siblings)

We've built this community-based business to support the needs  
of MPS parents. I'd like to thank the families that have supported  
us so far as they have enabled the service to establish.

We now seek and encourage further support from the wider school  
community. Bookings are made on a casual basis and fees only apply  
for the days that a child attends .... too easy!

So, if you need just one day/ two or more please make contact:  
[Brian@clevernz.com](mailto:Brian@clevernz.com) - 0210 737 767 - all enquires are welcome!





Dear families,

We have a beautiful home for sale right next to the school on Malabar Drive. It comes with 5 bedrooms, lovely gardens and private access through to the school. Please share with the community if you know of anyone who might be interested, otherwise click on the link here for all the details:

<https://www.realestate.co.nz/42611902/residential/sale/20-malabar-drive-ellerslie>

# HOUSE FOR SALE

CV\$1,550,000



BALLARAT STREET, ELLERSLIE



## ABOUT:

On sale for the first time in 14 years, this amazing family home will be listed with Barfoot and Thompson shortly, for auction in September 2024. We are giving advanced notice to the MPS community as this home has been owned by several different Steiner families over the years.

4 double bedrooms, 1 office, large open plan living area with outdoor entertaining.

Established fruit trees, veg patch, lawn, spa pool, large garden shed, workshop, 2 off street parks. A private, quiet, sanctuary in the city.

Income/Office/Extended family - Separate 1 bed unit currently rented for \$375/w.

## PROPERTY FEATURES:



4 Bedrooms



2 Bathrooms



Separate 1 bed unit



139m2

10 minutes walk from MPS

Contact us with any questions or for a pre-open home viewing.

Mary and Ruben Miller

021783283 or 0210628959

mazmiller00@gmail.com

# Highland Fling

7-10.30pm  
SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST  
TITIRANGI WAR MEMORIAL HALL, TITIRANGI

Class 7 Ceilidh Fundraiser

**EARLY BIRD**  
ticket \$35  
including  
food

**BUY TICKETS**

[https:// events.humanatix.com/fling- fundraiser](https://events.humanatix.com/fling-fundraiser)  
**Ceilidh with Live Band ROUGH TOWN**

# WEEKEND NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS

Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school?

- Open to boys & girls
- 6 week programme
- Individual registrations
- Netball skills and match play

Windmill Park  
Sat mornings  
Years 1-6  
Starts 3 August

St Johns  
Sun afternoons  
Years 1-8  
Starts 4 August

For more information please contact:  
Caitlin Smardon, Development Programme Officer  
T 09 280 4129 or M 021 577 105  
E development@auklandnetball.co.nz  
[www.auklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.auklandnetball.co.nz)