



COMING EVENTS

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Monday 5 August	Parent Action Group Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 6 August	Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 7 August	Open Day
Wednesday 7 August	High School Info Evening 6pm
Friday 9 August	Class 4 Lunch Bar
Saturday 10 August	Blacksmith Parent Workshop
Saturday 10 August	Garden Working Bee
Tuesday 13 August	Class 9 Parent Meeting

Tēnā koutou whānau,

Here we are, completing week 2 of term 3. It is amazing that we are now halfway through the school year.



This week, we were fortunate to hold our lower school parent-teacher conferences. Thank you, whānau, for taking the time to meet with your child's kaiako; feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with purposeful conversations being carried out and a wonderful turnout of parents and caregivers throughout the school.

Next week, we are holding our open day on Wednesday. Please encourage whānau and friends who have expressed an interest in the school to attend one of the two sessions that we will be holding during the day – direct whānau to our website to find out more about the open day and our kura and kindergarten.

Additionally, there is a **High School presentation on Wednesday evening, starting at 6pm in the auditorium**, providing information for parents and students about how we support the teaching and learning of our students when they transition into our secondary school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GO NEW ZEALAND!
UP THE WAHS!

Heoi anō tāku ināianeī,

Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

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

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



TILLY CHOPS HER MOP

On Daffodil Day I will be cutting off my hair to donate to Freedom Wigs and fundraising for Bowel Cancer NZ. To read my story and donate please click on the link below.

Happy Friday,
Tilly (Class 11)

[bowelcancernz.grassrootz.com/
create-your-own-event/chop-the-
mop-for-bowel-cancer](https://bowelcancernz.grassrootz.com/create-your-own-event/chop-the-mop-for-bowel-cancer)



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OPEN DAY

7 AUGUST

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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

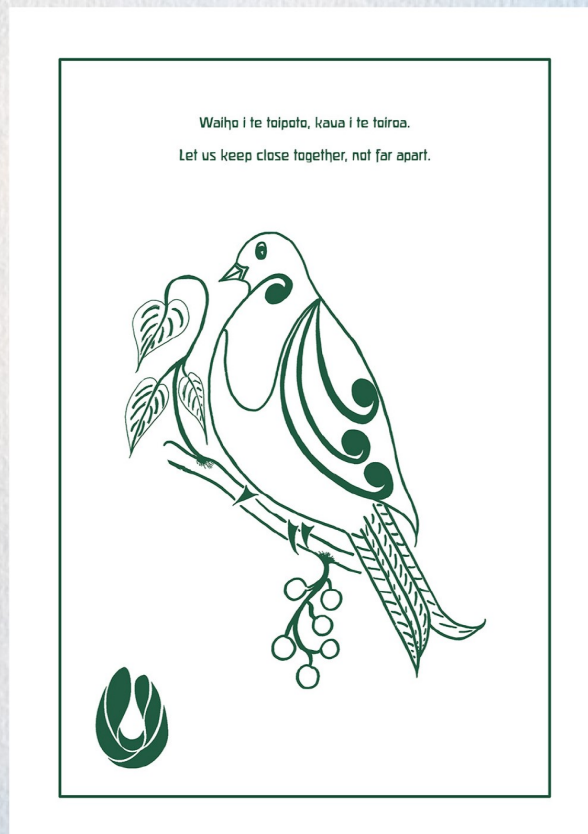


Please deposit the total into
MPS Class 1 2023 Bank account
38-9024-0577163-00

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



SPOTLIGHT ON SNAPDRAGON

STAR BABIES AND THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD BIRTHDAY

Birthdays are always a cause for celebration. The focus of this short piece is the 5-year-old's birthday.

Rituals and traditions allow children to experience the "rhythm of the year," it helps to ground them.

Celebrating a child's birthday is not only an opportunity to mark the special day but also honours the child's place in the family and in the world at large. A birthday is a time of hope and a time of looking forward to a new year filled with fresh milestones and experiences. Celebrating another trip around the sun for a child is an opportunity for reflection and a chance to bring beauty, magic, and meaning into their lives.

In Steiner education, the five-pointed star is introduced as a form element in eurythmy, which is a movement art integral to our curriculum. The star is often experienced by children through the shape of their own bodies when they stand with legs apart and arms outstretched, forming an almost regular pentagon.

The pentagram or five-pointed star is associated with the human form, with each point representing the head, arms, and legs, symbolising the human body in harmony with the universe. This symbol is used to help children connect with geometric forms and develop a sense of balance and spatial awareness. The five-pointed star also has broader symbolic meanings, often representing harmony, balance, and the human form.

This is significant for a five-year-old child, as they are developmentally becoming more aware of their bodies in relation to the rest of their world. Their thinking is beginning to wake up, and they have increasing control of their limbs. Their play is of the fairy tale world, and imaginative play is now more adept.

SNAPDRAGON
OPENING HOURS:
FRIDAY 8.15 – 9AM
FRIDAY 2PM – 3PM



BIRTHDAY EVE TRADITION A SPECIAL PRE-BIRTHDAY VERSE

At bedtime on the evening before your child's 5th birthday, light a candle and share this special verse:

*When I have said my evening prayer,
And my clothes are folded on the chair,
And mother switches off the light,
I'll still be four years old tonight.
But from the very break of day,
Before the children rise and play,
Before the darkness turns to gold,
Tomorrow, I'll be five years old.
Five kisses when I wake,
Five candles on my cake.*

Snapdragon currently has star babies for sale, making them the perfect gift for a five-year-old's birthday present. Or, if you prefer to make your own, come along to Craft Group if a little help or inspiration is required.

Craft Group is located in the Handwork Room (under Class 4) every Friday morning; drop in anytime we are there.

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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



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 to register. Spaces are limited.

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

BYO lunch. Cost: \$40 per person.

Leah Corbett

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RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

BLACKSMITHING with Luís 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





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 or text 021980718.



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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



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 - 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



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

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