



COMING EVENTS

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Saturday 17 August	Class 8 Quiz Night Fundraiser
Friday 23 August	Class 9 Lunch Bar
Friday 23 August	Farewell Assembly for Karen Affleck *Classes 1-12 finish at 2.10pm
Sunday 25 August	Simplicity Parenting Workshop
Tuesday 27 August	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Friday 30 August	Mid-Term Break
30-31 August	NIWA Science Fair

Kia ora whānau

*Ko te kairapu, ko ia te kite -
She who seeks will find.*

I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have had this week.

We have some great news to share, Stacey McManus has been appointed as our new Kindergarten Manager. Stacey brings a wealth of experience and a passion for early childhood education, and we are thrilled to have her in our school senior leadership team. During her time in Jacaranda, Stacey has created a nurturing environment for our tamariki to thrive, and there is no doubt that her approach will continue to make a meaningful impact throughout the kindergarten for our children and staff.

As always, we are dedicated to making every day a meaningful experience for our students. From engaging classroom activities to outdoor play, our focus is on fostering a love for learning in a fun and supportive setting. If you have any questions or want to learn more about what's happening in the classrooms, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Ngā mihi nui whānau for your continued support and involvement in making our kura a great place for everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE ALL BLACKS
UP THE WAHS

Mauri tu, Mauri ora,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



FAIR UPDATE

- Pre loved clothing – it's time to start going through all your pre loved clothing. The clothing bin will be out in front of the auditorium foyer from Monday 2nd September.
- Class coordinators will now be asking you to put your name down on the class roster.
- If you or someone you know may be able to contribute item/s for our raffles this year please contact me.
- Hay bales – if you know of anyone who could help us out with hay bales, please contact me.
- If you have a BBQ we can borrow for fair day, can you please contact me.
- Gazebos! Do you have one we can use on fair day?

All queries to Erin Wilson fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

SCIENCE FAIR

The NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair will be open for public viewing in the Michael Park School Gymnasium!

Open times: Friday 30 August 6pm-9pm
and Saturday 31 August 10am-5pm

Watercare will also be here with their community information experience trailer.



ON TODAY!

KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER SNAPDRAGON MID-WINTER MARKET

Snapdragon has once again teamed up with the kindergarten to bring you beautiful Waldorf crafts and resources along with quality, gently pre-loved kids clothing, toys, books and more!

Friday 16 August 2:15pm
at the Whare (behind Snapdragon shop)

PAYMENT BY CASH OR EFTPOS

'BRANCHES' PLAY - THANK YOU, COMMUNITY!

Class 8 would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Class 8 play 'Branches' a success at the end of term 2. Putting on a play is always a team effort!

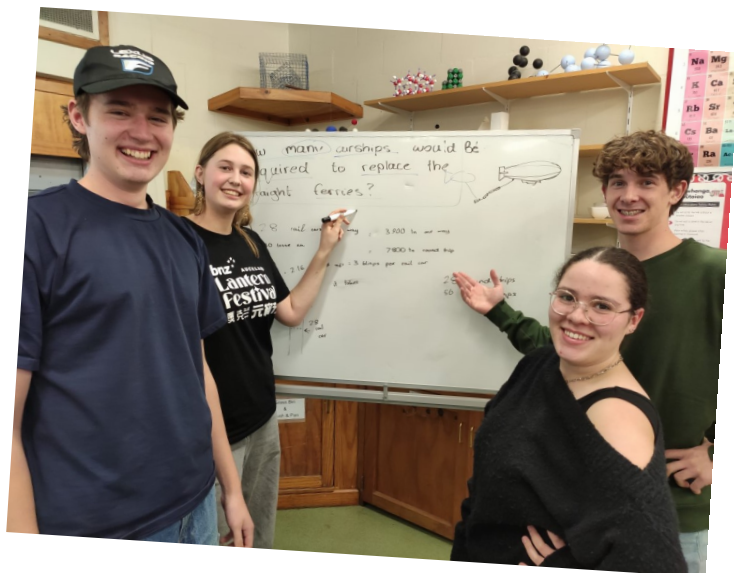
Special thanks to Director Henry Mackenzie, along with the Class 11 students who did lighting: Quinlan Baker and Francis Mallinder. Thank you also to Ruby from Class 9 who filled in so beautifully at the last minute when illness struck. And a very warm thank you to Louise Michaux for your time and expertise, and for doing such a wonderful job on the costuming.

To all Class 8 students (and their families), thank you for all the hard work and persistence that went into creating a successful production as a class whānau, and to everyone who came along and supported them.

NZ ENGINEERING SCIENCE COMPETITION

Last Saturday, 281 teams from across New Zealand, including Michael Park School, tackled the challenging problem: "How many airships would be required to replace the Cook Strait Ferries?" The question, released at 10 am, didn't initially seem like a typical math or science problem, but with careful thought, teams applied both mathematical modelling and science-based principles to find solutions. Representing Michael Park School, Lucas, Luka, Jasper and Isabelle from Class 12 spent 8 hours working on their submission.

Rather than just writing research reports, teams were encouraged to incorporate as much mathematical modelling as possible. The open-ended nature of the problem required participants to interpret it and make reasonable assumptions—a crucial part of the challenge. Given the incomplete data provided, teams were allowed to use sensible estimates, when necessary, as long as they justified their choices. We are very proud of our students for carrying on Michael Park School's participation for the third year. Well done!



VOTE FOR MURPHY!

Murphy has been selected as a finalist in the 'NZ Top Dog Awards' in the category 'top dog with a job' (the most golden classroom assistant)! Out of over 350 entries he's made the top 20. He's also up for the People's Choice award, so, if you can spare two minutes to vote for Murphy, Class Five would be so grateful.

<https://tinyurl.com/votemurphy>



PĀNUI FROM THE WHARE PUKAPUKA

Yesterday, we were very lucky to have a visit from Miss Gibson's brother, Hamiora, who spoke to Class 5 and 6 about his work as a conservationist. Hamiora has a national profile as 'Sam the Trap Man' and was nominated for Environmentalist of the Year in 2021. He is passionate about the environment and encouraging rangatahi to spend more time in the bush for their wellbeing. On Tuesday night, Hamiora had a book launch here in Tāmaki Makaurau for his new book, *Sam the Trap Man – cracking yarns and tall tales from the bush*.



Hamiora is an amazing speaker who has a natural ability to connect with his audience, and his love and understanding of the natural world is inspiring. We are hugely grateful to Hamiora for gifting us his time to come and talk with the students.

In this interview with National Radio over the weekend, Hamiora spoke about his mahi, the benefits of spending time in the bush, and his schooling at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hawke's Bay. It's definitely worth a listen!

www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/524769/sam-gibson-the-bushman-sharing-his-love-for-the-natural-world

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Auckland Road Race Championship

Congratulations to Tilly and Dylan from Class 11 who competed in the Auckland Road Race Championships on Wednesday.

Both runners braved the icy winds and ran extremely good times, representing our school with pride.



GKR World Karate Tournament

Congratulations to Joshua Judeel-Williams who was selected to represent NZ at the GKR World Karate Tournament in Sydney, Australia last weekend. There were over 1400 competitors involved in the competition which consisted of Kata, sparring and team events. NZ sent only 140 athletes and managed to bring home 82 medals, a huge achievement. Among these medals was Joshua, who won a Gold in the Junior Team Kata event. Great effort, Josh!



Auckland College Climbing Series

Jett and Benito from Class 9 competed in the Auckland College Climbing Series last Sunday at Boulder Co. This was their first climbing competition and they loved it! Jett placed 11th and Benito placed 13th out of 56 competitors – well done!



Tough Guy and Gal mud run

Students from Level 2 and 3 PE took part in the Tough Guy and Gal mud run last Friday out at Kumeu showgrounds. More than 1000 students turned up to face the 6km course which required participants to wade through waist deep mud pits, scale high walls and crawl through narrow tunnels in a fun-filled race to the finish.

Despite having one of the smallest groups on the day, Michael Park punched above its weight once again, with our senior boys gaining 4th place in the "Fastest overall schools" category, and a huge congratulations goes to Tilly Arasaratnam who came 2nd place overall in the Senior Girls category.



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

It's been another great week in the whare pukapuka, with lots of people turning up to support our te reo Māori club, and akonga (students) enjoying getting to know more reo phrases in their library lessons.

Weekly Reo Māori Challenge

Some staff are participating in a Weekly Reo Challenge which will run all term. This week's challenge was to find a way to acknowledge and celebrate the beautiful whakataukī that are on the plaque outside each classroom. If you are in visiting school, see if you can spot the whakataukī that have been especially chosen for each class, that are presented on a wooden plaque alongside a beautiful image of a related manu (bird) for each class. Here is some of the history of this project:

When Whaea Andrea Gordine first came to teach full-time at MPS, she asked students and staff what they wanted regarding Te Ao Māori in the school. Some students wanted birds or animals for classes instead of calling them Class 1-12. When Andrea proposed this idea to the College of Teachers, she found out that this mahi was already underway. Former staff members John Lawry and Whaea Jade Flavell had worked together to match manu with the impulses and characteristics of each class. Whaea Beverly Findlay then kindly offered to do the artwork for us.

The class whakatauki and Class manu were unveiled and blessed in 2021 as part of our Matariki & Winter solstice festival celebrations. There are two wooden plaques for each class, one with the artwork on it and the other with a whakatauki/proverb.



You are welcome to join our Te Reo Māori Club

Wenerei lunchtimes, 12.40-1.10pm in the whare pukapuka.

Open to all students, staff and whānau—learn te reo in a fun, light-hearted environment. And don't forget about kapa haka on Fridays in the music room! (You'll need to sign in at the office to attend both of these events.)

Ngā manaakitanga

Kura Rutherford

Kaitiaki o te whare pukapuka/school librarian



Looking to earn money while fundraising for our school?

We have organised a stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party, and we want to sell your handmade crafts on your behalf!!

- We are looking for Steiner inspired crafts, similar to what is sold in Snapdragon. No food please.
- There is no charge for the stall or eftpos hire, but 15% of your proceeds will go towards school fundraising.
- We ask that you put a few hours of your time onto the roster, but you do not need to be there all day.
- Festival date is Sunday 8th September, 9am - 12.30pm.

For questions, more information and expressions of interest please contact Claire Valkenburg 0272965390.

SNAPDRAGON - NEW STOCK

LATEST CREATIONS FROM THE MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT SNAPDRAGON



INTERESTED IN MAKING YOUR OWN?

THE MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP MEETS
IN THE SCHOOL CERAMICS ROOM
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM

WITH A MIX OF EXPERIENCES, THIS PARENT-LED GROUP IS FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GIVE CLAY A TRY OR HAS SKILLS TO SHARE. YOU CAN LEARN BOTH HAND-BUILDING AND POTTERY WHEEL TECHNIQUES, IT'S TOTALLY UP TO YOU.

CONTACT: SNAPDRAGONMPS@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION

RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2024

WORKSHOP ONE: An introduction to wet felting and needle felting. Please bring a towel.
9.00 - 12.30

WORKSHOP TWO: Crochet for beginners and those who want to extend what they learned in the previous workshop. Please bring a #4 crochet hook.
1.00 - 4.30

Venue: Handwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$30.00 per workshop

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops, please email Dana in the school office:

danam@michaelpark.school.nz

Class Five Sock Fundraiser

NZ Merino socks, tights and other apparel
for babies, kids and grownups.

Please order online at:

www.cosytoes.co.nz

within the month of August.

Be sure to write
'Michael Park School'
in the message box at
checkout.

20% of your purchase
spend will be donated
to Class Five.



MPS 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.

\$15 for 1 \$24 for 2 \$10 each for 3 or more

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

Orders close midnight 29/08/2024



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Class 8

QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST
7.30PM**

ELLERSLIE WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
CENTRE

134/138 MAIN HIGHWAY, ELLERSLIE

**GREAT MYSTERY
SPOT PRIZES TO BE
WON!**

**\$20
PER PERSON**

**FOOD, DRINKS &
MULLED WINE
AVAILABLE**

Pay at the door or txt John 0211345158 for tickets

Shaping Life Together

MOTHERING TODAY

Join the Steiner monthly
mothers gathering!

*He taonga te mokopuna, kia
whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea*

*A child is a treasure, to be
nurtured, to grow, to flourish*

**SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024
9:30AM - 12PM**



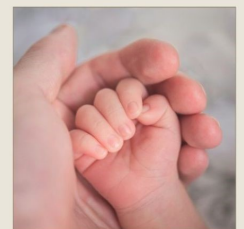
Rudolf Steiner House

104 Michaels Avenue,
Ellerslie, Auckland

Donation \$10-20

FOR MORE INFO:

hello@diannabrinsden.co.nz
michellem@michaelpark.school.nz



12 Senses & Nutrition

A time for mothers to share
experiences, and explore the
special task of the mother.

With Waldorf inspired
knowledge and skills to
provide a safe and nurturing
environment.

We will discuss how to
nurture the unique needs
of the child, through an
understanding of the four
middle senses of smell,
taste, vision, and warmth.
Followed by a seasonal
cooking experience.

Hosted by early childhood
educators.

**STACEY MCMANUS
& MICHELLE MULLANY**

Parent Contact at MPS: Roger 027 230 9149



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 Aage at info@tracks.net.nz
or 027 309 8871



Parent Contact at MPS
Ines 021 177 8444



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
or 027 860 1517



HOUSE-SIT NEEDED

We are a Steiner family coming from Germany to visit an elderly relative in New Zealand. We arrive late December and we are looking for a housesit opportunity in Auckland to mid January.

Five adults in total (but even space for 3 would be excellent!)

Dates are from 28 December through to 18 January.

If you have a house available or could consider hosting guests please

contact Sabine van Ackern

sabine.van.ackern@t-online.de

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INITIATIVE

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS & YOUTH*

**7pm FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th
AT 375 HUIA ROAD, TITIRANGI**

We are seeking volunteers (ages 13-20) to become part of the team to prepare and fundraise for the International Youth Camp in the Philippines in January 2026.

The 2 week camp will be on an island in the mountains, working together to build with natural materials the beginning of a Steiner school.

*Bring an interested friend!

Contact Hartmut Borries
hartmutborries@gmail.com
021 259 8555

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP YOUTH INITIATIVE



MANGATEPOPO CAMP IN THE BEAUTIFUL TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

2025 Youth Programme

January 9-13 2025

Our 2025 youth programme will focus on preparing for the International Youth Conference in the Philippines in January 2026. We will be joined by the youth group from Australia.

Each year we offer separate programmes for little children, young children, youth and adults.

We begin and end each day with a circle including games, singing and an ongoing story. Morning and evening services deepen our spiritual striving and devotional life. Together we build and strengthen our community and connection with daily work, play and devotion. We prepare and enjoy organic and biodynamic foods.

Tongariro is renowned for its beauty and diverse outdoor activities including walks, waterfalls, hot pools and swimming holes.

Further Information

Contact Hartmut Borries - hartmutborries@gmail.com or 021 259 8555



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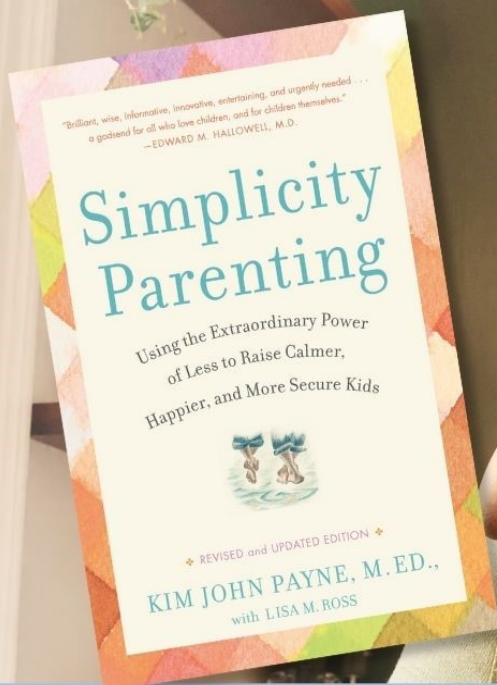


hartmutborries@mailbox.org



www.thechristiancommunity.org

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 to register. Spaces are limited.

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

BYO lunch. Cost: \$40 per person.



Raising Resilient Kids

Tuesday 10 September, 7-8.30pm

A presentation by Adrienne Wood

**When raising kids should we aim to toughen them up or soften them up?
What truly builds resilience in a child?**

Using insight from the Neufeld Institute, Adrienne will talk about the vital ingredients needed to ensure optimal functioning in kids that allows them to bounce back from emotional challenges and adversity.

Adrienne will cover:

- the roots of resilience • the importance of play • keeping the lead • keeping the heart soft
- the vital importance of connection

Tuesday 10 September, 7-8.30pm

Michael Park School auditorium, 55 Amy Street, Ellerslie | \$20* per person

Tickets available www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/raising-resilient-kids/auckland/ellerslie

*Plus \$2.75 Eventfinda fees

