



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 27 August	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Thursday 29 August	Daffodil Day - Crazy Hair
Friday 30 August	Mid-Term Break
30-31 August	NIWA Science Fair
2-5 September	Derived Grade Exams C11/12
5-6 September	Middle School Sports Tournament

Kia ora whānau

It has been wonderful to see the way our students are stepping up to the challengers of this term, in areas of our festivals, creative arts, service leadership, music, academics and sport. Thank you for your support in helping your child engage with discussions about their teaching and learning in our kura.



Last week I acknowledged our sports teams who are finishing the winter season with strong results, many winning their grades or competing in semis or finals in the upcoming weeks. I would also like to congratulate our students who have been selected for representative and national honours as a result of their performances this year, and look forward to sharing with you their progress in upcoming issues.

We have started our planning for 2025; next week you will receive an email requesting confirmation if your child/children will be continuing on at our kura. We hope that all students will continue their journey throughout school, but we understand that there may be changes imminent for some whānau. Please take the time to complete the link when it pops up in your inbox.

Have a wonderful weekend.

UP THE WAHS

Mauri tu, mauri ora,

Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki



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.



Thursday 29 August

**Please bring a gold coin donation
for the Cancer Society**

**We do not currently have a lunch bar planned.
If any class would like to offer a lunch bar
on the day, please let us know.**



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.

Tilly (Class 11)

bowelcancernz.grassrootz.com/create-your-own-event/chop-the-mop-for-bowel-cancer

MPS Students at Music Competitions



Congratulations to our students who have completed recently in music competitions!

Last weekend Violet Theodore performed on the violin at the West Auckland Performing Arts competition, where she placed 1st in the Senior String Solo and 1st in the Senior Recital.

A few weeks ago, two of our chamber groups performed at the South Auckland Performing Arts competition. One group, with Kahanu Giess on piano, Dana McMahon on cello, and Tadhg

Norman on violin, gained highly commended for wonderful performance of a Debussy Trio. The other group, with Kahanu on piano, Violet on violin, and Delta (a student from St Kent's) on French horn, gained third place with a beautiful performance of the Ewazen Horn Trio.

All these students rehearsed long hours leading up to the competitions and we are very proud of their achievements.



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Level 2 PE are looking forward to running the annual Middle School Sports Tournament in a few weeks' time.

Students from classes 5-8 will participate in this event and have the chance to show some house pride and teamwork with peers of different ages.

There will be 2 events each day using both the field and gymnasium as venues. We encourage participants to really embrace the occasion and come to school dressed in their house colours.

Jacaranda Kowhai Maple Magnolia



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>



Pat Hanly Creativity Project and Awards 2024

Congratulations to Lily Dickinson and Leon Kment for being selected to exhibit their artwork in this year's Pat Hanly Awards at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.

This year the Pat Hanly annual school's art competition changed its approach. The event is known as Auckland's longest-standing creative youth art awards which celebrates secondary school art students alongside Aotearoa New Zealand's most prolific artist: Pat Hanly. In the past, each school would nominate one or two students to apply for the competition. However, in 2024, art teachers and students were invited to participate as a whole group in the newly created Pat Hanly Creativity Project and Awards. It included an in-gallery learning experience, gallery staff visiting schools to view and give feedback to students on their work, the gallery selecting at least one piece from each school, an exhibition opening event for all project participants and a six-week exhibition of selected student artwork in the Auckland Art Gallery.

In order to be eligible to take part in the Pat Hanly Awards, our Class 12 Painters attended the kick-off workshops at the gallery in late May. They enjoyed the organised tours and two practical workshops run by contemporary artists Raukura Turei and Chevron Hassett.



Back at school, Class 12 painters began to create art inspired by the gallery collection, workshops and awards theme 'Tōku tūrangawaewae' (I am who I am because of where I stand). They seamlessly fitted this into their folio board development. In early August, two gallery specialists came to Michael Park school to see the students' work, talk with them and make their selection.

All our Pat Hanly project participants have been invited to attend the festival-like gallery night next Friday 30th August to open the Pat Hanly Awards exhibition. Lily and Leon have received special invitations to a pre – opening event on the same night. Their work will be exhibited in the Lower Ground Foyer at the Auckland Art Gallery from Friday, 30th August to Sunday, 13th October.

Once again, well done to you both.



Lily Dickinson, "Whakanewha", 2024, house acrylic paint and paint pens



Leon Kment, "Be-gazing", 2024, air brush



Michael Park School Level 3 Painting students outside Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki Tāmaki Makaurau.

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



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **We're seeking a warm and caring house/dog sitter** from around 8 Dec to 2 Jan. Stay in our cozy 3bed/2bath home with garden in Mt Wellington. Reach out to Chloe at 02108203684 if interested!
- **MPS family moving abroad looking for Steiner family to rent their warm three bedroom home in Kohimarama.** Safely gated and fenced for kids and pets. Outdoor entertaining with spa pool. Easy stroll to Madill's Farm and Koh Beach and only a ten-minute drive to MPS. Available 14th October. \$860 per week + \$80 power and internet. Phone 021 505966 to register interest.



Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at 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.

TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting
te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Kia ora e te whānau whānui o Waiaatarua

This week in our lower school te reo lessons we have been using songs and games to help establish ways to start conversations. You could see how this goes at home!

Kia ora.

Ko [name] tōku ingoa.

Kei te pēhea koe?

Kei te pai au.

Weekly Reo Māori Challenge

This week's staff challenge was to find four te reo phrases to use regularly throughout the week. Some phrases you might regularly hear around the school are:

Titiro mai, whakarongo mai - listen here, look here.

E noho - sit down.

E tū - stand up.

Kia tau - settle down.

Me kai tatou - let's eat.

Tīmata - start.

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

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

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DOLL MAKING with Nina Hamill

Held over 4 sessions, running from 9am-1pm

Saturday, 31st August 2024 in the Handwork Room

Saturday, 7th September 2024 in the Staff Room

Saturday, 14th September 2024 in the Handwork Room

Saturday, 21st September 2024 in the Handwork Room

WHAT TO BRING: Everything is provided, but any sewing kit you have, good material, scissors, needles and pins are useful.

Venue: Handwork Room / Staff Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$155.00 per person for the 4-week course

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

danam@michaelpark.school.nz

SCAMPS

Supervised Care After Michael Park School

Let us do the after school care for your child
Book now! One to four days per week.

Scamps is offered exclusively to MPS students only
and so far your kids are loving it!

MON - THURS 3pm - 5.30pm

Bookings and enquiries please contact
brian@clevernz.com

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.



Unlock Your Artistic Potential!

Private Art Tutoring with a Professional Artist

Are you a senior high school student passionate about art and looking to take your skills to the next level?

I'm an artist and former lecturer at the University of Auckland School of Fine Arts. With years of experience in both creating and teaching art, I can offer you personalised help to refine your techniques, explore new mediums, and develop your unique artistic voice.

What You'll Gain:

- ◆ One-on-One Mentoring: Tailored lessons focusing on your personal interests and goals.
- ◆ Expert Guidance: Learn advanced techniques and gain insights from a professional with extensive teaching experience.
- ◆ Portfolio Development: Receive support in building a standout portfolio for university applications or future artistic endeavors.
- ◆ Career Advice: Get valuable advice on pursuing a career in the arts, including university pathways and industry insights.

Flexible Scheduling: Evening and weekend slots available to fit your busy high school schedule. Sessions held at your location, or virtually for convenience.

To book a session or for more information, please email
theodore.sanjay@gmail.com

Invest in Your Artistic Future Today! Transform your passion into excellence with expert guidance from a leading professional.
Limited spots available, so don't miss this unique opportunity!

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

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te tairoa.
Let us keep close together, not far apart.



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



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.



Move & Stretch

Yoga for all levels

9:30 - 10:45am Thursdays

5th, 12th, 19th & 22nd September

This special course is **limited to 8 participants** only to give you personalised attention.

Ready to move, release tension, and relive stress?
Email Fiona hello@mindfullyyin.com to register!

\$99 for all 4 sessions or \$28 for drop in
come with a friend and save 20% (\$160 for 2 people)

Location: Kamusha Yoga, Meadowbank

Mb: 0212548511

ELLERSLIE Fairy Festival & Pirate Party

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, FROM 9.30AM



Join the fun!

9.30AM - 1.00PM

- Facepainting
- Bouncy Castles
- Amusement Rides
- General Collective Kids Market

10.30AM - 12.30PM

- Main Entertainment:
Fairies, Pirates, Superheroes
& Princesses



Ellerslie
Village

Ellerslie shops
& cafes
open as usual

www.ellersliefairyfestival.co.nz



Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party



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OUR FESTIVAL PARTNERS:



Fletcher Living



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, SEPT 6th
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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