



COMING EVENTS

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- Tuesday 3 December High School Prizegiving, 9am
- Tuesday 3 December C10 Song Launch Party, 6.30pm
- Wednesday 4 December Class 12 Graduation
- Wednesday 4 December 12.30pm finish for High School
- 5-12 December High School Craft Week
- Friday 6 December MPS Concert
- 9-13 December Class 5 Camp
- 9-13 December Class 7 Camp
- Thursday 12 December Last day for High School - 2pm finish
- Friday 13 December Snapdragon Christmas Market
- Monday 16 December Advent Festival & Carols
- Tuesday 17 December Last day for Lower School & Kindy - 12pm finish

New appointments for 2025.

Class 1 Kaiako, Brooke Arps

Brooke brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to her role, having just completing a Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from the University of Waikato. Prior to her tertiary studies, she completed a Certificate in Steiner Education at Taruna and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Canterbury University. With a deep passion for education and a commitment to fostering a nurturing and creative learning environment, Brooke is excited to meet our whanau and begin her journey with us at the start of 2025.

Class 3 Kaiako, Maria Moston

Maria brings over 20 years of teaching experience to our community, having earned a Bachelor of Education from Massey University and a Waldorf Steiner Teaching Training Certificate from Taruna College. Maria has recently returned from Australia, where she taught at two Rudolf Steiner schools and also mentored trainee teachers. Last year, she was a valued participant in Neil Boland and Virginia Wolf's Steiner Mentorship Programme.

High School, Head of English, Gillian Holliday

Gillian is an experienced senior English teacher at Mt Roskill Grammar School, where she is highly regarded for her dedication to fostering a love of language and literature in her students. She has a passion for spoken word, she encourages students to express themselves creatively and confidently through performance and discussion. She is also a strong advocate for providing students with opportunities to engage in cultural and literary experiences, often organising participation in Auckland writers' festivals where students can interact with authors and deepen their understanding of the literary world.

New appointment for Arlene, CEO, SEANZ

Finally, from me - I am both excited and bittersweet to announce the departure of Arlene at the end of the year, as she embarks on an incredible new journey as the CEO of the Steiner Education Association of New Zealand (SEANZ). SEANZ is the national governing body for Steiner schools, kindergartens, and early childhood education across the country, and I am thrilled that Arlene will be leading this important organisation. While we will deeply miss her presence and leadership, we are confident that she will make a significant impact in her new role, championing Steiner education throughout the motu. We wish Arlene all the best in this exciting new chapter and look forward to hearing about the positive changes she will

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe that we have less than three weeks to go until the end of the school year!



Next week we have a lot on with our high school end of year events, our high school prize giving, class 12 graduation, class 12 v staff volleyball match and the start of our craft week.

Below are our Class 1 -12 Kaiako for 2025.

Class 1	Brooke Arps
Class 2	Janette Feenstra
Class 3	Maria Moston.
Class 4	Lucy Espeche
Class 5	Jill Dixon
Class 6	Marco Liguori
Class 7	Briar Gibson
Class 8	Gillian Holliday & Aliona Valyashko
Class 9	Emma Robertson
Class 10	Ciaran Overton
Class 11	Aurelia Zatta
Class 12	Alan Kim

undoubtedly bring to the education sector.

Have a wonderful weekend, whānau.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

HIGH SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR EVENTS

Tuesday 3 December: High School Prizegiving, 9am in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend. Whānau of students receiving a subject award or special award have been emailed separately.

Wednesday 4 December: Classes 8, 9 & 10 will be finishing at 12.30pm. For Class 10 students opting out of Craft Week, this will be their last day of school for 2024.

Thursday 5 December: Craft Week begins for classes 8 & 9, and optionally for Class 10. Normal school hours of 8.30-3pm daily.

Thursday 12 December: Last of school for High School, 2pm finish.

Thank you from the Library

Thank you to our wonderful 34 student librarians who had their end-of-year celebration last Thursday. You have all been such a support in the library and have helped keep our library ticking over all year. You are so appreciated!

To our lovely library volunteer, Alice, who has helped cover books this year and brought enthusiasm and amazing book knowledge to our library – ngā mihi nunui e hoa!

Reminder: books are due back by the end of this week for Stocktake Week! Students will be able to reissue for summer in Week 9.

Christmas Open Hour at the library

**11 December, 2024
from 2.30-3.30pm**



- Get a stack of books for your children for the summer holidays.
- Check out our new books.
- Visit our library Christmas tree.
- See some of the mahi we have been doing in library lessons.
- Look through our donated book collection and take a pile home.
- Pick up some book lists of favourite read-alouds.

**Together, let's keep our kids
engaged in books over summer!**

MPS Students Present

End of Year Music & Dance Concert

Friday, 6th December
at 7pm

Students	\$5
Adults	\$10
Family 4+	\$25

Students

C10 Song Launch Party

Come along for a chance to hear the final cut of the song that Class 10 wrote and composed. There will be other bands playing too!



**Date: Tuesday 3rd of
December, 6.30pm**

Venue: Big Fan, 25 McDonald Street Morningside

Tickets: \$20 per person. Limited tickets available.

www.eventbrite.com

*Profits raised on the night over will be donated to
the Mangere Refugee Centre.*



Support Needed - Digital Marketing Expertise

We're seeking a volunteer with skills and passion to help our school and kindergarten achieve their marketing goals by managing the placement of 6-8 campaigns per year across Meta (Facebook and Instagram) and Google.

Key responsibilities include:

- Strategically positioning and optimising ad campaigns for events like open days, fairs, and general promotions.
- Collaborating with our team to align campaigns with broader promotional goals.
- Managing ad spend to maximise the return on investment within the set budget.
- Analysing campaign performance and providing actionable insights for improvement.

If this sounds like you, or if you'd like to know more, please contact Jade at Jadeleighkelly@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ADVENT AND CAROLS Monday, 16 December - from 3pm

The teachers and staff are preparing to gift "The Shepherds' Play" to our community again this year. In this adapted performance, the whole community plays a part by joining in and singing some well-known Christmas carols.

Once again, we hope members of the community will join us in the celebration which will begin with a sausage sizzle and ice-cream at 3pm on the middle field, before moving into the Auditorium at 5pm for the play. You are also welcome to bring your own picnic.

In the meantime, you might like to start singing/ humming these well-known pieces:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem; Away in a Manger; The First Noël; Little Drummer Boy; Silent Night; Joy to the World and Ding Dong Merrily on High.

Please come and join us on Monday, 16 December from 3pm for sausages and ice-cream/ your picnic or join us in the Auditorium for the play at 5pm.

Blessings to one and all
Arlene



Christmas Kindness

We are collecting festive food and gifts for the Salvation Army again this year. Over the next few months we will see thousands of Kiwis in desperate need. Increased costs of living are further stretching families who already have so little, meaning they don't have the luxury of participating in festivities like gift-giving and shared meals this year.

Can you help with providing items that we can gift them?

Think festive treats and gifts for teenagers (body spray, nail polish, hair accessories, colouring books, etc.). These should be unwrapped. This is the age group that often gets overlooked and they really struggle with gifts for them.

There will be a donation box in the school office, or you can bring your donation to the Community Advent & Carols evening on 16th December - a lovely way to finish the year.

www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal/donate-now

Thank you MPS whānau for bringing hope and joy at Christmas.

DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Once again MPS is collecting donations of **brand new books** to gift to kids

in need this Christmas. Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction - we'd love them all! Even better if we can support Kiwi authors and illustrators.

We have a donation box in the school office.

The books will be distributed to families in need through various charities, including the families that will be having Christmas onsite at the Refugee Resettlement Centre. The team of Michael Park Elves worked hard last year to make sure that every child got a book delivered to them by sleigh!

You can also purchase **GIFT CARDS** through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents - please do check them out!

Donations close on Wednesday, December 11th.

Thank you for your support!

Registered Charity CC60356

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Noodle Tuesday Alert!

A Dhal Wala Drop

The lunch bar is now open for **Hakka Noodles on Tuesdays!** Hakka Noodles are a delicious Indo-Chinese bowl of gluten free, vegan, nut free bowl of yummy noodles with carrots, corn, peas, beans and spices that are mouthwatering. So bring \$5 & your appetite!!



The **Dhal Wala** will be making delicious homemade dhal with rice for \$5 a bowl. For a warm bowl of yummy, please bring cash & your appetite on **Monday and Wednesday**. All ingredients are vegan, gluten & dairy free & 100% fabulously made!



Please fill out the [contact form here](#) if you'd like to pre-order.

CASTING FOR A NZ FEATURE FILM!

We are the team who cast *BOY*, *COUSINS* and *WE WERE DANGEROUS*, we are excited to be casting a new Feature Film called *BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY* directed by Paloma Schneideman.

This film is going to shoot in the Tāmaki Makaurau region in early 2025. We are casting for lead roles - young people aged 12 - 18 yrs. This professional film production with an experienced team on board. We are interested in engaging young people who are curious & courageous, no experience needed.

We would love for your child to do an introductory video and send it to us via the link below so we can get to know them a bit more. All videos are confidential and will be deleted once the casting process is complete.

We encourage your child to apply here within 1 week of receiving this notice: <https://bit.ly/48wFM94>

If you have any further questions please contact :

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https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3409447/?ref=fn_al_nm_1

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https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1397576/?ref=fn_al_nm_1

SNAPDRAGON CHRISTMAS MARKET

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8:30AM - 3PM

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ADVENT SPIRAL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

10.00 THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING

Followed by morning tea

11.30 ADVENT FESTIVAL

with Advent spiral, story, singing, and THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

ALL AGES ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND

Followed by lunch.

Please bring festive food to share

10 RAWHITI ROAD,
ONE TREE HILL

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Advent Market

Sat December 7th
10am - 2pm

Christmas Gifts
Crafts Advent Wreaths
Gingerbread
Cakes, Yummy Food & Drinks

10 Rawhiti Road,
One Tree Hill

Eurythmy Aotearoa

Eurythmy Aotearoa warmly invites you to a presentation in Eurythmy of students' work.

Friday 24th January 6.30pm

Michael Park School,
Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland.
Kohā welcomed

Spirit ART

Date: 7th DEC 2024

Time: 7pm-9pm

**Location: Lopdell Precinct, 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi
Basement Theatre**

Suggested donation: \$10-20

Join an experiential evening of artistic expression and creativity! Exploring sound singing, music, speech, poetry, movement, eurythmy and visual arts. This event aims to awaken and enliven the body, soul and spirit.

Bring kai to share, enjoy a night of creativity and community.

For more info:

hello@diannabrinnsden.co.nz





Christmas Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December

9am - 3pm

MPS Handwork Room and Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)



Candles, baking, decorations and more!

\$80 1x day

\$150 2x days

Book now to secure your space

michellemullany@gmail.com

022 127 6551



Two Day Deepening Course 18 and 19 January 2025

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

5 Helios Place, Titirangi

THE GIFT OF ILLNESS

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With workshops

- A. Richard Drexel: The four pillars of health: with exercises
- B. Helen Proctor: The Art of curative Eurythmy: Movement and well-being
- C. Nicole King: The healing qualities of fever: How to support it well
- D. Susie Gaye: Healing through colour
- G. Abi Ortiz: Music heals the heart and makes it whole
- H. Rochelle Hairs: 'Wonderfully wired brains': Neurodiversity as a gift
- I. Jo Erskine: Healing forms: Clay work
- J. Kathy MacFarlane: Creating Healing stories
- K. Emma Ratcliff: Bringing balance through working with the senses

\$70 incl morning and afternoon tea

For a timetable and registration form, please contact:

edith.vandermeer@gmail.com



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AGES 5 - 15

SONGWRITING & MAKE A MUSIC VIDEO (8-15YRS)

Write, record and release a song/music video.

LITTLE ROCKERS (5-7YRS, 2 DAYS)

An introduction to Ukulele, Piano and Drums + performing as a band.

MAMMA MIA - THE MUSICAL (JANUARY)

Sing, Act and Dance to key songs and scenes from the Mamma Mia Movie. Perform for friends and family.

A XMAS SPECIAL - MUSICAL THEATRE (6-13YRS)

Write, direct and create your own Xmas Musical this December. Your favourite Xmas songs to get you in the spirit

JOIN A BAND (8-15YRS)

Workshop covers, write originals and learn key skills on how to play your instrument in a group.

DEC 16 - 20 | JAN 13 - 24

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