



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 6 December	MPS Concert - 7pm TONIGHT!
5-12 December	High School Craft Week
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

Tēnā koutou whānau,

We're almost at the end of what has been an eventful year. I have been impressed by the diligence and enthusiasm that our students, staff and whānau have carried out throughout the last four terms.

Congratulations to each student recognised at our high school prize giving on Tuesday. Special mention for the following awards: Dux, top academic scholar Leon Kment and Proxime Accessit, second runner up Cathrine Zhao were standouts in a strong academic cohort. Cameron Le Pelley received the Rudolf Steiner award, and Lucas Cross was the recipient of our most prestigious award at Michael Park School, The Colin Lawrence Cup.



On Wednesday we farewelled our Graduating Class 12 students of 2024. For the most part, Michael Park School and Steiner Education have played a major role in their life. It is hard to put into words the significance of their achievement. They have typified what student leaders are all about. On behalf of all of our staff we are truly proud of what you have accomplished, we congratulate you on making it this far and wish you all the best for the future.

One more week to go, whānau.

Heoi ano taku mo naiane,

Naku noa,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal



SUMMER FAIR

FAIR RESULT

A huge thank you to you all in the Michael Park School Community for your hard work through the year and on Fair Day. **We made a profit of \$35,027.00 excl GST.**

Fair profits will go towards our new playground.

We hope you enjoyed the day; our Summer Fair is a well-known and well-run event, and we have had so much positive feedback. Have a great Christmas and New Year break and we will see you next year.

Kind regards
Erin Wilson




TONIGHT!

MPS Students Present

End of Year Music & Dance Concert

Friday, 6th December at 7pm

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



Class 12 Graduates and Senior Prize Winners



COMMUNITY ADVENT AND CAROLS

Monday, 16 December - from 3pm

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Blessings to one and all
Arlene



Christmas Open Hour at the library

Wednesday 11 December, 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!



Thank you to the Red Trolley Drive team who helped get all our books back for stocktake.



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou to our school community for supporting the continued growth of te reo me ōna tikanga at Michael Park School / Waiatarua this school year. There has been such meaningful mahi happening in classrooms, staff meetings and at school events, and it is heartwarming. Ngā mihi nui to those who took up the challenge to study te reo, who joined in our library events, brought kai to our te reo club, supported us at the whānau hui, shared a word of appreciation and encouragement, and to our kaiako for keeping our taonga, te reo, alive in our classrooms and school.

At this time, we also acknowledge those who have carried this kaupapa in our kura in the past – the foundations are here to help nurture and look after our taonga and to support our taura (students) in developing a strong sense of connection to our unique place in the world.

We look forward to sharing with you how we plan to continue to grow te reo me ōna tikanga Māori in 2025... watch this space.

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa e te whānau.

Kura Rutherford – kaitiaki pukapuka.



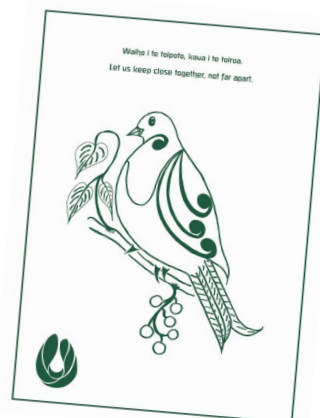
CLASS 2 FUNDRAISER

Class 2 have a limited number of tea towels for sale.

Now only \$10 each!

Please message Liese on
021778176 or email

mpsclass2fundraiser@gmail.com



GOT YOUR HAT?

Remember, sunhats are required during terms 1 & 4 for break, lunch and outdoor lessons.





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

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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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KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS



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.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **House to rent** on Ballarat Street - 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom, tidy, warm, one level brick & tile house with sunny back garden and deck with fruit trees and vegetable garden. 5 min bike ride / 10min walk to school. \$810 per week. Available from the end of December. <https://www.barfoot.co.nz/property/rental/auckland-city/ellerslie/house/11017855>
- **Accommodation wanted** - We are a family of 4 moving to Auckland from Hawkes Bay. We are looking to rent a 3 bedroom place early next year. Our 2 girls will join the kindergarten and class 4. Please get in touch with **Bianka** 0210796122

(Yes, these two have been put in touch! - Ed 😊)

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.

SNAPDRAGON CHRISTMAS MARKET

HANDCRAFTS & CARA TELLE CHOCOLATE

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
8:30AM - 3PM

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL
SNAPDRAGON AND WHARE

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THE SCHOOL FROM AMY STREET



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Ngā mihi nui
ki a koe



SCAMPS

Supervised Care After Michael Park School

As this term comes to a close, it is time for us to send a huge thank you to all the children that came along, and to the families that have supported Scamps in 2024.

Gratitude also, for our fabulous Scamps team who did such a great job, Luke, Kelsea, Siobhan, Rachel & Nulara, well done guys!

We are glad you had fun and hope to meet your needs again in 2025 and for any new families that we can be of assistance to:

Brian@clevernz.com - 0210 737 767 - all enquires are welcome

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

CONNECT THE DOTS POP-UP SHOP!



**SATURDAY 7TH & SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
10AM - 2PM**

354 ONEHUNGA MALL

**Handmade ceramics and textiles, artworks
and more! Support local artists and help keep
our charity open for the community.**

Cash or bank deposit only.



⚠️ Road Closure Notice ⚠️

Michaels Ave Reserve

Dates: Nov 25th - Early Jan 2025

**Closure: Main driveway to YMCA
(pedestrian-only zone)**

Access:

Michaels Ave carpark open

**Additional parking at Ellwood Place
(including disabled facilities)**

Thank you for your patience!

Two Day Deepening Course 18 and 19 January 2025

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

5 Helios Place, Titirangi

THE GIFT OF ILLNESS

DR RICHARD DREXEL

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

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



CHRISTMASTIME FOR CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm CHRISTMAS EVE TABLEAU

A most heart-warming, wonder-filled time for all ages to share the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, and the coming of the Light of the World, with the birth of the Christ child. You are warmly invited to come, share and sing together.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING (adult service)

11.30am CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL including THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR CHILDREN



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@diannabrinsden.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




Summer school holiday programme

- 16 Dec - 31 Jan
- 7.30am - 6pm
- On-site activities & trips include Rainbows End and Auckland Zoo!
- On-site days: \$69
- Trips: from \$94
- Balmoral, Epsom & Parnell




the village square

Our activities every day for 5-11 year olds.

Summer school holiday programme

villagesquare.org.nz/sfp-enrol

villagesquare.org.nz/school-holidays



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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Range of locations

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Colouring Competition



Summer is almost here! Please return your completed entry* to the entry box at Scoop & Smile, 130A Main Highway, Ellerslie, or email to hello@ellerslievillage.co.nz by: Sunday 15th December 2024. Age Groups: 3-5 yrs, 6-8 yrs, 9-11 yrs. One winner per age group. Winners will be contacted by Friday 20th December 2024 & each winner will receive a **\$30 Voucher** from our local ice cream shop, Scoop & Smile.

Name:			
Parent/Caregiver Contact Phone Number or Email Address:			
Age:		Suburb you live in:	
Your Favourite Ice Cream:			



*Visit: www.ellerslievillage.co.nz for terms and conditions.