



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>Advent Festival &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	<b>Last day for Lower School &amp; Kindy - 12pm finish</b>
<b>Monday 3 February</b>	<b>First day of Term 1, 2025</b>

Kia ora whānau,

Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou mō ngā mahi kua mahia ki roto ki te tau nei hai hāpai i te kaupapa i konei i tō tatou kura.

This is our last flyer for the year. Thank you, whānau, for everything that you have done to support your tamariki and our kura. It's been another big year, and we could not have done it all without you.

This week we have finished off the year with lots of movement, craft workshops and special morning teas and lunches each day. The lower school have been outdoors playing traditional Māori games in between their end of year migration to their next room, ready for the following year. Class 8, 9 & 10 students have been enjoying workshops with master craftspeople leading the different classes on offer. In addition, Class 7 have just arrived back today from camp, kayaking down the Waikato river, and Class 5 arrived back yesterday from their combined Olympic camp with other class 5 students from the Steiner schools in Titirangi, Hamilton and Tauranga.

A reminder that on Monday evening at 5pm, staff will be performing "The Shepherds' Play" for our community. Please join us on the middle field from 3pm, bring a picnic, our Board and Proprietor Trust members will also be cooking a sausage sizzle and providing ice cream beforehand. Please join us for our final community event for the year.



To our other families who are also leaving our school at the end of the year, we wish you all the very best at your new school and new beginnings that the new year may bring.

We wish you all a safe and refreshing summer break with whānau and friends and look forward to an exciting 2025.

He mihi aroha nunui, he mihi mutunga kore. Noho ora mai rā, manuia.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki

### 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.

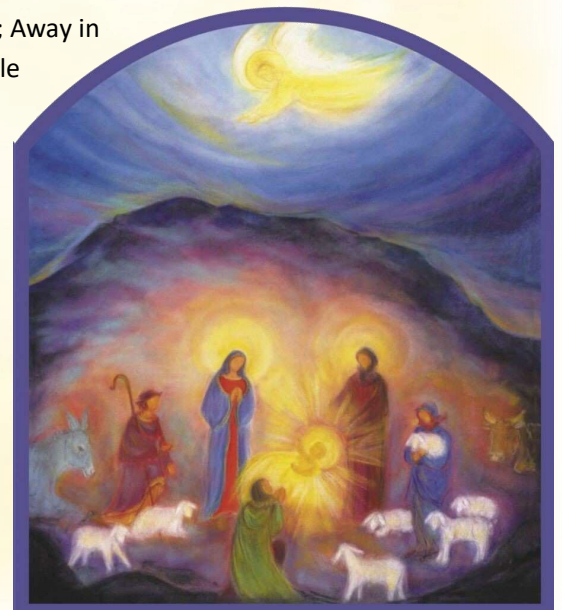
Once again, we hope members of the community will join us in the celebration which will begin with a sausage sizzle and ice-cream at 3pm on the middle field, before moving into the Auditorium at 5pm for the play. You are also welcome to bring your own picnic.

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



## LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check the lost property before school closes on Tuesday... all items are donated to charity at the end of term.

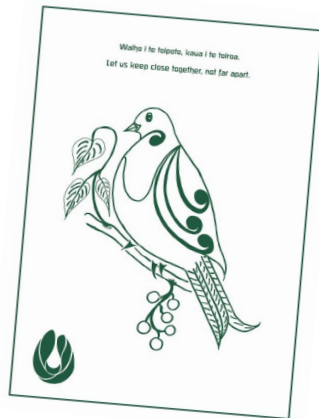


## CLASS 2 FUNDRAISER

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

**Now only \$10 each!**

Please message Liese on  
021778176 or email  
[mpsc2fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:mpsc2fundraiser@gmail.com)



## PIANIST REQUIRED

Pianist required to play for an adult eurythmy class from 11am til 12.15 on Monday 20th January 2025 at MPS.

At least grade 8 standard please. Music will be available immediately to practise. Please contact Eileen mobile: 021 1252106

## TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Some students who travel long distances could be eligible for Transport Assistance Allowance from Ministry of Education, more information available at:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/>

All applications are done online and all families are welcome to look at this and apply online to see if they qualify for this allowance.

If you have any queries please email Brenda Davidson,  
[brendad@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:brendad@michaelpark.school.nz)



## TE AO MĀORI

*A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori*

Ngā mihi mahana o Tamanuiterā ki a koutou katoa, e te whānau!

Below are some phrases shared with us by our awesome friend and supporter at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, te reo Māori teacher, Troy Gardiner. As well as the acknowledgement we made last week in the Te Ao Māori section to all our supporters, I would like to say another special thanks to Troy, and to Stasia Rutherford-Busck and Charlotte Goddard for their ongoing te reo Māori editing advice this school year. It takes a village!

### Christmas day

Wake up!  
Hurry up please  
Let's unwrap the presents  
Open it carefully  
Aren't you lucky!  
Thank you for this present  
Merry Christmas to you  
and your whānau  
When are we eating?  
What should we do today?

### Te Rā Kirihimete

E oho!  
Kia tere mai  
Kia hura tātou i ngā taonga  
Āta huraina  
Tō waimarie hoki!  
Tēnā koe i tēnei taonga  
Meri Kirihimete ki a koutou  
ko te whānau  
Āhea tātou kai ai?  
Me aha tātou i tēnei rā?

### Karakia hei whakapainga te kai

*A verse to acknowledge the kai*

E whakamānawa ana	We appreciate
Ki ngā ringa i whakatipu	The hands that grew
Ki ngā ringa i whakarite	The hands that prepared
I ēnei haupa	These foods
Hei kai mā tātou	For us all to eat.
Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē	We agree

### Whakataukī o te Wiki

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tāngata.  
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Kia haumarū ngā hararei!

Nā

Kura Rutherford – Kaitiaki pukapuka



Students from classes 7 to 10 spent the last week of school fully engaged in the workshop of their choice during Craft Week, which included jewellery, cooking, fabric dye and construction, paper collage, ceramics and marbling, drum making and Māori games.

We hope our students have enjoyed themselves and we are proud to facilitate this space of growth in a vibrant, social environment for them. The simple act of transforming matter with dedication and devotion engages not only the will, but our inner emotions and our higher thinking capacities. It is the maker that is transformed in the process.

Thank you to all those who supported this event. - Luis Bernal, HOD Technology Hard Materials & Craft

# RAFT WEEK





# 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](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal/donate-now)

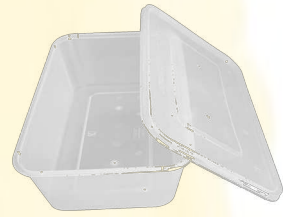
Thank you MPS whānau for bringing hope and joy at Christmas.



# The Dhal Wala

Thank you. Merry Christmas and a request!

Here at Dhal Wala HQ we are committed to recycling so please could you bring any unwanted Sistema or fast food containers to



school on Monday? Pretty please?! We can then use them to serve and as take home containers for 2025! That's right, the Dhal Wala restarts bowls of yummy in the first term of 2025. yippeee!!!



See you at 3pm on Monday for ice cream and other kai.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **House sitter needed**, including looking after 2 cats. Nice 3-bed house on Arron St. From Mon 6 Jan - Wed 15 Jan 2025. Please contact Barney on 027 360 1912.
- **House to rent** in Umere Cres right next to school! 4 bedrooms, \$860 per week [www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/rent/listing/5002588305?bof=fZAa3WdP](http://www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/rent/listing/5002588305?bof=fZAa3WdP)
- **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
- **Pianist required** to play for an adult eurhythmy class from 11am til 12.15 on Monday 20th January 2025 at MPS. At least grade 8 standard please. Music will be available immediately to practise. Please contact Eileen mobile: 021 1252106

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto: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.



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@clevrnz.com](mailto:Brian@clevrnz.com) - 0210 737 767 - all enquires are welcome

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



## CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER

PLEASE ORDER ONLINE IN DECEMBER  
**15%** WITH AUCKLAND FREE DELIVERY  
WILL BE DONATED TO CLASS 5  
BE SURE TO REFERENCE "MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL"

**Classic New York \$60**

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**Blueberry \$75**

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# 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



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 0274 236 415 (txt to David)

 [cherrymusicstudiomteden@gmail.com](mailto:cherrymusicstudiomteden@gmail.com)

**Studio Location (for After School Hours)**  
**Mt Eden:** 1st floor/ 2A Rocklands Ave Mt Eden  
(Contact David: 0274 236 415)  
**Hobsonville:** Unit 20/90A Hobsonville Rd  
(Contact Rebekah: 020 4126 2157)



# 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](mailto:michellemullany@gmail.com)

022 127 6551



## HOLIDAY Art Workshops

DAY 1: SILKSCREEN PRINTING

DAY 2: LINO PRINTING

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December

10-2pm

Ages 10-14

Maximum enrolment 8 children

2 Days \$150 - all materials included

Enrol your child in our popular pre-Xmas printastic workshop where they will experiment with printmaking techniques and bring home their unique printed tote bag for the summer and printed cards!

Email [info@connectthedots.org.nz](mailto:info@connectthedots.org.nz) to book!  
[www.connectthedots.org.nz](http://www.connectthedots.org.nz)

Connect the Dots Studio,  
354 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga

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](mailto:edith.vandermeer@gmail.com)



# 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

[villagesquare.org.nz/school-holidays](http://villagesquare.org.nz/school-holidays)

**Class 1 - 12**

**School Attendance Dues - Compulsory**

\$1,437.50 per year per student (GST inclusive)

\$1,078.10 per year per student (GST inclusive) for 4<sup>th</sup> child in a family and for 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent children there are no Attendance Dues charged.

Attendance Dues are used to cover insurance, debt servicing, improvements to integrated school buildings and associated facilities required by our integration agreement, as well as project support.

**School Special Character Donation – Tax Deductible**

\$2,835.00 per year per family in school (class 1-12)

Invoiced at beginning of the year or upon starting if through the year, payable by instalments or in full. These are paid to the Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust.

Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust bank details: 02-0256-0102748-00

Contact Haidee Thompson via email: [haideet@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:haideet@michaelpark.school.nz) for more information regarding RSST costs.

# MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL

## SCHOOL

2025 - Reviewed Yearly

### **BOT Donation – Tax Deductible**

Classes 1 – 7:	\$ 730.00 per student
Classes 8 – 10:	\$1,006.00 per student
Classes 11 - 12:	\$1,166.00 per student

This includes:

- All Curriculum based materials
- Start-up stationery in the primary school Class 1 - 4
- Artefacts (handwork, art etc. that is taken home)
- Photocopying (worksheets) etc.
- Covers, use of school instruments, and repairs
- Items for curriculum enhancement as defined by the Ministry of Education such as:
  - PE & games equipment
  - Art & Craft materials and equipment
  - Science materials and equipment
  - Costumes for plays
- General running of MPS

### **Additional Costs per student**

For items such as:

- Classes 5-12 Stationery requirements (Students MUST purchase their own stationery),
- Lower School (Class 1-4) Extra stationery requirements not provided at start of year,
- Main Lesson Books Classes 4-12,
- Personal materials and tools e.g. (Independent project material),
- Student purchases for individual projects not covered above,
- Textbooks and Workbooks,
- Camp costs for Classes 4 to 12,
- PE Uniforms if required,
- Swimming lessons and transport.
- Art Materials,
- NCEA Photography Printing,

All invoiced at beginning of the year and payable on the 20th of the month following.  
These are paid to the Michael Park School BOT.

Michael Park School bank details: 02-0256-0235647-00

Contact Raewyn Farley via email: [raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz) for more information regarding MPS costs.