



COMING EVENTS

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Wednesday 12 February	Class 4 Parent Meeting 7pm
Thursday 13 February	Class 1 Parent Meeting 7pm
Friday 14 February	Athletics Day C5-12
Tuesday 18 February	Class 8 Parent Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 18 February	Class 9 Parent Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 18 February	Class 10 Parent Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 19 February	Open Day
Wednesday 19 February	Class 5 Parent Meeting 7pm
Thursday 20 February	Class 2 Parent Meeting 7pm
Thursday 20 February	Class 3 Parent Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 25 February	Class 11 Parent Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 25 February	Class 12 Parent Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 25 February	Class 6 Parent Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 26 February	ID Photos
Tuesday 4 March	Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm

Here's to a fantastic term ahead! Welcome back, and welcome to all our new families. Together, we will make this an amazing year!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi māhana,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

WELCOME TO OUR NEW KAIAKO

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 whānau and begin her journey with us.



High School English, Gillian Holliday

Gillian is an experienced senior English teacher who has come to us from Mt Roskill Grammar School, where she was highly regarded for her dedication to fostering a love of language and literature in her students. She has a passion for spoken word and 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.



Tēnā koutou katoa whānau,

Me ngā mihi ki a koutou kua mahi i te ahiahi whatiwhati kāheru ki te hikitia i te kaupapa kura o Waiatarua.



We are thrilled to welcome you back to school for another exciting year! It's wonderful to see the familiar faces of our returning students and staff, and we are equally excited to greet our new families, teachers and students who have joined our community. A special mention to our new tamariki of Class 1.

Our school is buzzing with energy, and we can already feel the positive atmosphere as we dive into a new chapter of learning and growth. We look forward to building new connections and continuing to foster a caring and supportive environment for all our students, staff, and whānau.

Whether you are returning or just starting your journey with us, we can't wait to get to know each and every one of you better and work together to make this school year one to remember.

GOT YOUR HAT?

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



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

STUDENT ID PHOTOS CLASSES 7-12

Classes 7 to 12 will have their **ID photos** taken on **Wednesday 26th February** in the morning. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time, wearing the correct dress code, as photography will start first thing in the morning.

If your child is away on the day they can come to the office for a photo to be taken on their return to school.

School ID cards are used for photocopying and printing at school and also as ID for public transport discounts. The ID photo charge of \$10 will be added to your account.

If a card is lost and a reissue required, the cost is \$10 which is payable to the office before replacements are ordered.

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO

A reminder that we keep a record of students who cannot be photographed for the Friday Flyer, website, social media or school marketing material.

If you have already completed the consent form last year, you do not need to do anything as we already have your consent/non-consent on record. However, if your circumstances have changed, you are welcome to complete the form again to update your consent.

The parental consent form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/vGU3BN1RiG6BNwig9>

If you have a query about the use of photos or want to check the status of your child's photo consent, please contact Dana in the school office danam@michaelpark.school.nz.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note the Library will be closed next week, 10-14 February. From week 3, library hours will be the same as last year:

Mon-Thurs 8.00am-3.30pm

Closed Friday

CONGRATULATIONS JUNWEI

Junwei Wang, Class 4, represented NZ at the 26th International Robotic Olympiad held in Busan, South Korea from 17 to 21 January.

There were 30 countries represented and thousands of students competed for 5 days in 40+ categories.

The New Zealand team won 11 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze in total.

Junwei and his other two team members competed in 3 categories, all winning gold medals.

Well done, Junwei and team!



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- We are a family of four looking **for a 3-4 bedroom house to rent** near the school for rent from 7 March 2025. Please contact Ella ella.ewens@gmail.com 02041278671
- **Do you need house sitters in March/April 2025?** Former MPS looking for accommodation or housesitting from 1 March for few weeks. Needs to be 2 bedroom ideally. Happy to walk /care for pets, plants etc. Also willing to pay costs/bills. Central location or near to Michael Park preferred, however any offer considered. Please contact: J_y_frost@outlook.com

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz

Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

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Visit the Parents Centre on www.chesspower.co.nz to learn more

Friday 7th February

Start date

Friday 4th April

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

\$ 151

Term Fee

Register online today at www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

February
21st
CLASS
7
Lunch Bar
Morning Tea and Lunch
Friday
21st of February

Illustrations include: a hot dog, a burger, a slice of pizza, a drink with a lemon, and some nuts.



Presenting the new...

Parent and child mid-term Workshops with Luis Bernal

Come bond with your child and spend an afternoon of crafts, fire-making and cooking. Come learn new skills in a joyful creative community atmosphere.

Michael Park school tent. March 15, 1:00-7:00pm.

Parent and child \$110. Extra child \$60.
Expressions of interest welcome at
luisbernal@gmail.com.

Michael Park School

For Class 5
- upwards

Running CLUB

Free!!

Wear sports gear
and bring hat,
suncream &
drinkbottle

Starts Wed 12th of Feb 3:15 - 4:15pm then every wednesday
untill 2nd of April. Meet your child's coach, Tilly (class 12),
outside kindy near goalposts for drop off and pick up.

Train in a fun and inclusive environment
with the end goal of completing a 5km
race on the 6th of April.

<https://waterfront.werun.nz/>

To register and for more info contact Tilly
at t.arasaratnam@michaelpark.school.nz

SNAPDRAGON

-A PLACE WHERE MAGIC LIVES

A LITTLE ARTS & CRAFTS STORE WITH
A BIG HEART

CREATED AND RUN BY
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL PARENTS AND WHANAU

SHOP BEAUTIFULLY UNIQUE
CRAFTS INSPIRED BY NATURE AND
A WALDORF STEINER EDUCATION

OPEN FRIDAYS

8:30-9AM

& 2-3PM

55 AMY STREET ELLERSLIE
ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE JUST AFTER
YOU ENTER MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL

PARENT-LED CRAFT GROUPS

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL PARENT-LED GROUPS ENABLE YOU TO
DIVE INTO SOMETHING NEW, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.
MAKE WALDORF INSPIRED CREATIONS FOR SNAP DRAGON,
THE FAIR AND YOURSELF

WOODWORK

RECENTLY MAKING SWORDS AND TOYS.
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL WOODWORK ROOM
CONTACT JAMES FOR DAY AND TIME
JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM

DOLL & CRAFT

RECENTLY MAKING FELT TOYS, DOLLS AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS.
FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11:30AM
CONTACT
ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM

CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM
CERAMICS ROOM PAST THE MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL RECEPTION
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IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO

MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP

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EVERYTHING PROVIDED

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM



WHERE: MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS ROOM
JUST PAST SCHOOL RECEPTION ON THE LEFT
HAND SIDE

JOIN THE WHATSAPP GROUP
OR TEXT ROBBIE 021 733 829



Te Ope Whakaora

The Salvation Army presents this Certificate of Appreciation

to

Michael Park School

*In recognition of your contribution
towards the mission of*

*The Salvation Army, Auckland City Corps Community Ministries
Christmas 2024*

Caring for people Transforming lives Reforming Society

Selina Fihaki Auckland City Corps Community Ministries
Manager

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**Graphic advertisements to be formatted to fit A6
portrait (i.e., an A4 poster published as a ¼ page).**

**Ads may be published a maximum of twice per term,
at the editor's discretion. Deadline midday Thursday
for publication in the following day's Friday Flyer.**

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 4th child in a family and for 5th 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 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 for more information regarding MPS costs.