



COMING EVENTS

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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
Friday 21 February	Class 7 Lunch Bar
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, Portrait & Sibling Photos
Tuesday 4 March	Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm

Kia ora whānau,

Whāia te mātauranga hei ora mā
koutou.

*Pursue knowledge for the benefit of your
wellbeing.*

I like this whakatauki, it emphasises the significance of learning as it is essential to ones wellbeing. By embracing the journey of learning, endless opportunities will unfold before you. I thought that it was an appropriate saying to start the term.

We have just completed our first full week for the year and it has been wonderful with our students fully engaged and happy to be back.

This week, we began the first of our parent class meetings throughout the school. Class teachers will have already sent out emails to families with the details of when the class meetings will take place. We encourage you to attend these sessions to engage with what is being planned for this term for your child's class.

A few weeks ago, I shared with you the initial NCEA results of our students from 2024. The final confirmed results will be shared next month. In the meantime, I would like to take a



moment to acknowledge our 2024 DUX recipient, Leon Kment. Not only did he achieve an NCEA Level 3 Excellence Endorsement, but he is also the Top Academic Student for the Scholarship German in New Zealand. Congratulations, Leon, for this outstanding achievement!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Happy Valentine's Day.

I'm happy that Super Rugby Pacific starts tonight.

GO THE BLUES

GO MOANA PASIFIKA

Nga mihi māhana,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki | Principal



ID / PORTRAIT / SIBLING PHOTOS

**Please note we have had a change in plans from Photolife.*

All classes 1 to 12 will have their **Portrait / ID photos** taken on **Wednesday 26th February** at 8.30am in the gym. **Sibling Photos will also be taken on this day.** Please ensure that students arrive to school on time, wearing the correct dress code, as photography will start first thing in the morning.

If you would like sibling photos, please complete this form: michaelpark.school.nz/PhotoLife-Sibling-Photo-Request-Form.pdf

We must have this form completed for consent on the day, we will not be able to do your sibling photos if the form isn't completed. Please return forms to reception.

If you are bringing younger children from kindergarten, you will need to supervise them on the morning for the photos.

There will be extra PhotoLife Sibling Photo forms at Reception if needed.

ID Cards

School ID cards will be issued for students in Classes 7-12. These 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.

Any queries please contact Brenda at reception.

brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

If you have changed your postal address, email address or phone number, please email Brenda with your changes:

reception@michaelpark.school.nz

HOUSEKEEPING/SAFETY MATTERS

The full parent handbook can be found on our website here:

<https://michaelpark.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Parent-Handbook-2025.pdf>

SIGNING IN AND OUT PROCEDURE

If your child is late to school, please make sure they sign in using the tablet at the office.

If you are taking your child off school grounds during school hours they must be signed out by a parent using the tablet at the office. For students in classes 1-4, a parent must sign out the student at the office. Students in classes 5-11 may sign themselves out but a note, phone call or email from a parent/caregiver must be given to the office with the reason for leaving. Class 12 have off-site privileges and may sign themselves out during lunch only.

VISITORS - EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Every year at Michael Park School we are required to run various drills for our emergency procedures. When running fire drills or lockdown drills it is essential that we know who is on site so that they can be accounted for.

To this end it is a Health & Safety requirement for all **visitors, parents and itinerant teachers to sign the tablet in reception** when they come into school and sign out when they leave.

ABSENTEES AND MESSAGES

You can use 'The Edge' (Musac Edge) for reporting whole or half day absences for illness or doctor/dentist appointments only. If you are reporting an absence for any other reason, or needing to get a message to a teacher or a student, please email reception@michaelpark.school.nz or phone the absentee line 579 3083. Please do not send time-critical messages to admin@ or our personal emails as these might not be seen in time. The reception email is checked regularly in the mornings by Brenda or whoever is covering reception.

If we are not notified of a student's absence before 8.30am, the school office will send an absentee text message to the caregiver/s to follow up. This absentee txt system is a last resort only. By the time these are sent each morning, the students presumed to be in our care have been essentially 'missing' for a long period of time. *Please don't wait for our txt to notify us that your child will not be at school.*

DROP OFF/PICK UP

When dropping children off in the morning please drive as far around to the auditorium doors as possible. This lessens the chance of waiting cars being backed up outside the gates and creating a safety hazard. Children must exit on the left side of the vehicle, as other vehicles may pass on the right. Please drive in and out slowly to help keep our tamariki safe.

Please do not park in the Bus Parking Area. If you park in that space then the buses are unable to make the turn and block the traffic behind them.

A reminder also that, for safety reasons, we ask that parents and students do not cross at the top by the busy main entrance gate. Please walk down to the crossing at the Auditorium and use the footpaths rather than walking on the driveway. We have had several 'near misses' reported to us.

BICYCLES AND WHEELS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Riding of bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards is prohibited in the school grounds during school hours and at drop-off and pickup time, i.e., between 8am and 3.30pm. This includes school events outside of normal hours. Bicycles are to be kept on the bike racks.

CAR PARKING

The staff car park is strictly for staff and those holding a disability card only. We have staff on varied schedules coming and going throughout the day, and we do not have sufficient parking spaces to cater for them as it is (as we have 40 spaces, but 70 staff members!)

When other people use the carpark, even just for a few minutes, staff may be forced to look for street parking and risk being late for classes or meetings. Please be respectful of our car park constraints.

2.10PM FINISH FOR CLASSES 1-7 ON FRIDAYS

School finishes at 2.10pm each Friday for classes 1-7. Please ensure your children are collected promptly as we are unable to supervise children after 2.10pm.

CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

The school is responsible for all students on our grounds and we do not have the means to supervise students after hours. We are also committed to honouring our undertakings to minimise noise to neighbours.

Please ensure you collect your child on time and that they are off site by 3.15 pm when duties finish.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are 8.00am to 3.30pm

Thank you for assisting us in our procedures.

Valentine's Day

As a fun way to spread some aroha around our kura, and raise funds for Art Club, students and staff had the opportunity to send sweets and sweet notes to their valentine / PALentine, delivered by our very own Cupid!

Awwwwwww.....



OPEN DAY

19 FEB

Discover the difference

Ages 3-18 years



MICHAEL PARK
A RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

michaelpark.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **For sale:** a large, wonderful garden for children to thrive in! Comes attached to an original 4 bedroom home built of solid native timbers in the bungalow style. First time available since 1957, all original, 1131m2 and only a short walk from MPS. Contact Jonathan White on 021 320 850 jonathan@one2onerealty.co.nz
- Two rooms to rent 5 mins walk to school:
1 clinic room - Would suit osteopath, chiropractor, massage etc.
1 bedroom - Private, built in cupboard, can include furniture if required. Could suit older student/ single parent.
5 min walk to MPS, big house, big gardens, swimming pool. Sharing with a family with kids at MPS, and midwife and acupuncturist working during the day. Contact Andrew Fraser ajfraser108@gmail.com
- 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.

Sorry, we no longer publish graphic advertisements, except for Michael Park School activities, class fundraisers and Steiner-related events.

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.



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 kindly 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

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- Good mix of learning and playing
- Skill ratings and progress reporting



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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

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A BIG HEART

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8:30-9AM

& 2-3PM

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JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM

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FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11:30AM

CONTACT

ROBBIE.GASKIN@GMAIL.COM

CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM
CERAMICS ROOM PAST THE MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL RECEPTION

CONTACT

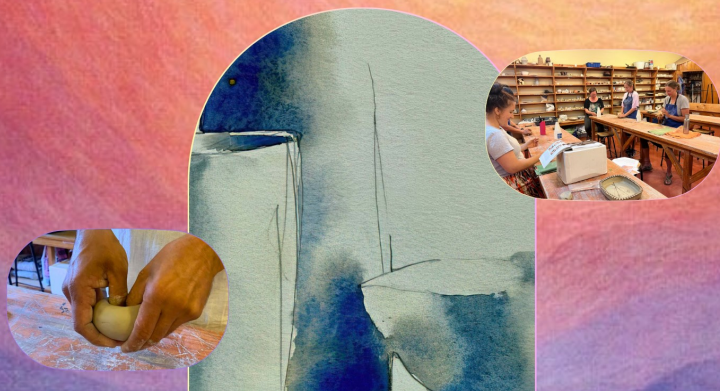
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IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO

MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP

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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



MICHAEL PARK PARENTS WOODWORK GROUP

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN USING THE SCHOOL
WORKSHOP TO BUILD WOODEN CREATIONS.

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IDEAS WELCOME.



WE BUILD PROJECTS FOR THE SCHOOL, FOR SALE AT
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EXPLORATION.

CONTACT JAMES WALDEN IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GROUP.
JAMESLWALDEN@GMAIL.COM
021 0239 3433

February

21st

CLASS

7

Lunch Bar

Morning Tea
and
Lunch

Friday
21st of February



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
THE MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

You are very welcome to our
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUNDAYS

10.00 THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE
HUMAN BEING

Followed by morning tea

11.30 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TIME
with singing, story and the
SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Followed by lunch. Please bring food to share.

Dates for 2025:

March 2, May 4, June 1,

June 29 (Festival of St. John),

July 6, August 3, September 7,

October 5, November 2, December 7,

December 28 (Christmas festival)

10 RAWHITI ROAD ONE TREE HILL 09 525 2305
Hartmut Borries 021 259 8555 hartmutborries@mailbox.org
Cheryl Prigg 021 023 20932 cheryl.n.p@gmail.com



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MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

RUDOLF STEINER ENTERS MY LIFE – EVEN TODAY A CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE

(FEBRUARY 1861 – 30 MARCH 1925)

When: Friday March 28 – Sunday March 30

Friday evening: 6 pm dinner, talk and Close of Day Service

Saturday features talks, workshops, artistic presentations and Close of Day Service

Sunday concludes with a candle lighting ceremony

PLEASE WRITE THIS IN YOUR DIARY. FULL PROGRAMME SOON.

By donation (from \$100 - \$175 including meals and refreshments)

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