



COMING EVENTS

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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
Wednesday 26 February	Parent Action Group Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 28 February	Class 5 Lunch Bar
Tuesday 4 March	Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm
5-7 March	Class 4 Camp

Kia ora whānau,

Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei : *Pursue excellence, should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.*



We are very proud of our NCEA results in 2024, with 89% of our Class 11 cohort gaining NCEA Level 2 and 85% of our Class 12 cohort gaining NCEA Level 3. Merit and Excellence endorsement rates were pleasing with 40% of Class 12 gaining a Merit or Excellence endorsement and 75% attaining University Entrance in 2024. 79% of our Class 11 cohort attained Merit or Excellence endorsement. These results are testament to the high aspirations of our students and their whānau and we congratulate both our students and their teachers on these results.

Thank you whānau who have paid or have set up automatic payments for our School donations and Special Character donations for the year. We really do appreciate the support we receive annually. The donations are key to our annual operating income and help us to provide the quality education that you expect for your child.

Generous whānau donation support over many decades has helped our kura develop the facilities and offer the opportunities to our students that we do now, and we want to keep improving them. Your contribution for 2025 will ensure the continued improvement of our school for current and future students. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Last Tuesday, our staff celebrated our school's 46th birthday

with cake for morning tea. How lucky we are that the foresight and intuition of a small group of committed families lead to the establishment of our special kura and the wonderful community that we have created because of it.

Have a wonderful weekend. GO THE BLUES!

Naku noa,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

RSST STATEMENT

(Attendance Dues and Special Character Donation.)

If you have yet to receive your RSST statement for 2025 please contact Haidee Thompson. haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

FIXED TERM LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Michael Park School is looking for a Library Assistant to cover for our librarian Monday - Thursday (6 ½ hours per day). 28th April to 15th May, and again 25th August to 18th September.

The role includes processing library books, cataloguing books, repairs to books and helping staff and students in the library.

Knowledge of *Access It* would be an advantage.



Please email cover letter and CV to erinw@michaelpark.school.nz

MPS'S ENDURANCE RUNNER

Tilly from class 12 took part in the World ultra trail run - Tarawera in Rotorua last weekend.

Runners from all over the globe embarked on this gruelling run.

Tilly managed to cross the line 1st in her age group.

Remarkable trail running from Tilly!



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



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā mātāwaka o te whānau whānui o Waiatarua, nau mai, haere mai, nau mai, hoki mai ki tīmatanga o tēnei tau hou.

TURANGAWAEWAE

Last year, as you will know, our kura focused on whanaungatanga as our te reo me ōna tikanga Māori theme. This year, our theme is **turangawaewae** – the place we stand, and this will be woven into many elements of life in our kura.

Some of what we have planned is that as staff we will familiarise ourselves with the concept of turangawaewae, think about what it means to each of us individually but also as a school, drawing on our school pēpēha and the beautiful whakataukī at the door of each room, as well as exploring the pūrākau of our rohe. Our mahi will also extend into classrooms where this year Classes 1 to 5 will be having designated weekly te reo lessons.

If you have any ideas or inspiration for speakers who we could invite to school to speak around the concept of turangawaewae, please do let us know.

kurar@michaelpark.school.nz



Parent Action Group

A group of fun, committed and passionate parents that meet once a term in the school staffroom (on Wednesday nights) plus other casual small group catch ups about specific projects as and when needed. The group is dedicated to boosting our school's visibility, fundraising efforts, and strengthening our community.

Contribute as much or as little as you feel comfortable with. Examples of projects and events we organise:

- having a stall at the Ellerslie Pirate and Fairy Festival
- parenting talks in the auditorium
- creating an alumni database
- creating a parent skills database
- strengthening the Playcentre-MP connection

The inspiration for this group is to continue the legacy started by the parents who fundraised tirelessly to build our school to the size it is today.

If you're someone who loves action, enjoys collaboration and thrives on checking off tasks from a to do list, then this group is for you!

**Next meeting - Wednesday 26 February
6.30pm in the staffroom**

Keen to join?

Contact Leah on leahd83@gmail.com or 021 0204 0780

Cricket is a favourite summer pastime at MPS

Even Mr. Pemerika gets in on the action!



CLASS 5 LUNCH BAR

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

HOT DOGS!
BAKING!
LEMONADE!
JUICIES!

BRING YOUR CASHHH

The Biodynamic Journey: Garden to Plate

BIODYNAMIC WORKSHOP & CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Learn about biodynamic gardening and growing nutrient-rich food; cooking delicious, one pot meals from scratch using fresh, seasonal ingredients straight from the garden, foraged, or sourced locally.

Date: **Sat 15th March** 9:30am - 1pm

Includes a cooking demonstration and tasting

Location: **Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School**
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland

Cost: **\$45**

YOUR FACILITATORS

Gill Bacchus (Author, 'Love your Veges') has an MSc. in Soil Science and Human Nutrition and has extensively researched the benefits of organic nutrition. She promotes growing practices that enhance soil and food vitality for better health.

Diane de Saint-Quentin is an educator in community gardening where she teaches sustainable biodynamic methods.

Kevin Helas (founder, The Wholefood Kitchen) is committed to supporting people to enrich their relationship with food & cooking.

TO REGISTER

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-biodynamic-journey-garden-to-plate>

For enquiries, email
l.collier@titirangi.steiner.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

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.

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

CONTACT

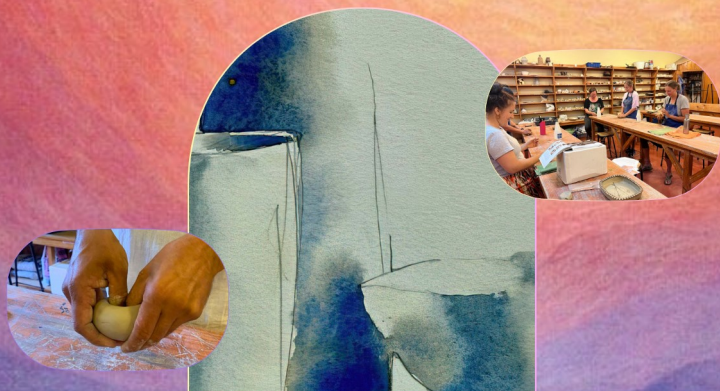
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CREATIVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU ARE
IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO

MICHAEL PARK CERAMICS GROUP

LEARN TO CREATE WITH CLAY
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



MICHAEL PARK PARENTS WOODWORK GROUP

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

YOU CAN PICK PROJECTS THAT SUIT YOUR SKILL LEVEL, ALL
IDEAS WELCOME.



WE BUILD PROJECTS FOR THE SCHOOL, FOR SALE AT
SNAPDRAGON, AND FOR OUR OWN CREATIVE
EXPLORATION.

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

Lower School Kapa Haka

By Aria Berghan

Every Thursday Lunch

Eurythmy Room

Classes 1-5

Starts after the 2nd lunch bell

Come along and learn Māori
waiata, dances and games. It is
guaranteed fun for everyone.

See you there!



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



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
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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