



COMING EVENTS

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Saturday 15 March	Outdoor Classroom Parent & Child Workshop
Wednesday 19 March	Open Day
Thursday 20 March	Class 12 Play 7pm
Friday 21 March	Harvest Festival & BBQ
Friday 21 March	Class 12 Play 7pm
24-26 March	High School Dental Van
25-28 March	Class 11 Camp

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Mauri tū, mauri ora - An active soul is a healthy soul.

It has been another busy week throughout our kura with lots of great things happening.



Our Class 10 students returned from their surveying camp yesterday at Whatipu, which was part of the Main Lesson they are currently working on. It was a fantastic learning experience where they gained hands-on knowledge of the material they are learning. They were very happy to be back in time for the sports tournament that was held today.

Yesterday, we had class photos. Unfortunately, due to several kaiako (teachers) being away, we have had to reschedule some of the classes later in the year when all teachers are present. We'll keep you updated with the new date.

One of the most anticipated events on our school calendar, our middle and high school athletics day for classes 5-12, took place today. It was a day full of excitement, camaraderie and healthy competition as our students compete for the house shield. Our four houses - Jacaranda, Magnolia, Kowhai and Maple are named after our four kindergartens, and students transitioning into Class 1 will already know their house. New students joining our kura are placed into a house upon arrival.

Open Day Reminder on Wednesday

A quick reminder that our second open day for the term will be held this Wednesday. If someone you know is considering joining our school, please encourage them to come along to learn more about the wonderful opportunities we offer.

Harvest Festival on Friday

Next Friday, we'll be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival. After school, our Board and Proprietor Trust members will be putting on a free sausage sizzle, with vegetarian and gluten-free options available, as well as ice cream to enjoy. It's a fantastic opportunity to come together as a school community, meet our Board and Trust members and celebrate the season's bounty.

Class 12 Play Thursday and Friday

Finally, don't miss the highly anticipated performances of our Class 12 play next Thursday and Friday night. Our talented students have been working hard on their production, and we're sure it's going to be an unforgettable show!

Looking forward to seeing you at these exciting events and thank you for your continued support of our school community.

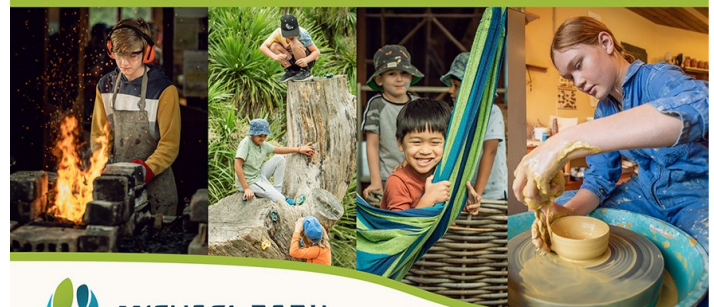
Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE BLUES, UP THE WAHS, GO AUCKLAND FC

Nga mihi nui,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



OPEN DAY 19 MARCH



CLASS 12 PLAY 'THE VISIT'

Thursday 20th March / Friday 21st March at 7pm.

Doors open 6.30pm for pre-show refreshments.

Tickets from iTicket: iticket.co.nz/events/2025/mar/the-visit

Cash & EFTPOS on the door.

Class 12, in their final year, takes on Friedrich Dürrenmatt's *The Visit*, transforming the stage into the crumbling town of Gullen. The students bring to life the townspeople's desperation, their shifting morality, and the chilling power of Claire Zachanassian's wealth.

With a minimalist set emphasizing decay and looming greed, the performance focuses on the tension between justice and corruption. Alfred III's tragic fate unfolds with eerie inevitability as the ensemble gradually succumbs to temptation.

Through powerful movement, lighting, live music, and insightful costume, the students present a gripping exploration of human nature, making their final-year production unforgettable.

The Visit has long been a compelling and thought-provoking play for secondary school audiences, offering rich themes of justice, morality, and the power of collective choice.

R13 - Suitable for Class 7 and above.

Contains themes of alcohol consumption, smoking, prostitution and death. Parental guidance recommended.



Harvest Festival BBQ

Friday 21st March
on the school field at 2.10pm.

A chance for our community to come together, as well as the opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team, Board & RSST members.

We will have a free sausage sizzle (plant-based & meat) & ice cream.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support in sending donations of food, encouraging your child(ren) to wear autumn colours and, if possible, joining us in celebration. The food donations will be sent to the *Sisters of Mercy* who distribute it into the wider community where needed. You can send your child with their donated food item as from Monday, 17th March.

*Please do not send other perishables such as frozen food, fancy lettuce, or dry legumes of any type (chickpeas, beans, lentils).

THE VISIT

20-21 MARCH 2025

7PM-8:30PM

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM FOR PRE-SHOW REFRESHMENTS



TICKETS
CHILD - \$10
ADULT - \$15
FAMILY - \$40

Tickets available at
*service fees apply



Class 12 presents this romantic tragedy seasoned with comedy, set in the Manawatū-Whanganui region of Aotearoa

CLASS	COLOUR	FOOD TYPES
1 & 12	Purple	Purple kumara, purple carrots, red onions, canned beetroot Canned fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with purple content or label
2 & 11	Yellow	Pineapple, nashi pears, corn on the cob Canned creamed corn or whole kernel corn, fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with yellow content or label
3 & 10	White	Celery, leeks, rice, pasta Canned fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with white content or label
4 & 9	Green	Cucumber, courgette/zucchini, green apples, green bananas Canned fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with green content or label
5 & 8	Brown	Onions, potatoes Canned fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with brown content or label
6	Red	Tomatoes, red apples Canned baked beans, tomatoes, spaghetti and /or canned fish or soup with red label
7	Orange	Carrots, pumpkin, kumara, oranges Canned fish, soup, veggies* or fruit with orange content or label



Helping Hands of Michael Park

Introducing 'Helping Hands of Michael Park' - Our Rebranded Parent Action Group!

MPS Community Skill Share

We're thrilled to introduce the Michael Park School Community Skill Share - a resource designed to enrich our school and connect our community. This initiative has two key purposes:

It offers parents the chance to volunteer their unique skills, talents, and strengths to support school projects, fundraising, and activities that enhance our school's profile - all on a voluntary basis.

It provides a platform for parents to showcase their professional skills and services to the wider school community, creating a supportive network for offering expertise for paid work.

When completing this form, you can decide whether to include your skills in one or both sections. This form is not compulsory to complete.

[Click here to share your skills](#)

This initiative is all about bringing us together, strengthening our community bonds, and achieving shared goals.

Keen to join?

Contact Leah on leahd83@gmail.com or 0210 204 0780



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Are you keen to take up your te reo Māori journey to s

Kete aronui *

Kete aronui is a new feature in our Te Ao Māori section where we will occasionally share what is happening in our te reo Māori lessons.

Classes are settling into their routines for lessons; Akomanga Tuatahi and Tuarua are having stories, singing waiata, and playing kēmu. Akomanga Tuatoru have been learning the months of the year (Ngā marama o te tau) in te reo. Akomanga Tuawha and Akomanga Tuarima are focusing on whānau and whakapapa this term, and some of the phrases we are revisiting at the moment are:

Ko tōku māmā. Kotōku pāpā.
Ko tōku kuia. Ko tōku koro.

It's a harder exercise than first imagined finding out the names to put in the spaces...there is a look of surprise on some faces when they realise 'Grannyma/Poppa/Nan' might have another name! Our lessons are an active example of 'ako' – every day is a learning day for kaiako as well as ākongā.

Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau

Whiua ki te Ao – a celebration of waiata reo Māori – 21 March 6.30pm Aotea Square. An event that is part of Te Ahurei Toi o Tāmaki – Auckland Arts Festival. A chance for a good old singalong. Come and join in on some of your favourite waiata with Maisey Rika and friends.

Āerenga kōrero o te wiki

He rā hou tēnei/Today is a new day

**postscript - the name for the new feature was suggested by Matua Troy at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. Thank you, Matua! Kete Aronui is one of the three baskets of knowledge. It is the basket of knowledge of aroha, peace and the arts and crafts which benefit the earth and all living things – this relates to knowledge acquired through careful observation of the environment. It is also the basket of ritual, literature, philosophy and is sometimes regarded as the basket of the humanities.*



CONGRATULATIONS ELLIOTT AND REGAN

Congratulations to Elliot Lo and Regan Lo, who had great results at the Snowplatt Schools Challenger Cup Event for 2025 on 11th March.

Elliott, Class 4, won First place in the Year 5-6 Boys Snowboard Freestyle competition, and Second place in the Year 5-6 Boys Snowboard Race competition.

Regan, Kowhai Kindergarten, won the First place in the Year 0-2 Boys Snowboard Race competition.

Outstanding results for the brothers! Well done!



CONGRATULATIONS COCO AND GEORGIA

Last week, both Coco Huggins, Class 10 and Georgia Newton, Class 9 competed in the Horse of the Year show in Hastings. Georgia was crowned Reserve Champ Preliminary Pony across NZ. Coco rode at the highest level possible as a pony rider in the oval in front of a huge crowd. It was a spectacular display which brought goosebumps to the spectators. Coco finished 7th overall.

Congratulations to both Georgia and Coco, we are so very proud of what both of you have accomplished.



The Dhal Wala serves delicious homemade lunches for \$5 a bowl. Curries, hakka noodles, chai and juices.



Also available after school - dinner sorted!
For a warm bowl of yummy, please bring cash & your appetite on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.
All ingredients are vegan, gluten & dairy free & 100% fabulously made!

[Visit the Dhal Wala website](#) for more info or to pre-order.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Lovely Ellerslie Home for Sale**, 10 min walk to Michael Park School. Been our family home for 20 years and now it's time for us to move on. 3 bedrooms, sunny north-facing renovated kitchen, modern living areas and deck. Double Garage with art studio. 1.5 bathrooms. Lovely garden with mature fruit trees and space for veggies. For more information see <https://www.barfoot.co.nz/property/residential/auckland-city/ellerslie/house-on-cross-lease/907664> Agent: Alan Vessey, ph 021 663 000. Open homes Thursday eve and Sunday afternoons, Auction 26 March, 10am.
- Wendy, Class 9, has been offered an amazing scholarship at the San Francisco Ballet School! To help her get there, she has a fundraising page: givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-a-nz-ballet-dancer-go-to-san-francisco-ballet
- Any Michael Park lower and middle school students interested in playing hockey? Grammar Windsor Hockey is running training sessions for the coming three 5:30 pm Tuesdays at Auckland Grammar School turf. There are spaces for the Years 2-4 and Years 7-8 grades, but just two spaces in Years 5-6. Link to join: www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/eee1b5
Contact Doug Ray, Juniors Coordinator ph 021 301 958
- We encourage everyone to join the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon by signing up and selecting **Michael Park School** as your school group. Even if you've already registered without choosing our group, you can still update your entry. Schools with high participation can win prizes for our school.

When: Sunday, 30th March 2025

Where: Pt England Reserve

Entry: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/central-east-auckland/>

We'll have a tent set up where parents can relax and hang out while cheering on our kids. Thank you!

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.



ATHLETICS DAY

MAGNOLIA
JACARANDA
KOWHAI
MAPLE





SCAMPS

Supervised Care After Michael Park School

The after-school care service exclusive to MPS students 5yrs+

A safe environment based in new facilities inside the park grounds and right next door to school!

3pm - 5.30pm - Mon - Thurs
(during term time).

Fees are \$30 per day per child
(\$25 per day for 2 or more siblings)

Bookings are made on a casual basis and charged on actual attendance only.
Easy!

So, if you need just one day, two or more please make contact:

Brian McDonnell

Brian@clevernz.com - 0210 737 767

All enquires are welcome!

Parenting Today

16th MARCH
10am - 11am



Rudolf Steiner House

Join the Steiner parent's gathering!

He taonga te moko pua, kia whāngai, kia tipu, kia rea

A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish

The Journey of Waldorf Parenting

Join us in a welcoming space where parents can share experiences and explore the unique task of parenting, guided by Waldorf-inspired wisdom.

Navigating the Six-Year Change

Engage in a meaningful discussion about the transformative phase of the six-year-old change in childhood. Learn from educators, exchange insights with fellow parents, and discover Waldorf-inspired methods to support your child's growth during this pivotal stage.

Hosted by Waldorf educators.

STACEY MCMANUS
& MICHELLE MULLANY

104 Michaels Ave, Ellerslie, Auckland

Sunday 16th March 10am - 11am
Followed by refreshments. Adults only.
Donation \$10-20

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MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

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When: Friday March 28 – Sunday March 30

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

Sunday concludes with a candle lighting ceremony

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