



COMING EVENTS

[Click here to view the full calendar online](#)

- Friday 4 April** **Snapdragon Easter Market**
- Friday 4 April** **Charity Team Sausage Sizzle**
- Friday 4 April** **MPS Concert**
- Wednesday 9 April** **Last day of Term 1**
- Thursday 10 April** **Teacher only day**
- Friday 11 April** **Teacher only day**

Kia ora whānau,

Mauri tū, mauri ora.

An active soul is a healthy soul.



I would like to begin by acknowledging the wonderful performance of Class 12 last week. It was, without a doubt, the best Class 12 play that the school has seen. I am incredibly proud of the work they put in, and I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to them for such an outstanding achievement.

This week, I had the privilege of accompanying Class 11 on their camp to Waitangi as part of their Leadership Main Lesson. During their brief time in Northland, the students visited a number of historically significant sites, including the Flagstaff at Russell, the oldest house and oldest working store in New Zealand in Kerikeri, the natural hot springs in Ngawha, and, of course, the Treaty Grounds in Waitangi. The experience was truly enriching, and it was an absolute privilege to spend time with our students while they were away on camp.

It is with pleasure that I share with you the final confirmed 2024 NCEA results in this edition of the Friday Flyer. We are very proud of the achievement results of our Class 11 and 12 of 2024.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our 2024 External Scholarship recipients. Leon Kment, who was our 2024 DUX recipient, attained Scholarship German (Top Scholar in NZ) and Scholarship in Chemistry, as well as NCEA Level 3 Excellence Endorsement. Ben Edwards, who was our 2024 Student Representative on the Board, attained Scholarship English. Congratulations, Leon and Ben for your outstanding achievements!

With the end of the term fast approaching, we turn our attention to some exciting upcoming events, our School Music

Concert next Friday and our Easter Assembly in a couple of weeks. These events promise to be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the term and showcase the incredible talents of our students.

Ngā mihi ano whānau for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



FAIR 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING

If you would like to join the 2025 Fair committee, our first meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 8th April in the staff room.

Any questions please contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

**MPS
MUSIC
CONCERT**
Musical Journey for Future Stars

Friday, 4th April

Venue: MPS Auditorium
Time : 6.30 pm

Entry Fee:
Adult : \$10
Child : \$5
Family 4+ : \$25

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CONGRATULATIONS EVIE

Congratulations to Evie Arasaratnam on achieving her Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award! Evie chose to focus on surf lifesaving for her voluntary service component and fashion design for her skill, culminating with an amazing kayak expedition in the Bay of Islands for her adventurous journey. We wish her the best of luck with her Gold award.



We have a combined expedition planned to the Kaimai Ranges for term 2, which will enable all those currently in the award scheme to undertake another adventurous journey in some amazing NZ native bush.

I have been running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group at Michael Park since 2020 and unfortunately will not be continuing after term 2. Whilst I will continue to provide administrative support to those already enrolled in the scheme, this means that unfortunately we will not be able to enrol new students into the scheme this year. The school is looking at other ways of holding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award next year.

David Le Pelley

RSST

Seeking New Members

If you are passionate about Waldorf Steiner education, here is an opportunity to be part of defining our school's future.

The Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust is one of the governing bodies of the school in partnership with the Board of Trustees and College of Teachers.

We are seeking members to join us and step into roles in 2025/2026.

Our main objectives are to establish, raise and provide the means and management for kindergarten and schooling according to the methods advocated by Rudolf Steiner.

The following fields of interest/experience would be beneficial:

- Waldorf Steiner
- Parent Education
- Fundraising
- Property Maintenance
- Governance

To be eligible to apply, you:

- Are committed to Steiner education and Michael Park School.
- Have sufficient time and expertise to fulfil your role fully.
- Are a critical thinker who can contribute to robust conversations.
- Ability to access email and dropbox.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Can attend:

- Approximately 10-12 meetings per year.
- Significant school events.

If you are interested in joining or learning more email us at rsst@michaelpark.school.nz



MANY THANKS FROM THE RSST

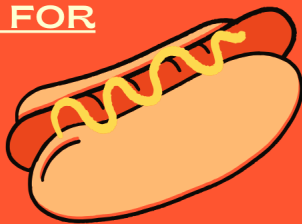
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FUNDRAISING FOR
RASNZ



RASNZ supports
mental health and
wellbeing in
Aotearoa!



Friday
4th
April

SAUSAGES AND BAKING AVAILABLE
LUNCHTIME ONLY!!!!!!!

VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES
AVAILABLE

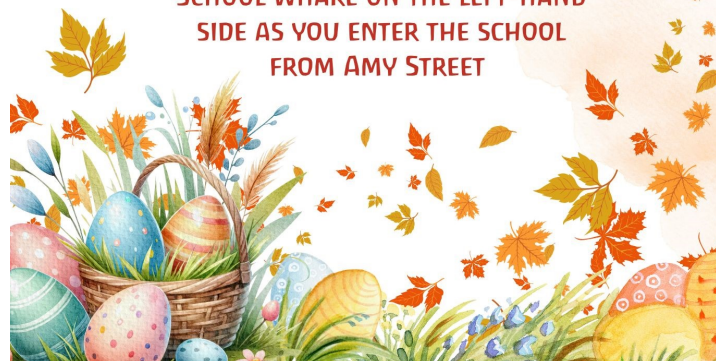
SNAPDRAGON EASTER MARKET

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

8:15AM - 3:30PM

BEAUTIFULLY HAND-CRAFTED GIFTS
& CARA TELLE CHOCOLATES

FIND US AT THE MICHAEL PARK
SCHOOL WHARE ON THE LEFT-HAND
SIDE AS YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL
FROM AMY STREET



Summary of 2024 NCEA, SCHOLARSHIP and UE results for Michael Park School

2024 Level 2 NCEA attainment results

Year	NCEA L2 (%)	Nationally (%)
2024	89	73
2023	97	73
2022	94	74
2021	90	77
2020	95	80

2024 Level 3 NCEA attainment results

Year	NCEA L3 (%)	Nationally (%)
2024	86	68
2023	100	68
2022	84	68
2021	94	70
2020	90	72

2024 Level 2 NCEA endorsement results

Year	Endorsed with Excellence or Merit (%)	Nationally (%)
2024	89	40
2023	38	39
2022	54	41
2021	57	45
2020	69	43

2024 Level 3 NCEA endorsement results

Year	Endorsed with Excellence or Merit (%)	Nationally (%)
2024	45	40
2023	64	40
2022	52	41
2021	81	44
2020	70	42

2024 Level 3 University Entrance results

Year	UE (%)	Nationally (%)
2024	79	49
2023	96	48
2022	68	50
2021	88	51
2020	86	53

2024 NCEA L2 EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS

Tilly Arasaratnam
Aldo Brown
Zach Mole
Nulara Ratwatte

2024 NCEA L3 EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS

Lucas Cross
Leon Kment
Catherine Zhao

2024 EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Leon Kment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German, Top Scholar in New Zealand • Chemistry
Ben Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English



Class 10 Surveying Camp

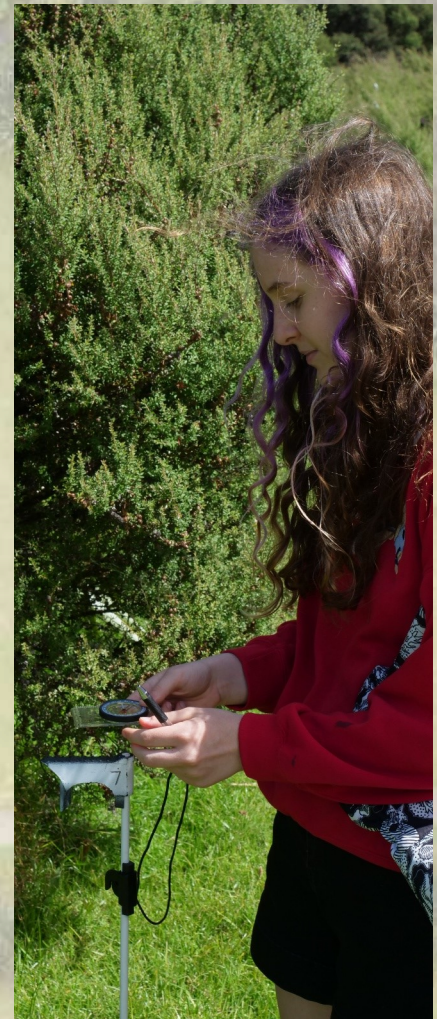
As part of our Surveying main lesson, we went on a camp for 2 nights to Whatipu which is about 45km out on the west coast of Auckland.

The practical component of Surveying was carried out on this camp. Students worked collaboratively in groups, utilizing their knowledge of Linear and Radial Surveying techniques. They measured distances between posts using measuring tapes and bearings using a compass. They produced a scaled map of the surveyed area (Whatipu Campsite) using the data collected and presented it in the form of a poster.

We stayed at the Whatipu lodge in one of the oldest buildings in New Zealand that is still liveable. During our downtime we visited the Whatipu beach and explored the Whatipu caves.

Overall, this camp provided students an opportunity for experiential learning and challenged their practical and mental capacities.

Iva Barretto



EXCITING NEWS: STAGE 1 OF OUR NEW PLAYGROUND IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

We are excited to share that stage 1 of our new playground is about to begin. The school is thrilled to announce our partnership with Creo, who will be working with us on our fantastic strategic project. Creo's expertise in playground design aligns perfectly with our school's values, fostering imaginative, active play.

For stage 1, we will be installing a brand-new climbing net – a fun and challenging structure that we know our tamariki will love. Installation is set to begin during the term 2 holidays.

Looking ahead, stage 2 will involve collaborating with Creo to design a playground that truly reflects the unique

spirit of our kura, one that's unlike anything you will find at other schools. We are excited to bring you along on this journey, and we will be sharing more about stage 2 next term.

* Please note that the rendered pictures of the wooden structures are just for reference.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika

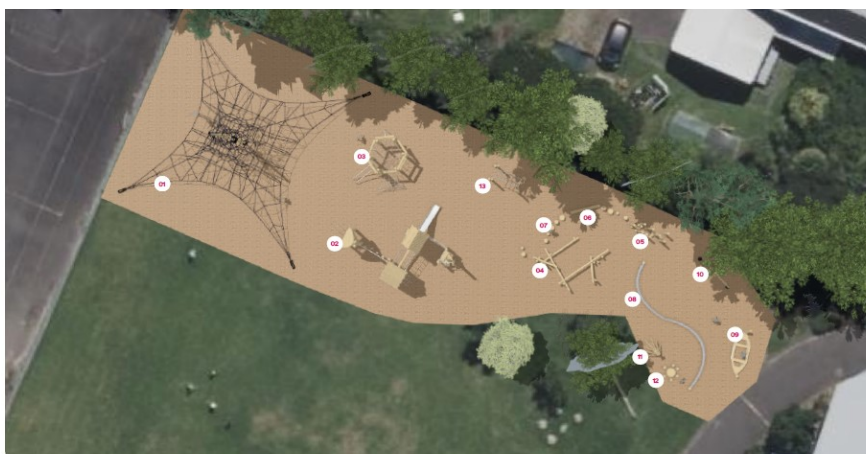
Stage 1 Render.



Stage 2 Site Plan.

Key Features

- 01 RC-103 Ropecamp Net
- 02 Buglo Robina Module 8174
- 03 Buglo Robina Climbing Net 8154
- 04 Robina Small Log Jam
- 05 Robina High Steppers
- 06 Robina Balance Log
- 07 Log Stppers
- 08 Balance Rope
- 09 Pine Waka
- 10 Robina Seesaw
- 11 Log Teepee
- 12 Stump Table and Chairs
- 13 Robina Monkey Bars



Stage 2 Render.





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!

Good luck to all of our MPS students who are participating in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon this Sunday!



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **House for Sale in Innisfree Drive, Ellerslie**, close to the MPS community. www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/auckland/auckland-city/ellerslie/listing/5226712866. To be sold by auction on 8 April.
-  **House Sitter Needed in Mt Wellington/ Ellerslie:** We're looking for a reliable house sitter from **May 14th to June 5th** to keep our cat fed and happy while we're away. Our home is sunny, private, and spacious, with great heating to keep you cozy. 5 min drive from MPS. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please contact **Catrina at 0279491463**.
-  **Bunny Looking for a Loving Home!**: A while back, we found an adorable lop-eared baby bunny and have been fostering her with lots of love. She's super cute and curious, but she would thrive best in a home with another bunny and a safe, rabbit-friendly environment. We're looking for someone who can offer her the care and companionship she deserves. If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Catrina at 0279491463.
- We are a family of four looking for a 3-4 bedroom house to rent near the school. Please contact Ella ella.ewens@gmail.com 02041278671. Thank you.
- **Julz Glover is offering a photography package for MPS families during Autumn.**
Photo Shoot with Julz in central Auckland suburbs. Shoots can take place at your home, beach or the park. Cash \$390 - incl. 30min shoot and 15 high resolution digital images. Send Julz a direct message via [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) to enquire.
- **House for rent in St Johns** - 3 bed, shared right of way with another MPS family. \$700neg. Cute and tidy wee house, great neighbours! Possibility of car pooling to school (12 mins), kids are welcome to use our play area and trampoline. Text Nancy 021 168 6909

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.



FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

Get In Before It's Gone!

We're taking pre-orders for **dry macrocarpa firewood** - a 1.5 cubic metre trailer load, delivered to the Ellerslie area for **\$160 per load**.

\$50 from each load will go straight to **Class 2 & Class 6** fundraising efforts!

Keen? Email **Renee** at reneecoulter@gmail.com to order and sort delivery.

Need it delivered outside Ellerslie? We can sort that too - just ask!



JULZ GLOVER
PHOTOGRAPHY

Easter Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th April
9am-3pm

Michael Park School Handwork Room

For ages 5 ½ - 11 years

\$90 for 1 day / \$160 for both days

Limited spaces available

Book now to secure your space

michellemullany@gmail.com

022 127 6551



Mothering Today

6th April
2025



Michael Park School

Join the Steiner monthly mothers' gathering!

He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngai, kia tipu, kia rea

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

The Magic of Waldorf Festivals: A Journey Through the Seasons

A time for mothers to share experiences, and explore the special task of the mother. With Waldorf inspired knowledge and skills to provide a safe and nurturing environment.

Festivals foster rhythm, connection, and wonder, aligning with nature's cycles, cultural traditions, nurturing children's emotional and spiritual growth while creating meaningful shared moments. Join us to learn more about the Waldorf festivals and create an Easter craft.

Hosted by early childhood educators.

STACEY MCMANUS
& MICHELLE MULLANY

Handwork Room
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie Auckland
Sunday 6th April 9:30am - 12:30pm

Donation \$10-20

For more info

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- eurythmy
- artistic work
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Tutors: Anne de Wild & Chris Burke:

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