



**COMING EVENTS**

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<b>TONIGHT</b>	<b>MPS Concert 6.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 April</b>	<b>Fair Committee Meeting 5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Thursday 10 April</b>	<b>Teacher only day</b>
<b>Friday 11 April</b>	<b>Teacher only day</b>
<b>Monday 28 April</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>

Here's to another week of celebrating achievements and fostering school spirit!

A reminder that our last day of term next week is Wednesday. School will finish at the normal time of 3pm.

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 8<sup>th</sup> April in the staff room.

Any questions please contact [fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

**LAST DAY OF TERM WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL**  
**Normal 3pm finish for Classes 1-12**

Kia ora whānau,

Last week was a significant one on the national secondary school calendar, as it marked *Tournament Week*, when schools across the country host their summer sports tournaments. For the first time in several years, we had the privilege of participating by sending a team to the Senior A 3x3 Basketball Tournament. Our class 10 boys faced off against much older and more experienced teams but managed to hold their own and stay competitive throughout the event. Not only did they gain valuable experience, but this tournament will also serve them well as they prepare for the regular season, which begins next term.



We are also proud to announce that our team was awarded the *Sportsmanship and Fair Play Award* for the tournament – a well-deserved recognition for their attitude and dedication. Well done, boys!

This week is also a milestone event in the Auckland secondary school calendar, with the *50th Polyfest* taking place. Students from all around the motu have been rehearsing for weeks in anticipation of this incredible celebration of cultural diversity. It's an exciting opportunity for them to represent their school and families on stage, showcasing the rich diversity of cultures that make up our community.

On a related note, I'm looking forward to watching our own talented students perform this evening at our much-anticipated Music Concert. It promises to be a wonderful showcase of creativity and hard work.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please note that the library will be closed in Week 10 and there will be no library lessons.

In Term 2, Kura will be away Week 1–3, and Alice Newman will be our relief library assistant during this time.

**TONIGHT!**

**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

## WAY TO GO, MISHA!

Last weekend in Tūrangi, Misha Dergilev (Class 5) won gold in the Under-13 Male category at the 2024/25 La Sportiva National Lead and Top-Rope Championship! Representing Auckland Sport Climbing Club, he defended his champion title with skill, confidence, and determination. Auckland Club had an outstanding performance, winning gold in five out of six categories!



More than just a competition, the event was a celebration of the sport. Sport climbing, which made its Olympic debut only in 2021, is built on community and shared passion. The atmosphere was incredible, with athletes from different clubs cheering each other on and pushing one another to do their best.



Misha's love for climbing is well known. He dedicates all his free time to training and, as the youngest member of the elite 'black' training team at the local gym in Panmure, climbs alongside New Zealand's top athletes. Beyond competitions, he enjoys exploring the country's best climbing spots and facilities with peers from other clubs.

Congratulations to Misha and his teammates! If you're curious about rock climbing, Misha and his family would be happy to introduce you to this exciting sport.

## RUNNING CLUB

Michael Park School Running Club has finished the 8 week program run by their coach Tilly Arasaratnam from class 12. This has been an amazing experience, creating many smiles and, of course, tired, red-faced kids. During run club the furthest we ran was a grand total of 4km! We built up to this from nothing, and all the participants have done so incredibly well. A special congratulations to the Runner of the Club, Frankie, and the Most Improved, Penny!

I am so proud of every one of you and I hope you all had fun! Keep running!

-Tilly



## MPS now has an ULTRA MARATHON RUNNER!!

Last weekend, Tilly, Class 12, represented our school at the Riverhead Backyard Ultra Trail Run. Tilly powered around the trails and was the only teenage girl to complete a whopping 53 km (that's like running from school to Puhoi!)

This was an outstanding run with trail runners from all around NZ and overseas. Tilly has now qualified to hit the Ultras in Australia.

Well done Tilly!



## TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

### OUT AND ABOUT IN TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

It's not too late to get in on the joy of Polyfest, the Auckland Secondary Schools Māori and Pacific Island Cultural Festival which started on Wenerei (Wednesday) and runs until Hātarei (Saturday) afternoon at Manukau Sports Bowl.

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Polyfest and the theme is: "He oha nō tua, he taonga tuku iho" (Legacy - a treasure handed down)

It's also being livestreamed, with some items free to watch, and some paid – more details here:

[www.asbpolyfest.co.nz](http://www.asbpolyfest.co.nz)

More than one ex-MPS student will be on stage this year!

### RERENGA KŌRERO O TE RĀ

Kei te aha? What are you up to/doing?

Some dialects use this to ask how you're doing. You can answer with an action phrase e.g.:

Kei te mahi – I'm working.

Kei te pānui – I'm reading.

Want to hear this phrase spoken? You'll find it here:

[kupu.maori.nz/kupu/Kei-te-aha](http://kupu.maori.nz/kupu/Kei-te-aha)

*Postscript: there will be no te ao Maori section for the next four week's while Whaea Kura is away.*



# Main Lessons

As part of the History and Art of Writing Main Lesson, Class 5 students made quills. These primary writing tools, used during the medieval era, are still in use today by professional scribes, calligraphers, avid collectors, and those interested in historical writing.

Through hands-on experiences in the outdoor classroom program, Steiner believed that children learn best through concrete, sensory experiences - reflected in the careful cutting and shaping of feathers. This activity also connects them to the natural world, enhances fine motor skills, and fosters an appreciation for traditional craftsmanship.

Additionally, collaborative teaching offers numerous benefits, including enhanced student engagement and outcomes, greater flexibility in meeting diverse needs, and stronger teacher collaboration and professional development.



## Weetbix TRYathlon

What an action-packed day last Sunday! Our incredible TRYathletes swam, biked, and ran their hearts out, embracing every challenge with big smiles and a huge sense of achievement.



A massive cheer for everyone who gave it their all - students and whānau supporters too. A day of sun, fun and friendship. Ka mau te wehi!





THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025**  
**'THE LOGOS, HIS PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION'**

**PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13**

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea
- 11.30am FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CIRCLE with singing, story and  
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN  
Followed by lunch. Please bring food to share

**HOLY MONDAY APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18**

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea
- 11.30am 'THE LOGOS, HIS PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION'

**GOOD FRIDAY**

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea
- 11.30am 'THE LOGOS, HIS PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION'
- 3.00pm SERVICE AT THE TIME OF CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS

**HOLY SATURDAY**

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea and cleaning our spiritual home in  
preparation for Easter Sunday.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING  
Followed by morning tea
- 11.30am **EASTER FESTIVAL**

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# 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!



## 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](mailto:reneecoulter@gmail.com)  
to order and sort delivery.

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



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Umbrella on the loose:** A bright pink Blunt Umbrella was left next to the stairs outside the clay room just after 3pm on Thursday. If you picked it up accidentally, please bring to the school office.
- **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](http://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. Please contact Catrina at 0279491463.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz)  
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

# 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](mailto:michellemullany@gmail.com)

022 127 6551



## Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshop

with Luis Bernal

A day of traditional crafts, bushcraft and cooking.

Michael Park school tent.

April Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17, 9:00-3:00pm.

One day \$85 p/child, two days \$150 p/child.

Expressions of interest welcome at  
[luisbernal@gmail.com](mailto:luisbernal@gmail.com).

## 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

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

Donation \$10-20

## 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: **Sunday 4th May** 9:30am - 1pm

Includes a cooking demonstration and tasting

Location: **Michael Park School Kindergarten**  
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, 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>



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