



### COMING EVENTS

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<b>Tuesday 13 May</b>	<b>High School Parent/Teacher Interviews 11am-7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 14 May</b>	<b>Helping Hands Meeting 6.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15 May</b>	<b>Class 2 Parent Meeting, 7pm</b>
<b>Sunday 18 May</b>	<b>Biodynamic 'Gardening to Plate' Workshop</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 May</b>	<b>Class 4 Parent Meeting, 7pm</b>
<b>Saturday 24 May</b>	<b>Handwork Parent Workshop</b>

Kia ora whānau,

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of attending a ceremony at Parliament acknowledging New Zealand's top academic scholars for 2024.

Representing Michael Park School was Leon Kment, our 2024 Dux, who was named Top Scholar in German and also gained a Scholarship in Chemistry. Although Leon was unable to attend the ceremony, his mother Verena accepted the award on his behalf, accompanied by his younger sister Penelope.



Also recognised at the ceremony was Aliko Wilson-Lousi, who was awarded Top Scholar in Drama. Aliko began his education at Michael Park School, starting at Maple Kindergarten, and later transferred to Dilworth at the beginning of last year. Out of 37 scholarship subjects and over 9,000 students who sat them last year, two of the top scholars came from Michael Park School – an outstanding achievement!

Last weekend, Coco Huggins (Class 10) and Georgia Newton (Class 9) represented our school at the North Island Secondary School Dressage Championships. Out of 70 schools competing, Michael Park placed 2nd overall – an incredible result and a testament to their hard work and skill.

In other exciting news, Mylo Stephens (Class 7) has been selected to represent the New Zealand Region as part of the Southern Cross Pac-Men 12U baseball team. Mylo will be competing at the Baseball



World Series in Branson, Missouri, and in another international tournament in Taiwan later this year. What a fantastic opportunity!

We are so proud to celebrate these wonderful achievements from our students – each of them representing our school with excellence and commitment.

Lastly, at the start of this week, I informed the staff and the parents of Class 8 that Henry Mackenzie will be leaving at the beginning of Term 3. Henry's wife has been offered a senior teaching role in China and, as part of her appointment, a teaching role has also been offered to Mr Mackenzie. We thank him for his contribution to the school and wish both him and his family all the very best in this exciting new chapter.

Have a wonderful weekend. GO THE BLUES! UP THE WAHS!

Nga mihi,

Desmond Pamerika - Tumuaki





## REMINDER: HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The High School will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday 13th May**, from **11:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. This is a valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about your child's progress and discuss next steps in their learning journey.

Please note that the High School will be **closed for regular classes on this day** to allow time for these important meetings.

Maps of where meetings will take place will be provided on the day.

## LIBRARY REMINDER

Please note that the library will be closed from 3pm each day Week 1-3, Term 2. Kura will be away Week 1–3, and Alice Newman will be our relief library assistant during this time.

## Class 4 on TV!

Class 4 had an exciting opportunity to appear on the Three TV show 7DAYS, which aired on Thursday. It was a fun and memorable experience being part of the action and seeing how a TV show is made. Oliver and Zoot represented our school beautifully! Congratulations also to Evie, Isabella, Anika and Harriet whose wonderful drawings were also filmed.

If you missed it, you can watch the episode anytime on the ThreeNow app. (M - suitable for mature audiences 16+ years.)

*Please note: While our tamariki appear briefly during a game segment, the show includes adult themes and language in the comedians' discussions. We recommend that parents watch first and use their discretion around which parts to share with children.*



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

*Looking to support trades and services within our school community? [Click here for the Community Skill Share list.](#)*

- **Leela's Mobile Pet Grooming:** May Special for MPS friends & family! To help build my dog grooming business, I'm offering discounted grooming for small to medium dogs up to 15kg. **\$45 per pet during May**, in exchange for photos I can use for portfolio and marketing. Book today - 021 211 6845
- **3-Bedroom Unit for Rent right next to MPS:** \$750 per week. Available early to mid-May. Recently renovated kitchen, including dishwasher. Recently renovated bathroom and separate toilet. New heat pump and ceiling insulation. Internal entry single garage and off-street parking. Plenty of room for gardening. No smoking/vaping, no dogs. Please contact Murray 021 2463465 or Annette 021 542559
- **2-Bedroom Unit for Rent on Michaels Ave:** Available from mid-May/beginning of June neg. \$560pw including lawns. Sunny on all sides with large garden, trees, new bathroom. Ideally willing to take over resident chooks. 021 177 8444 Ines
- **Seeking flatmates** in a brand new home. Ideal flatmate must be friendly, clean and tidy and treats the home as their own. Rent includes internet, other bills are shared depending on the usage per month. Rooms are ground floor with shared bathroom and access to garden / deck. Room 1: \$250/week (Small Room). Room 2: \$350/week (Bigger Room). Contact Tripty for more details/viewing times. 020 488 3565
- **Personalised evidence-based natural health care.** I will work with you at the Paua Clinic in Ellerslie where I will create a tailored plan to support your wellbeing. Book a consultation today and take advantage of this unique opportunity to improve your health while supporting my hands-on learning as a final year student practitioner. To book your consultation, get in touch with Bianka at [bianka.glendinning@spcnmstudent.ac.nz](mailto:bianka.glendinning@spcnmstudent.ac.nz) or 0210796122

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



# Craft for all ages at MPS

Many of us chose Steiner Education for our children consciously. It is a lovely choice, because it involves not only the education of the mind, but the heart and eye for beauty in nature and the coordination between your eyes and hands to create.

Rudolf Steiner saw the development of children the same way as the development of human kind. Hence there are main lessons about ancient cultures, lessons to balance the brain and

lessons creating things with your hands. Steiner incorporated crafts into his philosophy and school curriculum. This was to balance all the thinking with the education of finger dexterity through doing, making, creating - because nothing one-sided can blossom into its full potential.



Over the school years, children learn and build upon their finger dexterity and control from simple finger knitting to knitting with needles, hand sewing and crochet and using sewing machines. Just like humanity developed from doing simple crafts to amazingly complicated, highly skilled and beautiful artworks, so do your children's creations.

To create well rounded human beings, we need to use all our senses, seeing, hearing and feeling with our hands too. The ancient crafts are so very important to help develop the other side of our brain/body connection, in a similar way that learning another language develops the brain. It doesn't matter if you're not fluent in a second or third language, it's about training different parts of the brain to tap into potential.

At our school, we have the unique opportunity to join our parent-run craft group, as well as parent-run ceramics and woodwork groups. At our craft group we love to support families by helping learn new skills, like the ability to make toys for your children with the Steiner educational approach in mind. Or, if you need help in supporting your children to master their handwork lessons,



we are able to give you guidance in the creative arts and crafts, to explore finger dexterity and visual impact of colours and materials, and an understanding of why we do things differently at a Steiner School.



If you would like to explore another side of your brain, craft group meets every Friday in the handwork room (underneath class four) from 9-11.30am. We would like to invite you, our community and friends, to some happy crafting, sharing and extending skills and knowledge.

You can be a regular or just drop in when you have time. We have kits available for you to take away and practice at home if you prefer. If you are stuck on a project of your own, come and get a bit of help from one of our skilled crafters. We also hold specific workshops throughout the year, so, if there is anything you are interested in learning, just let us know and we can make it happen.



## TRY SOMETHING NEW IN TERM 2

### PARENT-LED CRAFT GROUPS

#### WOODWORK

RECENTLY MAKING SWORDS AND TOYS.  
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL WOODWORK ROOM  
CONTACT JAMES FOR DAY AND TIME  
[jameslwalden@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:robbie.gaskin@gmail.com)

#### CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9PM  
CERAMICS ROOM PAST THE MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL RECEPTION  
CONTACT  
[robbie.gaskin@gmail.com](mailto:robbie.gaskin@gmail.com)

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



# The Biodynamic Journey: Garden to Plate

## 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.

For enquiries, email  
[hello@diannabrinsden.co.nz](mailto:hello@diannabrinsden.co.nz)

## 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 18th May** 9:30am - 1pm

Includes a cooking demonstration and tasting.

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

Cost: **\$45**

## TO REGISTER

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



RSST PRESENTS...

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

# HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 24th MAY 2025

WORKSHOP ONE: Crochet for beginners

Learn to crochet a facecloth/dishcloth or similar

9.00am - 12.30pm

WORKSHOP TWO: Sewing for beginners

Learn to sew a fabric bucket

1.00pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Handwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$40.00 per workshop\*

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops, please email Haidee in the school office:

[haideet@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:haideet@michaelpark.school.nz)

\*Please note that your place is not confirmed until payment is received.



# The Dhal Wala

## MPS Lunch Bar

The Dhal Wala serves delicious homemade lunches for \$5 a bowl, from Monday to Thursday. Also available after school - dinner sorted!

Most ingredients are vegan, gluten & dairy free & 100% fabulously made!

### Discover Our Winter Menu

We are thrilled to introduce our new winter menu featuring a variety of flavoursome dishes to keep you warm and satisfied throughout the season. Check out what we have in store for you by downloading our new menu here:



### Dhal Wala Winter Menu

We are excited to add **Pasta Bake Thursday!** We have GF & traditional pasta bakes which are both vegan (vegan cheese) & a yummy potato cheese bake - also vegan. If you are after snacks, we have **samosas** and **Mumbai potato croquettes**, as well as **juicies** and **blackcurrant hot toddies!**

Get your orders in: [Visit the Dhal Wala website](#) for more info or to pre-order.

# Play Chess!



- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop problem solving skills
- ✓ Develop strategic thinking
- ✓ Improve decision making
- ✓ Develop independent thought

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Friday 2nd May

Start date

Friday 27th June

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

\$ 140

Term Fee

Register online today at [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

# SCAMPS

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

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Brian McDonnell

**Brian@clevernz.com - 0210 737 767**

All enquires are welcome!

## SNAPDRAGON TE PĀTAKA

Did you know our school has its own little shop?!

Come and visit our school shop, Snapdragon, and buy Waldorf-inspired crafts, wax crayons and pencils for your school supplies and much more.

All profit goes to our school.

**We are open on Fridays:**

**8:15-9:00am  
and 2:00-3:15pm**

