



COMING EVENTS

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

Sunday 18 May	Biodynamic 'Gardening to Plate' Workshop
Tuesday 20 May	Class 4 Parent Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 21 May	Class 5 Parent Meeting, 7pm
Saturday 24 May	Handwork Parent Workshop ** Cancelled **
Tuesday 27 May	Sport & Team Photos
Tuesday 27 May	Class 1 Parent Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 27 May	Class 2 Parent Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 27 May	Class 3 Parent Meeting, 7pm

Kia ora koutou,

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai | Nurture
the seed and it will grow

It's hard to believe we're already at the
end of Week 3!



Winter sports are now in full swing across the school, with both lower school and high school basketball, netball and football teams entered into their respective competitions. A huge thank you goes out to our amazing parents, high school students and staff who have generously given their time to coach, manage, or act as our all-important taxi drivers transporting students to and from games. Your support is what makes these opportunities possible, and we are truly grateful.

We're especially excited to share that, for the first time, we have a netball team competing in the secondary school competition on Saturday mornings! Our combined Class 8/9 team is currently working through their grading games and had a fantastic win last weekend against Epsom Girls Grammar—well done, team!

Next week, Class 9 students will be undertaking their literacy and numeracy online assessments, alongside other Year 10 students across the country. We wish them all the very best.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

GO THE BLUES UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



FAIR MEETING (CLASS COORDINATORS)

On Tuesday 3rd June we will be holding our first Fair Coordinators meeting at 6.00pm in the staff room. If the class fair coordinator cannot attend, then at least 1 representative from that class must attend.

Any queries please contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

Looking forward to seeing you then.

LIBRARY NEWS

Kura will be back next week and normal library hours will resume (Monday-Thursday 8.00am to 3.30pm).

From Alice Newman - *"A big thank you for the warm welcome that I received from everyone who visited the library. I had a great time! I look forward to coming back in term three"*.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Bronze, Silver & Gold Duke of Edinburgh students are undertaking an expedition in the Kaimai Ranges today and tomorrow. We wish them luck and great weather!



STUDENTS AT AUCKLAND WRITER'S FESTIVAL

Yesterday, Class 9 plus the Spoken Word team and our English Scholarship students attended the Auckland Writer's Festival.

We listened to four authors speak about their craft and interests. It was great to see our students inspired by writers because encouraging reading is something we really need to reinforce in this day and age of Artificial Intelligence.

In addition, four students selected four different texts from the Women's Book Shop book display. These will be donated from the English Department to our library.

For promotional and educational purposes, Michael Park School students were also invited to participate in a small promotional video for the Writers Festival. We'll let you know when we have a link to share 😊



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

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: Meeting at **Michael Park Kindergarten**
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland.

Concluding at **Rudolf Steiner House**
104 Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie.

Cost: **\$45**

TO REGISTER

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



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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Found:** A CISA key card with proximity tag. Contact the school office.
- **Two lovely wooden Steiner school desks** and matching chairs available for sale. Secondhand, but loads of wear left. \$80 for both. Contact Ella 02041278671 / ella.ewens@gmail.com
- **3 Minute walk to school:** 2bdr sunny brick tile unit on Michaels Ave with large green space and trees. \$560pw. Contact Ines 021 177 8444
- **Your own backyard chooks:** 5 healthy laying chooks and all the setup you need looking for their next loving home. Contact Ines 021 177 8444
- **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



Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 150 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

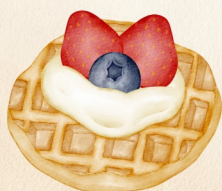
CLASS 12 WAFFLE AND HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Friday 23rd of May

Lunch time only!!

Hot Chocolate - \$2

Waffles with various toppings - \$5



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
9.00am - 12.30pm

WORKSHOP TWO: S...

CANCELLED

Venue: H... Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$40.00 per workshop*

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops,
please email Haidee in the school office:
haidee@michaelpark.school.nz

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

Do you enjoy helping others?

CHARITY TEAM RECRUITMENT

Is giving back to the community something you're passionate about?

Perhaps you want to spread awareness about local/global issues?



Well the Gift of Hope Charity Team is looking for someone like YOU !!
Come and join us in running fundraisers and spreading awareness for good causes throughout the year - we're all about giving back to the community

Feel free to reach out to any of the Charity Team members, Tilly or Amberley (who are this year's senior leaders) if you have questions and/or would like to join us!!

For anyone in Class 6 - 12 !!

P.S it looks good on your CV too

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.

2025 A Starry Night

Michael Park School Ball

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Doors 7 - 7.15pm tix \$85
Bank Transfer To:
Michael Park School Board of Trustees
02 - 0256 - 0235647 - 00

Michael Park School Ball

☆ 2025 ☆

A Starry Night

Doors open 7pm - 7:30pm, last song at 10.50pm

Invitation for Classes 9 - 12 and their plus ones

Akarana Yacht Club
8/10 Tamaki Drive
Okahu Bay, Orakei

Saturday
14th of June

Tickets \$85

Bank Transfer to:
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Reference/Particulars : Your name, number of tickets + 'Ball'

If you have any questions or need a permission slip, feel free to reach out to any of the Ball Committee

See you there

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

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



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!

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**



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)

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