



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 19 August Class 2 Morning Tea Fundraiser

Saturday 23 August Handwork Parent Workshop

25-27 August High School Assessments

Tuesday 26 August & Wednesday 27 August Class 8 Play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 6pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week has been full of connection, achievement, and some bittersweet news for our kura.



Hosting Educational Leaders

Earlier this week, we had the privilege of welcoming principals and deputy principals from six primary schools to our campus for a workshop on *strategic planning* and *transformative change*. It was an inspiring day filled with rich kōrero, shared experiences, and forward-thinking ideas for the future of education. We were proud to host such passionate leaders and to showcase the wonderful mahi happening here at our school.

A Big Week for Basketball

Both our Senior Boys and Senior Girls basketball teams played the finals in their respective grades this week.

- **Senior Boys:** In a thrilling game against Tamaki College, the scores were tied at the end of regular time, sending the match into overtime. In the end, our boys were narrowly edged out 36–37, but they played with incredible determination and heart.
- **Senior Girls:** Playing their final at home against St Kentigern, our girls delivered an unforgettable comeback, overturning the score in the last three minutes to win 33–27.

We are so proud of both teams. Congratulations to our Senior Girls for their championship win and to our Senior Boys for a fantastic season full of skill, teamwork, and perseverance.

Farewell to Mr Bernal

It is with deep sadness that we announce **Mr Bernal** will be leaving Michael Park School at the end of this year. He has been offered an exciting opportunity to establish the outdoor curriculum programme at Little Yarra Steiner School in Melbourne. While it is hard to say goodbye, we are so proud of the recognition he has received for his outstanding work here. We know he will take his creativity, dedication, and passion into this new role, and we wish him every success in the exciting journey ahead.

Finally, thank you, whānau, for your support of our kura, our staff, and our students. Moments like these whether they are about learning together, competing with pride, or farewelling someone dear remind us of the strength and warmth of our community.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki



BICYCLES AND WHEELS

A reminder that the riding of bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards is prohibited in the school grounds during school hours and at drop-off and pickup time, i.e., between 8am and 3.30pm. This includes school events outside of normal hours. It's a safety issue when we have so many people mingling around, and we've had a few near-misses! Thank you.

DESKS FOR SALE

\$20 per desk, with optional free wooden chair. These modular junior desks are great on their own, either as a desk or a coffee table, or in configurations of two, three or more to make larger tables. Could be great upcycling project! Buy 5 and get one free. Contact Erin in the school office: erinw@michaelpark.school.nz



Class 8 are proud to present

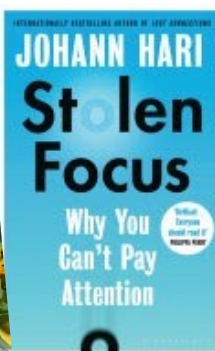
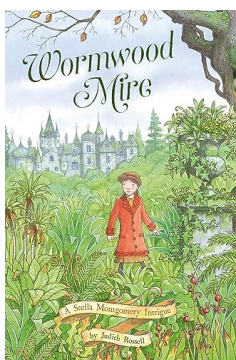
A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare - a whirlwind tale of love, mischief, and magic! In this fast-paced, 45-minute abridged version, suitable for all ages, you'll meet lovestruck mortals lost in the forest, feuding fairy royalty causing chaos, and a group of bumbling actors just trying to put on a play. Join us for a hilarious and enchanting journey where nothing is quite as it seems, and dreams and reality blur under the midsummer moon.

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August at 6:00pm
in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.



Some of our new books – available after the holidays.



MPS STUDENTS PRESENT

TERM 3

CONCERT

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
6.30PM MPS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS:
Adult - \$10
Child - \$5
Family 4+ - \$25

Musicians and dancers -
[click here for performer sign-up sheet](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Kia ora e te whānau

From Week 7-10 this term, I am away on my last practicum for the year, and we are very lucky to have Alice Newman stepping in again as library assistant relief. This means the library will be open as usual from Monday to Thursday. A huge mihi to Alice for doing this - everyone is very much looking forward to seeing her.



As we do our mid year statistical check-in on library issues, I want to extend a very belated congratulations to Class 4 who issued 1042 books last year, which is the most books issued by a class ever since statistics have been tracked and by far the most I have ever seen issued to a class. This is amazing!

It is so good to see the love of books and reading run strong in the school community – thank you family/whānau for all you do to encourage reading in the lives of your tamariki.

Ngā manaakitanga

Kura

School librarian - Kaitiaki te Whare Pukapuka



KŌWHAI FOR ANDREA

Yesterday, we planted a beautiful kōwhai beside the entrance of the whare, honouring the 2nd anniversary of the passing of our much-loved teacher, colleague, and friend, Whaea Andrea Gordine.

As the kōwhai grows and blossoms, it will stand as a living reminder of her warmth, wisdom, and the joy she brought to our community.

E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangīātea.

I will never be lost, for I am a seed sown from Rangīātea.



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

This week, I would like to take a moment of reflection to acknowledge Whaea Andrea, and the depth of mahi she did in our kura. Although I never met her in person, most days I work with one or two of the resources or ideas that she used when she was our kaiako Māori and I am so grateful for the passion, energy and positive, clear learning steps that she so evidently brought to her mahi. She is never far from my thoughts, and this is a reminder that, always, we walk in the path of the work that has been done before us. Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua. Forever grateful, Whaea.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui, e te whānau.

Arohanui

Kura

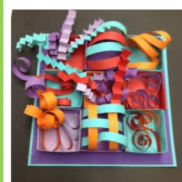
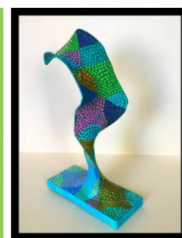


Calling all student and teacher artwork submissions for our Whole School Art Exhibition

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR CREATIVITY TOGETHER

We would love to have artwork from you before or by Friday 5th September.

*Finished drawings, paintings, collages, mixed media, designs, sculptures and 3D pieces, photographs, prints and craftwork are all welcome.
All shapes and sizes welcome within reason.*



RSST mid-year community update

Dear Michael Park community,

We would like to let you know about some of the things that we are working on in 2025.

Special character

The RSST supports teacher roles in the school that enhance Steiner education, such as the handwork programme. The trust also delivers a programme of parent education each year, which has included the 9 year old talk, handwork and outdoor classroom education in 2025 so far, with more events to come - stay tuned! In 2025 we are embarking on a project to document Steiner Education at Michael Park school on behalf of the community, that we will be able to share with you as this develops. We are working with the College of Teachers to support high school kaiako in deepening their skills and knowledge in Steiner education. As trustees we also engage in ongoing learning to continually develop our understanding of Steiner education.

Kindergarten

We have just completed our internal strategic review for the Kindergarten. The Kindergarten focus for the next 12 months will be on strengthening community connection, supporting kaiako development, continued growth and bringing in new initiatives such as a playgroup and anthroposophical nursing on site.

Marketing

You may have noticed an increase in our social media presence. Through Dana's excellent work we are starting to see growing reach and stronger engagement. This work is ongoing. This is part of a comprehensive marketing plan for the school and kindergarten across Google, Meta, billboards and community signage which was fully activated in June.

Finance

Throughout the year we review and approve the financial performance and reporting of the trust across our Kindergarten, property, special character and other portfolios. This includes improving financial process and policy as needed.

Other work

Our trustees are working on several ongoing projects such as the review of 10 year property planning in collaboration with the Board and supporting the development of an alumni database alongside the Helping Hands group. We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the Helping Hands of Michael Park for their work supporting the RSST kaupapa.

We are a busy group with plenty of passion for our roles and we are always looking for new members or support on a more informal basis. We would love to hear from you if you would be keen to get involved in any way.

With warm regards
The RSST Trustees



Simplicity Parenting WORKSHOP | 13 SEPT 2025

Create more space for connection, secure attachment,
love and laughter in your family

Based on the book 'Simplicity Parenting' by Kim John Payne, as a group we will learn practical ways to ease the daily tensions and parenting battles we all face in this fast paced modern world.

What we'll cover:

- Decluttering the environment.
- Bringing rhythm, ritual and predictability into each day.
- Allowing children plenty of downtime and play without overscheduling.
- Filtering out adult concerns and screentime that causes confusion, fear and anxiety.

The course is facilitated by Leah Corbett – a parent educator, primary school teacher and Michael park parent.

Saturday 13 September, 9am-2.30pm, Michael Park Kindergarten
BYO lunch. Cost: \$50 per person.

Please email hello@leahcorbett.co.nz to register. Spaces are limited.

 Leah Corbett

EMPOWERING PARENTS | www.leahcorbett.co.nz

Biography Workshops Making Meaning of Your Path Through Life



Next workshop:
October 16th (evening)
17th, 18th and 19th (full days)

Stories are transformative. and our personal life story is the most transformative of all. In this workshop we engage with our own and each others life stories, to help awaken the capacity for shaping our futures more consciously.

We work with

- seven year developmental phases
- artistic processes
- information on other cycles and development phases of life
- individual questions to facilitate insight

The course runs as a small group, with three others, over 1 evening and 3 consecutive days.

This Anthroposophically-based personal development method is a worldwide movement, giving us insight into how Steiner Education truly is an education for life.

For enquiries please ring Rhyll on 027 344 9847
or email rhyll@miracompanions.co.nz
Cost is on a sliding scale of \$575 - \$380

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Cleaner available:** Our lovely MPS cleaning team, Richard and Sunita, are available for your cleaning requirements! Commercial cleaning, carpets, windows and general cleaning. Contact Richard on 021 578 271.
- **Social Media Manager.** I'm a seasoned marketer starting out as a Social Media Manager and looking to create some best-practice cases. I'd love to give back to our community. Do you run a (small) business and need help with Instagram? I've got one spot left for a free month of social media management. Let's connect - txt Catrina on 0279 49 1463.
- **Conscious Parenting.** Are you feeling stuck in stress, reactivity, or conflict as a parent? Do you want to feel more connected to your kids and less anxious in the day-to-day? Here's a fresh perspective: what if becoming the calm, confident parent you want to be isn't about "fixing" your child's behaviour - but reparenting yourself first. I offer 1:1 sessions based on Dr. Shefali's Conscious Coaching Method™ for parents who are open to seeing their relationship with their children as a mirror for personal growth. Special offer for MPS parents - 20% discount on 3 & 6 session packages.
- **Rooms available** for single or families, 5min walk to MPS.
What's on offer:
 - A large, light-filled room in a beautiful old home with soul
 - Access to a practitioner room + space for workshops or creative gatherings
 - A massive garden to grow, gather and ground
 - A swimming pool for summer swims under the stars
 - A relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere
 - Large kitchen for shared meals or solo feasts
 - Lots of off-street parking
 - 5-min walk to Ellerslie village + train station + easy motorway access.
 Who you'd be living with:
A warm-hearted family of four, one other lovely housemate, and the occasional visit from grandkids.
Email - clairehomebirth@gmail.com for more details or to arrange a visit.

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.



RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST 2025

WORKSHOP ONE: Crochet and knitting for beginners

Learn to knit or 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: \$20.00 per workshop*

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

haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

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



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BLACKSMITHING with Luís Bernal

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2025

9am-4pm

Forging mild steel to make a candle holder
or fire poker / hook / utensil or similar.

Venue: Metalwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$40.00 Bring your lunch

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Michael Park School Apparel

We're introducing a range of quality school clothing featuring our school logo. In the coming weeks you'll see a number of staff modelling these. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki and whānau to show pride in our amazing school community, stay warm through the cooler months, and help preserve everyday clothes from wear and tear.

If you're interested, we have sample items available in the school office for sizing. Ordering is simple and can be done by following the attached flowchart. Website for ordering - <https://funto.co.nz/>



Hoodies Adult - \$69
Hoodies Kids - \$67.50

OPTIONAL : Student name small print only inside the bottom part of the hoodie - \$5

All prices are inclusive of GST.



WOLL Wolly knit Beanie
\$31

For order assistance: Call: 027 5265321 email:sup@funto.co.nz



Michael Park School

Michael Park Hoodies & Beanies Online Ordering System

FUNTO

Go to funto.co.nz

**Click on
ORDER UNIFORMS**

**Complete Registration
*if first time to order.**

**Registration Account Type:
Michael Park School
then click Register**

Log in to your account

**You can see
Michael Park School items**

**Place your order &
payment.**

**You will receive email
confirmation of orders**

**You will receive email
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