



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 29 August Mid Term Break

29-30 August NIWA Science & Technology Fair - MPS Gymnasium

Friday 29 August Public viewing 6pm-8pm

Saturday 30 August Public viewing 10am-4pm

Wednesday 3 September Parent Presentation with Richie Hardcore

4-5 September Middle School Sports Tournament

Friday 5 September Class 6 Lunch Bar

Saturday 6 September Outdoor Classroom Parent Workshop (**FULLY BOOKED**)

Kia ora whānau,

Congratulations to Class 8 for their wonderful, abridged performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was a joy to watch, and full credit goes to the students and to our Drama teacher, Mrs Reid, who has been with us for just six weeks and has already made such an inspiring contribution.



This week we were privileged to host nearly 30 students from the Māngere Refugee Centre. It is always a highlight for our high school students and staff to spend the day with our special guests, sharing experiences and offering a glimpse into what makes our school special.

Looking ahead to next week, we are delighted to welcome Richie Hardcore into the school. He will be working with our middle school students for the day (Classes 5–7), and in the evening he will also present to parents. Further details can be found in the flyer.

Finally, wishing our high school students all the very best for the Auckland Secondary School Science Fair that we are hosting in the gymnasium this weekend – drop in and check them out if you are around.

Have an enjoyable long weekend.

UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

MID-TERM BREAK

TOMORROW

No School or Kindy

Class 8 presents...

A Midsummer Night's Dream



FAIR UPDATE - 72 DAYS to GO

- Pre loved clothing – it's time to start going through all your pre loved clothing. The clothing bin will be out in front of the auditorium on the 1st September. Please make sure clothing is washed before placing in the clothing bin.
- If you or someone you know may be able to contribute item/s for our raffles this year please contact me.
- Hay bales, bamboo sticks & oasis floral foam – if you know of anyone who could help us out with these please contact me.

All queries to Erin Wilson fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

FAIR MEETING (Class Coordinators)

On the 9th September (Tuesday) we will hold a 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@michaepark.school.nz

Looking forward to seeing you then, the countdown to fair is now on!



Our team of budding scientists from Class 9 are excited to represent Michael Park School at the coming Science Fair this year.

The Earth Sciences New Zealand NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair will be open for

public viewing in the Michael Park School Gymnasium!

**Open times: Friday 29 August 6pm-8pm
and Saturday 30 August 10am-4pm**



TERM 3 CONCERT CANCELLED

Regrettably, we have decided to cancel the concert next Friday evening, due to low performer registrations.



CLASS 7 NETBALL TEAM

It has been a real pleasure to coach the Class 7 Netball team over the past two years. The players have improved immensely, and I am very proud of the progress they have made.

They consistently show great sportsmanship, even in defeat, and always give their best on court. They have faced some

tough games, especially in the recent tournament, but never gave up. Their determination, competitiveness, and strength as a team have been inspiring.

From shooting through the mid-court to defence, every player has developed their skills, and it has been wonderful to see their growth as both players and teammates.

"I would also like to thank our team manager, Rosie Morrow, for all her hard work in organising games, managing registrations, and keeping up communication with parents."

Raewyn Farley (Coach)



Back Row: from left to right - Hannah, Sadie, Wilder, Tui, Matilda, Clementine, Kobi, Milan, Violetta. Kneeling: Carmel, Carlotta



TE AO MĀORI

A space dedicated to promoting te reo me ōna tikanga Māori

It's not too late to set yourself a challenge for Mahuru Māori! www.mahurumaori.com

Whakataukī o te wā

Ka tangi te wharauora, ko ngā layered a Mahuru - when the shining cuckoo cries, it is the messenger of spring.

That lovely warm weather is getting closer, whānau!



RSST PRESENTS...

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

BLACKSMITHING

with Luis Bernal

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2025


9am-4pm


***FULLY BOOKED**

SOUP, FIRE & SPRING SMILES


A taste of the Hungarian Stone Soup tradition


 5 September – Morning tea & lunch

 Class 6 Lunchbar

 Soups cooked on open fire & goodies

 Celebrate the start of spring

 Bring your own bowl to reduce waste (bowls available if needed)

 Takeaways from 1:00 PM – bring a container



Looking to earn money while fundraising for our school?

Last year was a great success, so we are doing it again! Let us sell your handmade crafts on your behalf at our MPS stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party.

- We are looking for Steiner inspired crafts similar to what is sold in Snapdragon. No food please.
- There is no charge for the stall or eftpos, however 15% of proceeds will go towards school fundraising.
- Festival date is Sunday 14th September, 9:30am - 12:30pm.
- Want to help but don't have crafts? We are also looking for volunteers to help for an hour or so at the stall on the day. Come join the fun!

For questions, more information and expressions of interest, please contact:

Claire Valkenburg 027 2965390

Renee Coulter 021 645202

Sam Atcheson 021 991665

BECOMING: THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY IN STEINER EDUCATION

An evening for lower/middle school students and their families, and anyone wanting to know more about our high school.

We warmly invite you to join us for a special evening that brings to life how our Steiner philosophy shapes the high school years.

When: Wednesday 10 September, 7pm

Where: Michael Park School Auditorium

This is a chance to explore how our unique approach meets the developing adolescent with depth, creativity, and purpose – and how that foundation sets students up for any path ahead.

The evening will include:

- **Teacher Insights** – how Steiner education enriches subjects from science to the arts.
- **Student Voices** – what high school feels like, the joys and challenges of learning here.
- **Alumni Reflections** – graduates sharing where life has taken them, and how their Steiner journey prepared them.
- **Q&A Panel** – teachers, students, and alumni together in conversation with you.

It's a beautiful opportunity to deepen trust with our parent community, gain insights into the high school journey, and see how the special character of Steiner education shines even more brightly in these transformative years.

We warmly encourage you to come along, ask questions, and connect with our teachers, students, and alumni.



Michael Park School
Relate Create Inspire

Whole School Art & Craft Exhibition

PROCeSS

The Making Journey: what happens behind the scenes
Completed works and "works in progress" on display



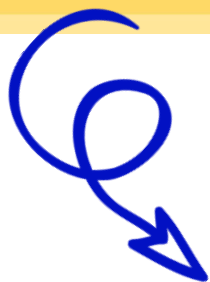
10th - 12th September 2025

Wednesday 7:30am - 8:30pm

Thursday 7:30am - 8:30pm

Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm

Eurythmy Room & Auditorium



There's still time
to submit your
artwork!

Michael Park School Parent Presentation

Understanding Our Kids' Online World:

An Evening with Richie Hardcore

Details:

- Date: **Wednesday 3 September**
- Time: **6:30pm – 8:00pm**
- Venue: **Auditorium**
- Cost: **FREE**



Featuring Richie Hardcore

An experienced educator, public speaker, and former Muay Thai champion who now empowers young people in Aotearoa through meaningful conversations about digital safety, healthy masculinity, and mental wellbeing.

Together We'll Explore: **Cyberbullying** - what it looks like and how to help. **Social Media & Mental Health** - how it's affecting 3 out of 5 children. **Online Predators** - understanding pressures and warning signs. **Inappropriate Online Material vs Healthy Sexuality** - framing positive attitudes and conversations.

Solutions You'll Walk Away With: Step-by-step guides for installing safe filters and securing devices / Creating healthy boundaries at home / Strategies for talking with your child and modelling mindful device use.

For parents and caregivers who wish to build on the kōrero shared by Richie Hardcore - an opportunity to explore ways of strengthening family connections, fostering mutual respect, and creating safe, supportive home environments.

Learn more: <https://richiehardcore.com/>

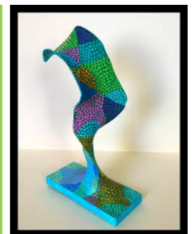


Calling all student and teacher artwork submissions for our **Whole School Art Exhibition**

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR CREATIVITY TOGETHER

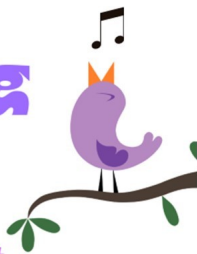
We would love to have artwork from you before or by Friday 5th September.

*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.*





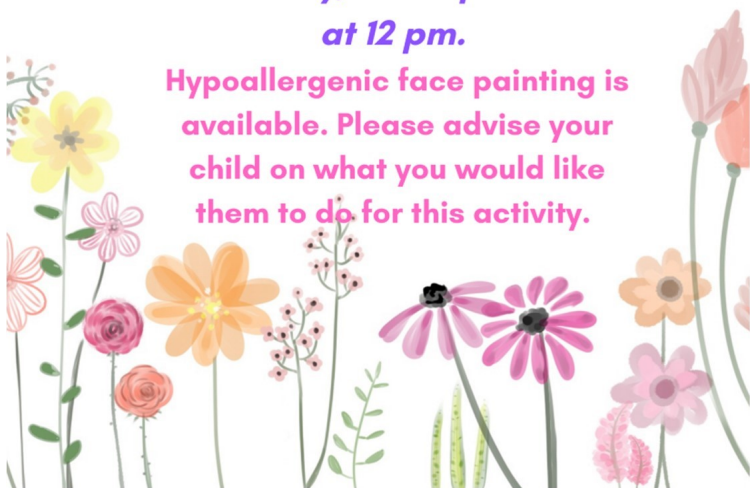
MPS Spring Festival



Join us for a vibrant
celebration of the season as
we welcome Spring
together!

Pack a picnic and join us on
Thursday, 18th September
at 12 pm.

Hypoallergenic face painting is
available. Please advise your
child on what you would like
them to do for this activity.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Sound Journey Sundays:** A sound journey is a full-body immersive listening experience that uses sound to gently but deeply relax the body and nurture the mind. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket & pillows. Eye mask optional. Sunday 31st August, 3-4pm. Subud Hall, 19 Formby Ave, Point Chevalier. Cost \$35. Bookings: Mary 021 207 9191, Vanita 021 265 2603
- **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. **Contact Donna:** <https://raisingparents.nz> raisingparentsnz@gmail.com

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

Craft School Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Wednesday 24th September
Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd October
9am-3pm

MPS Handwork Room

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)
Crafts galore and cooking/baking!

\$90 for 1 day

\$80 per day for 2 or 3 days

Limited spaces available.
Book now to secure your space.

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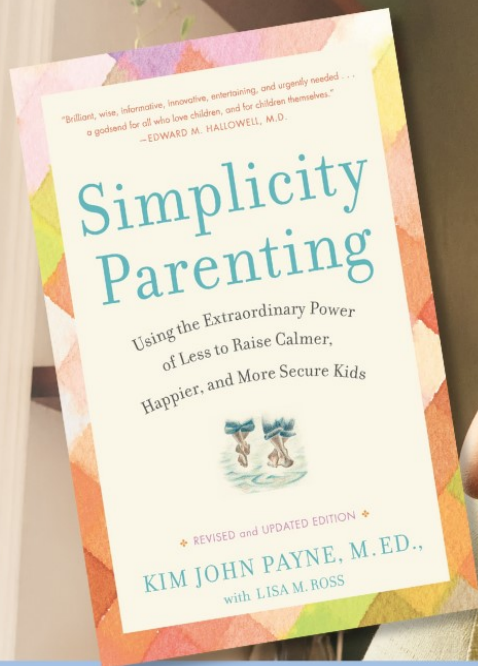


Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshop with Luis Bernal

A day of traditional crafts, bushcraft and cooking.

Michael Park school tent.
September, Thursday 25 and Friday 26, 9:00-3:00pm.

One day \$85, two days \$150.
Expressions of interest welcome at
luisbernal@gmail.com.



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.