



### COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 9 September	Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm
10-12 September	Art Exhibition
Wed 10 September	Class 4 Morning Tea Fundraiser
Wed 10 September	High School Info Evening 6.30
Thursday 11 September	Class 11 Parent Meeting 6pm
Thursday 11 September	Class 12 Parent Meeting 6pm
Friday 12 September	Daffodil Day Fundraiser
Friday 12 September	Cultural Festival 1.10pm
16 & 17 September	Class 12 Independent Project Presentations 6pm
Thursday 18 September	School Spring Festival
Friday 19 September	High School Sports Day

Kia ora whānau,

The shift in weather this week has certainly reminded us that spring is arriving. With only two weeks left in the term, we have many exciting events ahead.



What a wonderful way for our middle school to finish off the week with their inter-house sports tournament. At the time of writing, the competition was still underway, and we look forward to sharing the results soon.

Next week brings our **High School Information Evening** - all whānau are warmly invited to attend next Wednesday, meet our high school teachers, and hear more about the journey through the high school years.

We will also finish next week with two special celebrations: our **School Art Exhibition** and the **Cultural Concert** on Friday afternoon. Both of these events are a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the creativity and talents of our students.

Have a great weekend  
GO THE ALL BLACKS  
UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi nui,  
Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki

  
SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS



### FAIR UPDATE - 64 DAYS to GO

- The pre-loved clothing bin is now out in front of the foyer. Please make sure clothing is washed before placing in the clothing bin.
- Open shed date - Friday 12th September 2pm-3pm. One representative from each class needs to attend and check all their fair gear is in good working order. We need everyone there to help pull bulkier things out and put it all back. Thanks!
- Anyone with a business or contacts that is willing to donate prizes for our raffle please email [reneecoulter@gmail.com](mailto:reneecoulter@gmail.com)
- Hay bales, bamboo sticks & oasis floral foam - if you know of anyone who could help us out with these, please contact Erin [fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)
- Anyone that knows how to use a sewing machine and is willing to come one Friday morning to Craft group to help sew more bunting for the fair, please email [melibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:melibrooks@gmail.com). We're also looking for fabric donations. We'd like to make it very welcoming and festive at the soccer field/kindy entrance. Please drop any donations to the handwork room.
- We are looking for face-painters for the school fair. If you, or someone you know can fill this role please email Melissa at [melibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:melibrooks@gmail.com)

All queries to Erin Wilson [fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

### FAIR MEETING (Class Coordinators)

On the 9<sup>th</sup> 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@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

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

 **VOTING CLOSES NEXT WEEK**  
WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 4PM

## Rerenga kōrero o te wā

Spring rain is often referred to as  
'ua kōwhai' – which literally means  
'kōwhai rain'

## INTENT TO RETURN TO MPS

To help us plan for the 2026 school year, we need to confirm the number of students continuing at Michael Park School. We hope that all students will continue their journey through our school but understand that there may be changes imminent for some families.

If your child **will be returning** next year, you do **not** need to do anything.

Please only complete the link if **your child is NOT returning to Michael Park School in 2026**.

Link: [Students NOT returning 2026](#)

Nga mihi mahana,  
Desmond Pemerika, Tumuaki

## 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, 6.30pm-8pm

**Where:** Michael Park School Auditorium *\*please note the updated start time*

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.

## STONE SOUP

Today our school lunch bar fundraiser was brought to us by Class 6, and on the menu is warm, nourishing Hungarian Stone Soup.

The story of Stone Soup tells of hungry travellers who arrive in a village with nothing but an empty pot and a 'magic' stone. "We'll make stone soup!" they said. The villagers were curious - who could eat a soup made from a stone? But, one by one, everyone added a carrot here, a potato there, a sprinkle of herbs... and soon the pot was bubbling with the most delicious soup the whole village could share. Together, they created a meal far greater than anyone could have made alone - a beautiful reminder of community, generosity, and sharing.



## EAT APPLES, GET SPORTS GEAR!

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the stickers off Yummy apples for our school to get free sports gear.

Please drop your sticker papers or plastic labels into the blue box in the office by the end of this term. You've got 2 more weeks to eat as many Yummy brand apples as you can!





# MPS ROBOTICS

Michael Park School Robotics Teams had a fantastic weekend at the Auckland Regional Tournament, hosted at Onehunga High School.

Our Junior Team shone brightly, qualifying 6th, then storming into the finals with their alliance partners to take home the Teamwork Award. They also posted the best individual score of the day, earning the Skills Award as well!

Our High School Team also impressed, finishing 5th in the qualification rounds. After alliance selection, they battled hard through the finals, only being stopped in the semifinals to place 3rd overall.

Well done, MPS Robotics Teams! A very successful weekend all round.

On Saturday 11 October, MPS will proudly host the next Auckland Regional Tournament right here in our gym. The event is open to spectators - come along and cheer for our teams in action!



## CELEBRATING OUR EQUESTRIAN TEAM

We are so proud of our talented riders Georgia (Class 9), Robert (Class 9) and Coco (Class 10) who recently represented our school at the **North Island Secondary School Equestrian event**.

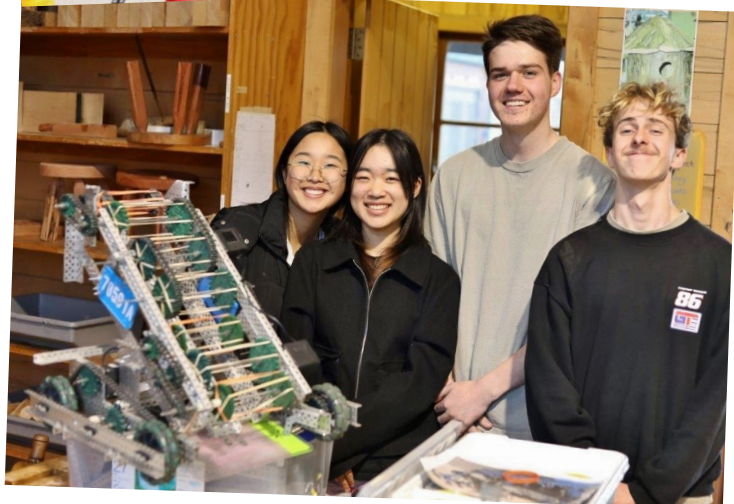
The competition was tough, with most dressage fields having 30 competitors and over 60 riders in the show jumping. Despite this, our small but mighty trio shone with some outstanding results:

- **Robert** - 2nd and 3rd in Dressage
- **Coco** - 7th and 17th in Dressage, 3rd in Show Jumping, and an incredible 1st place across all three Show Hunter classes
- **Georgia** - 7th and 8th in Dressage

In the overall Dressage team results, we placed **14th out of 77 teams** - a fantastic achievement considering we only had half a full team of riders competing.

Beyond the ribbons and placings, what stood out most was the spirit of the team. Georgia, Robert, and Coco supported one another every step of the way.

A huge congratulations to our equestrian team - you represented our school with skill, style, and teamwork. We are very proud of you.



## TERM 3 CONCERT CANCELLED

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







**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



**10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Wednesday 7:30am - 8:30pm

Thursday 7:30am - 8:30pm

Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm

**Eurythmy Room & Auditorium**

# MPS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER  
1:10 PM**

(PLEASE BE SEATED BY 1:00)

A CONCERT IN THE AUDITORIUM, CELEBRATING OUR  
CULTURAL DIVERSITY, FEATURING SONGS SUNG IN DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

LOWER/MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 2.30 PM.

WE WARMLY INVITE CHILDREN - AND PARENTS ATTENDING -  
TO WEAR THEIR NATIONAL COSTUMES.



## Cultural Festival Lunchbar

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are excited to celebrate the rich diversity of  
our school community with a Cultural Festival  
Lunchbar next Friday, 12 September.

Here's how you can be involved:

- Bring along a dish that represents your culture or ethnicity to share.
- Please label ingredients clearly for allergy awareness.

All funds raised will go towards supporting Swaita, a child in India whom our school sponsors. Swaita is thriving at school, and her recent reports show that she hasn't missed a single day!

**With your support, our annual Cultural Festival continues to be a meaningful celebration of food, culture, and community.**



# The Dhal Wala

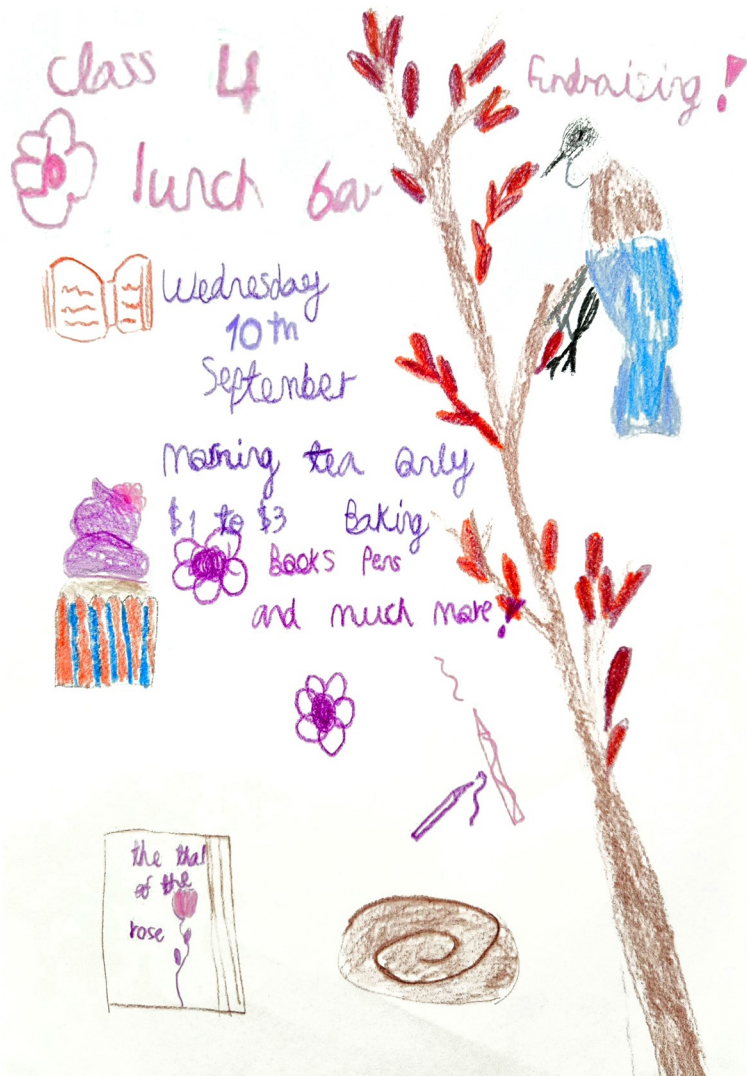
## Introducing Chocolate Tuesdays!

Enjoy chocolate cake & cupcakes at Morning tea.

Each slice of cake is \$3 and cupcakes are \$2

Gluten free & dairy free, these yummys are a hit!

Lunch as usual will also be served as Nachos & Noodles are beloved by all.



## 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, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 12 pm.**

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

## Volunteers needed for the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party!

Can you spare an hour or two to help attend our school stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party?

This will involve being part of a team selling lucky dip items and crafts made by our community members.

The festival date is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
9:30am - 12:30pm.

For questions, more information or to join the roster, please contact  
Claire Valkenburg 027 2965390  
Renee Coulter 021 645202  
Sam Atcheson 021 991665



# ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP OFF DAY



**27th September 2025  
SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM**

Michael Park School  
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie

Drop off your unwanted electronic products &  
unwanted tech at this drive-thru event!  
Staff will unload everything for your convenience.

IMPORTANT: Dropping off e-waste is allowed only on the event day. You  
cannot drop off e-waste prior to, or after, the event day at this site.

We are proud to be accepting  
donations for Variety - The  
Children's Charity.



TRSS Class 12 Presents

# The Cherry Orchard

by Anton Chekhov

7pm | 10th, 11th & 12th  
September 2025  
Lopdell House Theatre

Tickets: ph 817-4386  
email: [tickets@trss.nz](mailto:tickets@trss.nz)

## 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.  
[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. 9:00 - 3:00pm

September, Thursday 25 and Friday 26.

25 & 26  
FULL

**NEW DATES! Monday 29 and Tuesday 30!!**

One day \$85, two days \$150.  
Expressions of interest welcome at  
[luisbernal@gmail.com](mailto:luisbernal@gmail.com).