



COMING EVENTS

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20-24 October	Class 9 Camp
Tuesday 21 October	Rawlins Family Travel Presentation 6.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 21 October	Class 4 Parent Meeting 7.30
Wednesday 22 October	Fair coordinators meeting 6pm
Thursday 23 October	SCHOOL & KINDY CLOSED due to PPTA/NZEI Union Strike
Friday 24 October	Class 8 Lunch Bar
Monday 27 October	LABOUR DAY
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Class 7 Camp
Saturday 8 November	FAIR DAY
Friday 14 November	Mid-Term Break

STRIKE ACTION - THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

We received notification this morning from the National Executive of PPTA Te Wehengarua and NZEI Te Riu Roa regarding the scheduled strike action taking place on **Thursday, 23 October**.

As a result, there will be **no kindergarten or school** operating on that day. The majority of our administration, kindergarten, lower school, and high school teachers are members of these unions and will be participating in the strike.

Exception: The **Class 9 camp** will continue as planned next week. PPTA staff attending the camp are exempt from participating in the strike.

We would like to thank all our staff, students, and whānau for the positivity and support you bring to our community. Working together to ensure that every student can achieve their best remains at the heart of what we do. Your understanding and ongoing support are sincerely appreciated.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Calling all Class 1, 2 and 3 families! The gardens behind classes 1, 2 and 3 need a tidy up before the fair. **Please come to a working bee from 10am-12pm this Saturday morning.**

Bring gloves and any hand gardening tools that might be useful. Families from all other classes are also very welcome.

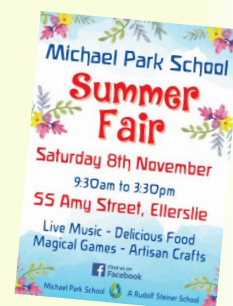


SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE - 22 DAYS TO GO

Fair coordinators meeting
22nd October, 6pm in the staff room

- Advertising - can you help deliver the **Fair flyers** in your local area? Please collect flyers from reception and tell us which streets you can deliver to.
- Please **like and share** the [MPS Fair Facebook Page](#), and here's an image of the poster than you can share digitally: [2025-Fair-Flyer.jpg](#)



- If you have a **fence** that gets plenty of traffic passing by, and you'd be willing to display a 1200x1200 fair sign, please get in touch with Erin fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz
- Pre-loved clothing** bin is now out in front of auditorium. Please make sure clothing is washed before placing in the clothing bin. Last day for clothes will be 29th October.
- If you have any **shopping bags** we can use, please drop to reception.
- Please make sure you have put your name on your **class roster**, we need all parents to help out - your class coordinators need your FULL support!
- Fair Shirts** - please see at end of Flyer of how to order your new Fair Shirt. A huge thankyou to our two art teachers, Aurelia Zatta and Emma Roberston for the design.

Any questions, please contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

PERFORM AT THE FAIR!

Are you looking for a performance opportunity? Please sign up to perform on the big stage at the school fair!

Please fill in the form below and return to Amanda Lawrence or Curtis Davies by Friday, 24 October.

[Fair-performance-sign-up-sheet-2025.pdf](#)



MPS FAIR RAFFLE – PACKS ARE OUT!

Raffle packs have gone home with students this week (check those school bags if you haven't seen them yet!). Kindy and camp classes will receive theirs today or early next week.

Each book has 10 tickets at \$5 each - and all money raised goes towards completing our **playground project**.

Extra books can be picked up from the office, and all **sold and unsold tickets (with cash)** can be popped into the **drop box in the office**.



The **class that sells the most tickets** wins lunch for their class from **Sanjay**, plus a few extra treats thrown in - and a special gift for their teacher/kaitiaki!

Selling tips:

Share our raffle info & the image below on whānau and friends' chat groups, take a book into your workplace, or post it on your socials. People love to know why they're buying - mention our playground and the great prizes up for grabs, including a **Weber BBQ, Toyworld voucher**, and a **city staycation**! You can copy a sample image of the ticket here: [Fair-Raffle-2025-Sample.jpg](#)

Ticket returns due: Monday 3 November (at the latest). Unsold tickets will be sold at the Fair.

Prizes drawn: On stage at the Fair, 3pm - you don't have to be present, winners will be contacted.

ADOPT-A-BALE FOR THE SCHOOL FAIR!

Add to the rustic charm and some rustic seating for the Fair! For the great price of \$24 from the great team at Auckland Pea Straw, you can adopt a bale (~270L or 10m2 coverage) of Pea Straw. After the fair, take your nitrogen rich bale home to mulch up your garden for summer! Adopt your bale today and let all your green thumb friends and relatives know!



Email christianh@michaelpark.school.nz before the 24th Oct to book yours!

CAKE STALL

Every year, each family makes 2 cakes and 1 additional item (meringues, cookies, fudge, homegrown produce) for the cake stall at the fair.

We will continue to use the cardboard boxes to display the cakes. Packaging supplies will go out to families between 20th and 24th October.

BEST IN SHOW - Prizes are back, so get inspired and create your dream cake to win - best in show, most creative, etc.

**there is also a prize for cakes made by adults!*

TIPS -

- Get baking in the holidays - choose items that can be frozen.
- Specialty cakes always sell well (Christmas cakes, gluten free, etc).
- Make your cakes look pretty! If you are looking for inspiration, there are many wonderful sites on the internet.



Happy Baking!

SHOWDOWN AWARDS



The Auckland Live Showdown Awards is the Auckland Secondary Schools Production awards. This year, Zach Mole in Class 12 was nominated for **Best Performer in a Lead Role in a Play** for his performance of Alfred III in the Class 12 play *The Visit*. The award ceremony was last Thursday 9th October at the Bruce Mason Centre. Although he didn't win his category, Zach's nomination is a massive achievement being one of 7 nominees in his category. *The Visit* was also nominated for Best Play and Best Production. Well done Zach and Class 12.



Special Character Articles

A place to share information to deepen our understanding of our Special Character as a Steiner school

Food for Thought from the RSST

The International Campus Waldorf lecture series for this year is well underway with the aim

"...to take a closer look at Waldorf education in its pedagogical, social and cultural context. The aim is not only to give a basic introduction or mainly describe the ideal of Waldorf education (although that is also the point), but to take a more detailed look at how it really is in various aspects. The real existing Waldorf education will be questioned on the basis of existing research and many years of experience: What does Waldorf really achieve? Where and how should and must Waldorf continue to develop? What are the current challenges facing Waldorf education?"

The lectures so far have been really interesting and enjoyable. The format is in Zoom with one hour from an expert speaker, followed by 30 minutes of audience questions and discussion. You are equally able to just sit and absorb the content, or to engage and ask questions and make comments.

You can join the lectures here

www.international-campus-waldorf.com/

You can also catch up on the first three lectures (with a one-week delay) here www.international-campus-waldorf.com/materials-and-recordings/archive-recordings-2025/

and on the YouTube channel [@alanushochschulefachbereic8937](https://www.youtube.com/@alanushochschulefachbereic8937)

Both the ICW website and Alanus YouTube channel also hold copies of many past recordings for you to explore.

We'd love to hear from you if you have thoughts to share on these lectures or on Steiner Education. Feel free to get in touch with us at RSST@michaelpark.school.nz

ROOM AND LUNCH BAR BOOKINGS



Dana in the school office is now looking after all room bookings during and after school hours, including lunch bar bookings. Please contact danam@michaelpark.school.nz with any requests.

FREE & ONLINE DISCOVER THE HEART OF WALDORF EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES

THE RSST presents this exciting opportunity for our Whānau

INTERNATIONAL WALDORF LECTURE SERIES

Hosted by the International Campus Waldorf
Free Online Lecture Series for Waldorf Parents,
Whānau & Educators



September 30 – December 9, 2025,
Live every Tuesday | 5:30–7:00 AM NZDT
(Recordings available for flexible viewing)

Why Join?

- Deepen your understanding of your child's education
- Hear from internationally respected Waldorf educators
- Connect with a global community of like-minded parents
- Attend live or watch later—your choice
- Entirely free



Register now at: www.international-campus-waldorf.com

Whether you're new to Waldorf or a long-time supporter, this series offers fresh insights and inspiration for your Waldorf journey.

Nga mihi nui - The RSST

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- Hi, I am a past student from Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School **looking for an electrical apprenticeship**. I have my pre-trade electrical certificate from Unitec as well as my sitesafe passport and forklift license. I have my own vehicle and am ready to work. I would love to hear from anyone who may be able to take me on. Thanks, Cruze. 0272886982
- New Volleyball classes with **East Auckland Volleyball Club** funded by SportNZ have recently started Tuesday 5pm at the Tamaki Recreation Centre (Elstree Ave). Great experienced coach, with a focus on learning and improving Volleyball skills. Only \$50 per term age 11+. Register: <https://forms.gle/XzgeCwDNJ5qByNg16>

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Thursday.

DOLL MAKING WORKSHOPS

**TWO WEEKEND OPTIONS TO MAKE YOUR LOVELY WALDORF STEINER INSPIRED
DOLLS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**

MAKE A DRESSABLE DOLL :

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 22 -23RD NOVEMBER

9AM - 1PM BOTH DAYS

\$150

MAKE A SMALL DOLL OR MERMAID :

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 29TH- 30TH NOVEMBER

9AM-1PM BOTH DAYS

\$80

SPECIAL OFFER FOR BOTH WEEKENDS

\$210

Location Michael Park School

Bookings Essential. Please bring a plate to share

For bookings and enquire please contact nininosch@gmail.com



WHAT'S IT LIKE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH KIDS?

By Ella Ewens MPH(Hons), BOptom(Hons) and Family

We travelled for one year with our two kids (aged 8 and 10), through 26 countries, on a budget, with only a small 7kg backpack each, while working and schooling on the road. It was the most **extraordinary** and **challenging** year of our lives.



In this presentation we will cover what we did, where we went, and what we learned, laughed and cried about along the way.



Tuesday, 21 October

6:30 – 7:30pm

Michael Park School Auditorium and on Zoom

[Click here for Zoom link](#)

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FAIR T-SHIRTS ARE BACK!

On the 21st of October from 2pm till 3.30pm we will be selling these T-Shirts in the Auditorium Foyer.

If you can't make it, then please use order form below.



To place your order, please use the below form.

Children T-Shirt \$20.00

Adult T-Shirt \$25.00

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name _____

CLASS _____

Please circle colour and size you are wanting to order:

Child

Colour: RED ROYAL BLUE IRISH GREEN GOLD PINK

Size: 4 6 8 10 12

Adult (Womens)

Colour: PINK ROYAL BLUE IRISH GREEN

Size: S M L XL 2XL

Adult (Mens)

Colour: ROYAL BLUE RED IRISH GREEN

Size: S M L XL 2XL

HOW TO PAY:

1. Place cash and order form in drop box at reception (*envelopes provided by drop box*)
2. Order in person through reception from 8.00am to 8.30am (Tuesday – Friday) Eftpos available. Start date 21st October.