



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 2 December	High School Prizegiving, followed by C12 vs Staff Volleyball Showdown
Wednesday 3 December	Class 12 Graduation
4-11 December	High School Craft Week
Friday 5 December	Snapdragon Christmas Market
Thursday 11 December	Nativity Play 2pm
Friday 12 December	Nativity Play 1pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a vibrant week it has been at Michael Park School. Our community was treated to the Class 9 Independent Project Presentations, the culmination of ten months of dedication, curiosity, and creativity. The quality of thinking and craftsmanship on display was truly inspiring, and it has no doubt sparked ideas for next year's cohort. Congratulations to Class 9 on such an outstanding achievement.



Yesterday, Class 2 delighted their whānau and staff with a wonderful performance of their class play. Their confidence, teamwork, and joy made everyone all incredibly proud. A heartfelt thank you to Janette and families who supported them along the way.

Next week marks one of the key moments in our school calendar: our High School Prizegiving and our Class 12 Graduation. We look forward to welcoming back our Class 11 and 12 students for these special celebrations of learning, growth, and accomplishment. These events are always a powerful reminder of the journey our young people take through the school, and the community that supports them.

And of course - no end-of-year season would be complete without the highly anticipated volleyball showdown between Class 12 and the staff. Who will hold the bragging rights for 2025? We can't wait to find out.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika
Principal

BARBERSHOP CONCERT - FREE FOR MPS WHANAU

Tomorrow, the City of Sails Barbershop Chorus is performing a concert in the MPS Auditorium from 2pm-4pm. They have generously offered FREE entry to the MPS community. Just tell them at the door that you are from MPS.

Details here:

www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/tinsel-tunes-tickets-1847398220809



HE KUPU WHAKAMANA

A MESSAGE FROM THE MPS BOARD AND THE RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOLS TRUST

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Many in the education sector have been surprised by the Government's recent amendments to the Education and Training Act, particularly the change from requiring boards to "give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi" to a focus on "reasonable steps" and cultural diversity. These changes arrived quickly and have generated a range of responses across the motu.

We want to reassure our community that this legislative wording does not change who we are or the commitments we hold. Te Tiriti has long been central to our kaupapa and will remain so. Our direction is grounded, established over many years, and is not altered by changes in phrasing within the Act.

For us, Te Tiriti is a living commitment:

- to partnership
- to cultural identity
- to shared responsibility
- to ensuring every child feels seen, valued and at home in Aotearoa

Keeping Te Tiriti at the heart of our school supports the wellbeing of our tamariki, kaiako and whānau, strengthens relationships, and fosters a sense of belonging for every child.

Our Steiner philosophy aligns with these commitments. Respect for the individuality of the child, meaningful relationships, and learning through head, heart and hands sit naturally alongside Te Tiriti and enrich our school's kaupapa by uplifting:

- the dignity and mana of the child
- cultural identity
- connection with the land
- strong community relationships
- learning rooted in understanding and responsibility

Our staff continue to deepen their learning of te ao Māori, supported by many who walk alongside us, and this remains a valued and ongoing journey.

Thank you, whānau, for your trust and partnership.

We look forward to continuing this path together with Te Tiriti as a guiding principle in all we do.

Ngā mihi nui,

The School Board & Proprietor Trust

LIBRARY NEWS

All books are now due back for stocktake, but in Week 10 we will be issuing again for summer.

Class 11 and 12 please have all books back by graduation to avoid being charged for these.

Whānau Hour at the library

A chance for the school community to come and take books out for summer.

Mon 8 December, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

- Come and choose books to take home for your family for summer reading.
- Visit our Christmas tree.
- Check out our new books.
- Drop off your Kiwi Christmas Book donation
- Pick up one of our reading recommendation lists.



Ngā mihi nui

Kura

A special thank you to Winston for his amazing work collecting library books for stocktake during the Red Trolley Book Drive this week. We so appreciate your mahi, Winston. (And a huge thank you to Fleur for making our wagons so beautifully festive).



MPS Nativity play



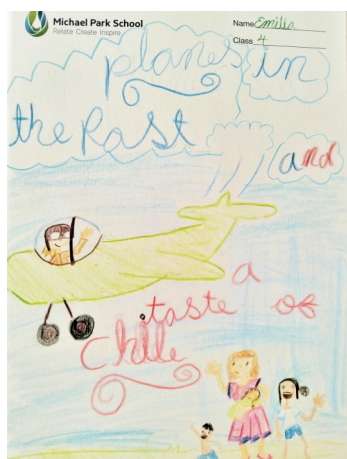
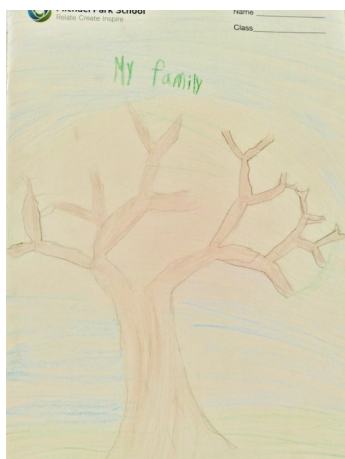
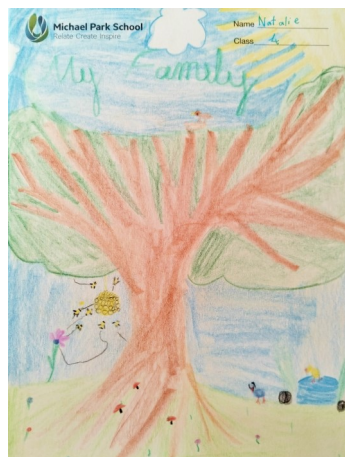
Thursday 11th, 2pm - Group A

Friday 12th, 1pm - Group B
(email your teacher to enquire about groups)



CLASS 4 FAMILY TREE PROJECTS

Our Class 4 students are hard at work on their Family Tree projects, exploring their families' origins and how they came to settle in New Zealand. The different origin stories emerging from our wonderfully diverse and multicultural class have been a thrill! We admire the bravery of the relatives who ventured to this new land. This project will be a valuable resource that the children will appreciate and be able to share with future generations.



Christmas Kindness

We are collecting festive food and gifts for the Salvation Army again this year. Over the next few months we will see thousands of Kiwis in desperate need. Increased costs of living are further stretching families who already have so little, meaning they don't have the luxury of participating in festivities like gift-giving and shared meals this year.

Can you help with providing items that we can gift them?

Think festive treats and gifts for teenagers (body spray, nail polish, hair accessories, colouring books, etc.). These should be unwrapped. This is the age group that often gets overlooked and they really struggle with gifts for them.

There is a donation box in the school office.

www.salvationarmy.org.nz/christmas-appeal/donate-now

Thank you MPS whānau for bringing hope and joy at Christmas.

DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Once again MPS is collecting donations of **brand new books** to gift to kids in need this Christmas. Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction - we'd love them all! Even better if we can support Kiwi authors and illustrators.

We have two donation boxes in the school - one in the office and another in the library.

The books will be distributed to families in need through various charities, including the families that will be having Christmas onsite at the Refugee Resettlement Centre. The team of Michael Park Elves worked hard last year to make sure that every child got a book delivered to them by sleigh!

You can also purchase **GIFT CARDS** through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents - please do check them out!

Donations close on Monday, December 10th.

Thank you for your support!

Registered Charity CC60356

KIWICHRISTMASBOOKS.ORG.NZ #GIVEBOOKSTOKIDS



SNAPDRAGON CHRISTMAS MARKET

HANDCRAFTS

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

8:30AM - 3:30PM

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL
SNAPDRAGON AND WHARE

FIND US ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE AS YOU ENTER
THE SCHOOL FROM AMY STREET

EFTPOS AVAILABLE
IN THE WHARE

Christmas Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th December

9am - 3pm

MPS Handwork Room
and Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki
(Ages 6-11)

Candles, baking, decorations and more!

\$90 1x day

\$160 2x days

Book now to secure your space

michellemullany@gmail.com

022 127 6551

SAVE THE DATES 10 -12th JANUARY 2026

Social Eurythmy Course

Eurythmy Aotearoa is bringing the highly skilled
and experienced, Goetheanum accredited
Social Eurythmy trainer Teresa Mazzei to New Zealand
to run an introductory, three day Social Eurythmy course.

WHEN - January 10th - 12th 2026

WHERE - Michael Park Steiner School, Auckland.

COST - \$250

**WHO CAN ATTEND - This introductory course is designed for
qualified eurythmist's and fourth year eurythmy students,
and individuals with a strong interest in exploring the
application of eurythmy in workplace settings.**

To register your interest, write to Sue Simpson
eurythmyaotearoa@gmail.com

Deepening Course 17 and 18 January 2026

Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland

edith.vandermeer@gmail.com

'THE HUMAN BEING AS SYMPHONY OF THE CREATIVE WORD'

Saturday: Brian Tracey

'Play and Creativity for Life'

Sunday: Sue Simpson

'Awakening to the creative forces of the night'

With workshops:

1. Brian Tracey - A Key to Understanding...The Temperaments
2. Sue Simpson - Eurythmy: Out of the Word
3. Evelyn Davis - Improvised storytelling
4. Abi Ortiz - Music heals the heart and makes it whole
5. Jo Erskine - Creative expression of human metamorphoses in clay
6. John Lawry - Making Porotiti: Good Vibrations!
7. Susanne Cole - Eco printing with nature's colour and form
8. Susie Gay - Painting: Harmony, balance and joy



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Shall I tell you who will come
To Bethlehem on Christmas morn?
Who will kneel them gently down
Before the Lord newborn?

THE CHRISTMAS STORY,
NARRATED
WITH CAROL SINGING

CHRISTMAS EVE, 8PM

10 RAWHITI ROAD, ONE TREE HILL
PH 09 525 2305

March 6-8 2026

Tauranga

New Ground

Youth Festival

Exploring Being Human

With Richard Drexel & Helen Proctor

Camping - Anthroposophy - Workshops - Connection
Community - Saunas - Discussions - Learning



\$150 includes food and camping for 2 nights

tickets and info - www.nz youthsection.co.nz



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Advent and Christmas

ADVENT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH

10.00AM THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
(adult service - childcare can be arranged)

Followed by morning tea

11.30AM ADVENT FESTIVAL with Advent story, singing, bread-baking, and
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

All ages are very welcome.

Followed by lunch. Please bring festive food to share.

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE TABLEAU

A most heart-warming, wonder-filled time for all ages
to share the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to
Bethlehem, and the coming of the Light of the World,
with the birth of the Christ child.
You are warmly invited to come, share and sing
together.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

10.00AM SUNDAY DECEMBER 28TH

THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea

11.30AM CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL INCLUDING THE CHRISTMAS
SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

CONTACTING US

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Reverend Cheryl Prigg 021 023 20932 cheryl.n.p@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Hi, my name's Grace and I'm in Class 11 (18 years old). If you need a **babysitter**, please consider me! I'm dependable, responsible and currently look after children at the MPS after school care programme 1-2 days per week (with some extra babysitting on the side). I can provide references if requested. I'm available over the Christmas/summer holiday period. Mobile 021 027 86369.
- Looking for someone to give a 12 year old a few introductory **trombone lessons** over the summer. Could be a student from the high school. Happy to pay a fair rate. Rachel 021 571 648. Many thanks!
- Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living room **home for rent**. Quiet, friendly street close to school. 14 Ellerslie Park Rd. \$1050 per week. Contact wandaignatievsky@gmail.com
- **Do You Need a House Sitter this Summer?** We are 3-4 responsible, mature women looking for accommodation during our Eurythmy Aotearoa training at MPS, and are happy to take care of your home in exchange. The dates are 4-12 January 2026 **AND** 5-9 February 2026 (Waitangi Weekend). Preferably within 30mins of MPS. We can water plants, feed cats (sorry, no dogs), collect mail, and keep your home tidy and secure. If interested, please contact annemansart@yahoo.co.nz