



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 16 December Advent Festival & Carols, 11.30

Wednesday 17 December Last day for Class 1-7 & Kindy - 12pm finish

Monday 2 February First day of Term 1, 2026

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

**Last day for Class 1-7 & Kindy
12PM FINISH**

ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

We would like to extend an invitation to alumni to be part of our alumni questionnaire that will appear as a brand new feature of our school website which we have titled - He Kōrero mō Mātou "A Story About Us" MPS Alumni Reflections.

This project is all about reconnecting with past students and showing the many different paths MPS alumni take after school.

Or, if you would rather just provide us with your details for our alumni database so you can be updated on future school news and events instead of being featured on our website, we'd love that too.

Whichever option you choose, all personal contact details will be kept private and used only by Michael Park School.

This feature is designed to give prospective new students, as well as current students an idea of what they can expect as they journey through Michael Park School and what prospects they may look forward to after graduation.

You will find the link to fill out with an option for your preference here: [MPS Alumni Reflections](#)

COMMUNITY ADVENT AND CAROLS

Tuesday, 16 December at 11.30am

The teachers and staff are preparing to gift "The Shepherds' Play" to our community again this year. In this adapted performance, the whole community plays a part by joining in and singing some well-known Christmas carols. You might like to start singing/ humming these well-known pieces:

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem;
Away in a Manger; The First
Noël; Little Drummer Boy;
Silent Night; Joy to the World
and Ding Dong Merrily on High.



Kia ora whānau,

Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou mō ngā mahi kua mahia ki roto ki te tau nei hai hāpai i te kaupapa i konei i tō tatou kura



This is our final flyer for the year, and what a year it has been. Thank you, whānau, for the many ways you have supported your tamariki and our kura throughout 2025. It has been another full and enriching year, and we truly could not have done it without your care, encouragement, and partnership.

We have finished the year with plenty of joy and movement — from high school craft workshops to our beautiful Lower School nativity plays. Yesterday we also farewelled our Class 8, 9, and 10 students for the year, marking the end of an important chapter and the beginning of a well-earned rest.

A warm reminder that next Tuesday at 11:30am, our staff will be performing "The Shepherds Play" for our community. We would love for you to join us and share in this special moment together.

To the families who will be leaving our school at the end of this year, we wish you all the very best as you move on to new schools and new beginnings. You will always remain part of our wider school whānau, and we thank you for the time you have shared with us.

As the year draws to a close, we wish you all a safe, restful, and refreshing summer break with whānau and friends. May it be filled with sunshine, laughter, and renewal. We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting and hopeful 2026.

He mihi aroha nunui, he mihi mutunga kore. Noho ora mai rā, manuia.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Nga manaakitanga,

Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Some students who travel long distances could be eligible for Transport Assistance Allowance from Ministry of Education, more information available at:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/>

All applications are done online and all families are welcome to look at this and apply online to see if they qualify for this allowance.

If you have any queries please email Brenda Davidson,
brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

Nativity Play



LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check the lost property before school closes on Tuesday... all items are donated to charity at the end of term.



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?

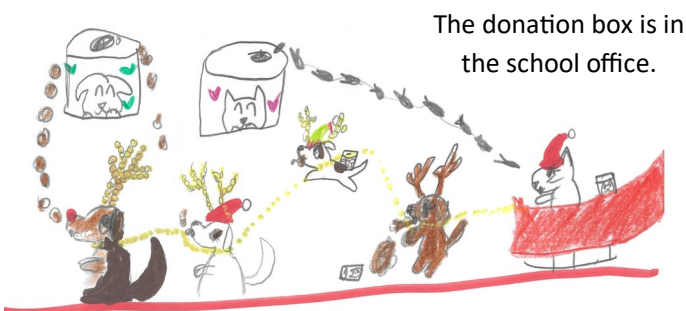
Think festive treats and gifts for teenagers (body spray, nail polish, hair accessories, colouring books, etc.). These should be unwrapped. This is the age group that often gets overlooked and they really struggle with gifts for them.

There is a donation box in the school office until Wed 17 Dec.

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

And let's not forget our furry friends at Christmas!

Mackenzie and Mala from Class 2 are also collecting canned pet food, to be delivered to a local animal shelter.



TE AO MĀORI

Ngā mihi mahana o Tamanuiterā ki a koutou katoa, e te whānau!

Wednesday afternoon Te Reo Māori Club in the whare pukapuka

Would you like to be learning te reo Māori alongside your tamariki?

Next year we are hoping to offer an after-school study club on Wednesdays 3.00-4.30pm in the library

for high school students who are studying te reo Māori through Te Kura Correspondence School. We will have kai, a schedule of occasional speakers, Zoom support from a number of reo experts and kapa haka specialists, and a safe, inclusive space for ākonga to set goals and learn together.

There is possibly an opportunity **for adults** to also study through Te Kura. If you would like to study alongside your tamariki, and join the Wednesday study rōpū, please send your expressions of interest to kurar@michaelpark.school.nz.

Rerenga kōrero o te wā

Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koe
Greetings of the season to you (1 person)

Ā koe hoki!
And to you too!

Whakataukī o te Wiki:

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tāngata.
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday, filled with all the good things; whānau, kai, sunshine and adventures.

Kia haumarū ngā hararei!
Nā
Kura Rutherford - Kaitiaki pukapuka



RSST end-of-year update

Tēnā tātou katoa,

This year has been a busy year for the RSST. Our programme of parent education continued in the second half of the year, culminating in some record-breaking attendance for Luis Bernal's final workshops for the school. Our new outdoor classroom teacher, Kirsten Anderson, is also keen to support our parent education offerings next year. Our trustees have continued their own development by attending the International Campus Waldorf lectures, which we also encourage the community to explore.

During the year, we have worked with the college of teachers to put in place exciting new special character learning and development for our school. This begins in 2026 with a visit from Jon McAlice, a highly experienced and respected Waldorf Researcher and Educator from The Nature Institute in New York. Jon will spend time observing and holding discussions with our teachers, leading workshops for the whole school faculty and providing recommendations. Jon will also give an evening talk to the community.

The Kindergarten has continued to strengthen under the leadership of Stacey McManus. We are thrilled with the success of initiatives that the Kindergarten has put in place, such as the new playgroup, holiday opening, eurythmy and art therapy sessions. An incredible amount of work has taken place this year on enrolment, and the Kindergarten moves into 2026 in its strongest position for years. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Stacey and the whole kindergarten team for their commitment to our philosophy, to our community and to their daily practice as Kindergarten Kaiako and staff. .

Our marketing has continued this year with a push out to the wider community and deepening connections within our school. We would like to give special thanks to Dana for her beautiful social media work this year, which has provided greater insight into our classrooms, sharing our philosophy and how it is experienced by students. We are pleased to let you know that short social media views have increased by more than 400%, longer views by 100% and open day attendance has more than doubled this year. The RSST also worked with senior leadership to refresh the high school evening with alumni stories and full teacher attendance. We have heard a lot of positive feedback about this evening and will continue to support the ongoing development of these key events. In addition, the RSST and Helping Hands have developed an alumni database with the current Class 12 invited to keep in touch with the school and share reflections on their school journey. This will widen and deepen as connections are reestablished with past Michael Park families.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that in 2026, we will be establishing a new student leadership role on the RSST. One student from class 11 or 12 will have the opportunity to work alongside trustees, gaining experience on some of our key projects with a full voting role on the trust.

At the end of the year, they will receive a reference to support their future work, study or scholarship applications. Details of how to apply will be shared in the new year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful summer break and look forward to continuing our work afresh in the new year.

Meri Kirihimete
Ngā manaakitanga
The Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust



Please feel free to contact the RSST or the trustees directly to share your thoughts or comments.

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Food for thought from the RSST

The 100 Years Rudolf Steiner Conference is being hosted by Harvard University's Program for the Evolution of Spirituality next week.

The conference goal is to offer new perspectives on Steiner and critical approaches to his legacy, which has been extremely fruitful in multiple fields, from education and organic farming to modern art and architecture. By bringing together a diverse range of scholars and researchers, they hope to shed new light on this legacy and provide a forum to explore complex issues.

A choice of sessions is being held from 5am until around 2pm NZ time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week and online registration is free. All of the details, speakers, schedule and registration can be found here:

<https://pes.hds.harvard.edu/steinerconference>

Students from classes 7 to 10 spent the last week of school fully engaged in the workshop of their choice during Craft Week, which included knife making, fine metal jewellery, stage makeup and SFX art, cooking, ceramics, book binding, stained glass, resin casting and wool spinning.

We hope our students have enjoyed themselves and we are proud to facilitate this space of growth in a vibrant, social environment for them. The simple act of transforming matter with dedication and devotion engages not only the will, but our inner emotions and our higher thinking capacities. It is the maker that is transformed in the process.

RAFT WEEK





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

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

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 eurythmists 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



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

- We are **seeking a cat-friendly house-sitter** for our lovely home in Stonefields with a great view of Mt Wellington. Dates are 11th -26th January 2026. Please phone Kathryn 0275663321
- An ex student of MPS has his family **home available for rent** in Mt Wellington (just off the Ellerslie Panmure Highway). House is detached 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 3 off street parks and plenty of outdoor space. Rent is \$695/wk. To see photos and enquire, [please visit this link](#).
- **Seeking house-sitter / cat-sitter** for +-10 days (or part thereof) in Feb 2026. Dates TBC, likely around 14 - 28 Feb. Our cat is very friendly, loves company and loves to chat. Lovely family home in a quiet cul-de-sac in Hillcrest, North Shore (it's closer than you think!) Possibly open to the use of our electric car as well, to be discussed. Tui and piwakaka in our mini native totara forest, and ruru at night. Contact Lari (MPS parent) 0224654800.
- **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.
- **Looking for a flatmate** to join our home over the holidays in Mt Wellington - Available immediately until Early Feb (flexible). We do have a few animals (chickens, cat and dog) so you must be ok with them around. Our home is our little haven, large garden filled with fruit trees from apple to avocado, gooseberries, lemon and so much more all overlooking the estuary. 021 02401291 Nad to know more.
- **Furnished 2-bedroom upstairs unit available for rent** in a two-level house from now until the end of January. Short-term stays (by the day or week) are welcome. Located just a 5-minute drive from the school. For inquiries, please contact Kinga at kinga0112@gmail.com or 021 039 5434.
- **Steiner School Art Curriculum Adult Learning Online** (Zoom). 2 year course starting Jan/Feb 2026. Hands on Art, working with the colours through wet-on-wet painting, Goethes Colour Theory in depth, form drawing and much more. I'd love to hear if you're interested - message Margaret-Mary Farr on 027 2484193 or email manawastudio@gmail.com
- 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.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 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.