



COMING EVENTS

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High School Information
Evening 6pm, followed by
Parent Meetings for C8-12

Tuesday 24 February

ID / Portrait / Class Photos

Wednesday 25 February

Friday 27 February Crazy Hair Day

Friday 27 February Class 2 Lunch Bar

Tuesday 3 March Class 7 Parent Meeting

4-6 March Class 5 Camp

Friday 6 March Class 4 Lunch Bar

Friday 6 March Kindy Community Picnic

Gong Xi Fa Cai - Wishing you and your whānau a prosperous Year of the Horse.

As we begin this new season together, we take a moment to acknowledge the celebration of Chinese New Year, a time that symbolises renewal, hope, and fresh beginnings for many in our community. The Year of the Horse represents energy, perseverance, strength, and a forward-moving spirit - qualities that inspire us to approach the year ahead with determination, courage, and optimism as we continue our shared journey of learning and growth in our kura.



On Wednesday we welcomed many interested whānau to our Open Day. A special acknowledgement goes to our Class 10 students, who carried one of the most important roles of the day by guiding our manuhiri around the school with warmth and pride. I was very grateful and proud for the way they represented our kura and community.

This week we also held our Kindergarten meeting and further Lower School class meetings, that provided valuable opportunities for connection and shared planning for the term ahead.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be hosting a short High School Information Evening in the auditorium for Class 8 parents and whānau who are new to the high school. This will begin at 6:00pm and run for approximately 45 minutes, followed by our High School Parent Class meetings which will begin at 7:00pm. While the information evening is primarily intended for families preparing to join the High School,

everyone is warmly welcome to attend, meet our teachers, and learn more about our programme.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki

ID / PORTRAIT / SIBLING / CLASS PHOTOS

All classes 1 to 12 will have their **Portrait / ID photos** as well as **Class Photos** taken on **Wednesday 25th February** at 8.30am in the gym. Please ensure that students arrive to school on time, wearing the correct dress code, as photography will start first thing in the morning.

If you would like sibling photos, please complete this form:

[Michael-Park-School-PHOTO LIFE-Sibling-Request-Form](#)

PhotoLife will not accept a form filled out but not signed by the parent, so please remember to sign. Please return this to Brenda by **Tuesday 24/2/26**. This includes parents attending at 8.30 AM for the **Sibling Kindy/School photos** - we still need the form completed and returned. This is essential for us to know our numbers and organise our schedule/timing for photos.

No Sibling Photos can happen without the form being completed and signed by the parent, and returned to Brenda by Tuesday 24/2/26

- First session at 8.30am are for **Kindergarten/Sibling photos**. The parent/caregiver will bring their kindergarten child and school child to the Gym. Once completed, the parent/caregiver would then need to take their child to kindergarten to drop off. Reception would need a list of the school children attending with their kindy sibling so we can update teachers and our roll.

All other students who are not doing a sibling/kindy photo are required to go to their classrooms for 8.30am start and roll call.

- Second session will be our school-only sibling photos. These students will be collected from class by runners.
- Third session is all ID/Portrait Photos for Class 1 - Class 12.
- Fourth session is our School Class Photos.

Any questions please email me.

Sibling photo request forms can be dropped into reception or emailed to me brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

ID Cards

School ID cards will be issued for students in Classes 7-12. These are used for photocopying and printing at school and also as ID for public transport discounts. The ID photo charge of \$10 will be added to your account.

If a card is lost and a reissue required, the cost is \$10 which is payable to the office before replacements are ordered.

Any queries please contact Brenda at reception.

brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

Handwork News

I had an idea last year. This involved creating another space for spinning classes and permanently installing the sewing machines in the Handwork room.

During the holidays, Mr Farley and I worked many hours so that this vision would come to light. The students and I are getting used to these new arrangements and working through some of the small challenges that are arising. Additionally, we will have a heat pump installed during the holidays, which is wonderful!

Overall, we are thoroughly enjoying the new setup, and our imaginative minds and busy hands are creating items and projects to marvel at and to improve our workspace.

Special thanks to Mr Pemerika, Mr Farley, the Property Group, Caroline (for the extra storage space in her office), Fleur (for her help moving things), the RSST, and the Board for their support and for making things better for our students and staff in our wonderful school.

Michelle Mullany
Handwork Teacher



GOT YOUR HAT?

Remember, sunhats are required during terms 1 & 4 for break, lunch and outdoor lessons.



TE AO MĀORI

Kupu whakarite o te wiki

He peka titoki, e kore e whati
A titoki branch will not break

This kupu whakarite compares the tough wood of the titoki tree to a rangatira, iwi or hapū who would not surrender to adversity.

Kei te mōhio koe...? Did you know...?

Did you know that Onehunga High School and Selwyn College both have te reo Māori night classes?

Here is a link to the Onehunga High School courses:
<https://adultlearn.co.nz/courses.php>

Here is a link to the Selwyn College courses:
<https://www.selwyncomed.school.nz/courses/cat-196-te-reo-maori/>

CRAZY Feb 27th
FRIDAY
HAIR DAY!

Come to school with a crazy hair-do and a gold coin donation for Michael Park School!

Or get a hairstyle done under the rotunda for a gold coin!

CLASS 2 LUNCH BAR



Hot Dogs from \$4

Combo \$6
(Hot dog + baking or Juicie)




Combo \$8
(Hot dog + baking + Juicie)

FRIDAY 27th February

RSST

Seeking New Members

If you are passionate about Waldorf Steiner education, here is an opportunity to be part of defining our school's future.

The Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust is one of the governing bodies of the school in partnership with the Board of Trustees and College of Teachers.

We are seeking members to join us and step into roles in 2025/2026.

Our main objectives are to establish, raise and provide the means and management for kindergarten and schooling according to the methods advocated by Rudolf Steiner.

The following fields of interest/experience would be beneficial:

- Waldorf Steiner
- Parent Education
- Fundraising
- Property Maintenance
- Governance

To be eligible to apply, you:

- Are committed to Steiner education and Michael Park School.
- Have sufficient time and expertise to fulfil your role fully.
- Are a critical thinker who can contribute to robust conversations.
- Ability to access email and dropbox.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Can attend:

- Approximately 10-12 meetings per year.
- Significant school events.

If you are interested in joining or learning more email us at rsst@michaelpark.school.nz



MANY THANKS FROM THE RSST

SNAPDRAGON

- A PLACE WHERE MAGIC LIVES

A LITTLE ARTS AND CRAFTS STORE WITH A BIG HEART
CREATED AND RUN BY
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL PARENTS AND WHANAU

SHOP BEAUTIFUL UNIQUE CRAFTS INSPIRED
BY NATURE AND A WALDORF STEINER
EDUCATION

OPEN FRIDAYS
8:15-9:30AM
& 2-3PM

55 AMY STREET ELLERSLIE
ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE JUST
AFTER YOU ENTER MICHAEL PARK
SCHOOL










SNAPDRAGONMPS@GMAIL.COM
WWW.MICHAELPARK.SCHOOL.NZ

SCAMPS

Supervised Care After Michael Park School

Notice: 2026 requirements

We are currently looking at some changes this year.

To assist us with planning for the continuation of Scamps, we'd like to understand the level of need within the school, and we'd also appreciate your input on what you'd want the service to provide.

If Scamps is a potential requirement for your family this year, or if you have suggestions, then please email me and let me know.

Many thanks.

Email brian@clevernz.com

School fundraising initiative Champions required!

Have you ever thought about crossing 'run-a-marathon' off your bucket list?

Well, 2026 is the perfect time to make that dream a reality while also raising funds for our school!

We're rallying a group of enthusiastic parents and teachers to take part in this year's iconic Auckland Marathon on November 1st.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, everyone is welcome!

If you might be up for the challenge of completing 42.2 kilometres, shoot me an email by February 26th to find out more, and let's get started!

Brian McDonnell (Class 3 parent) email: brian@clevernz.com



Art Therapy sessions Fridays at Ellerslie

Anthroposophical Art Therapist Tracey Murphy is offering individual art therapy sessions at Rudolf Steiner House on Friday afternoons. A quiet and private setting for one on one artistic process to unfold gently.

Experienced in facilitating children, adults and groups through artistic processes toward improved health, resilience, balance, and in support of the next steps on life's journey.



*Individual sessions available to book now
Rudolf Steiner House, Michaels Ave, Ellerslie.*

*For enquiries or to book a session please contact Tracey
[@carbonmirrorsarttherapy@gmail.com](mailto:carbonmirrorsarttherapy@gmail.com)
or phone - 021 023 31888*

The Dhal Wala

The Dhal Wala serves delicious homemade lunches for \$5 a bowl. Curries, hakka noodles, nachos, chai, juicies and snacks.

Offering vegan, gluten & dairy free, & 100% fabulously made!



For a bowl of yummy every day, please visit
the **Dhal Wala website**

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- We're a MPS family **looking for a long-term rental**, ideally walking distance from school, 3 bedrooms. Please feel free to contact me. Nicole 0224085974. Thanks so much.
- **Graphic calculator for sale** by MPS graduate. Casio fx-9750GII, comes with user guide - \$80. Great condition, only used for Year 12/13. Aria Berghan 022 382 1644
- Two happy MPS High School teens are wanting to live closer to the school and their friends, so our whanau is **seeking a 2-3 bedroom home available for rent**, ideally within walking distance. We currently travel from Hunua daily and it is just not sustainable. We are open to options, including furnished or unfurnished or even 3-4 nights mid week, if anyone has an AirBnB style property, as we plan to go home on the weekends. Please contact Natasha on natasha.sabatier@hotmail.com or 021 400 497.
- **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.
- MPS parent **searching for a desk to work at during school hours** (just while my daughter is at school, not weekends, evenings or holidays). Ideally within walking distance of school. I only need a small table and chair with internet access! Happy to koha \$ as suits you. If you have a small space available, please contact: shaylauder@gmail.com

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.