



COMING EVENTS

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9-10 March	Class 10 Camp
Wednesday 11 March	Jon McAlice Presentation 6pm
Thursday 12 March	ID Catchup Photos
Friday 13 March	Class 6 Lunch Bar
Monday 16 March	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Wednesday 18 March	Open Day
Thursday 19 March	Rik ten Cate & Friedwart Sketches Exhibition, 7pm Eurythmy Room
Friday 20 March	Harvest Festival
Friday 20 March	Class 1 Lunch Bar
Saturday 21 March	Rik ten Cate & Friedwart Sketches Exhibition, 10am-4pm, Eurythmy Room

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a wonderful week it has been as we welcome the coming of autumn. The sun has certainly been shining, though there is a noticeable chill in the air, a gentle reminder that the seasons are turning. There is something special about this time of year, crisp mornings, warm afternoons, and a renewed sense of focus across the school.



We have now passed the midway point of Term 1, which is remarkable given how much has already taken place. It has been a full and productive start to the year, with rich learning experiences, events, and opportunities across all levels of the school. Thank you to our students and staff for the energy they continue to bring each day.

A very warm welcome back to Class 5, who have been away at camp this week. Camp is always a significant milestone in the year, building resilience, independence, and strong class bonds.

Next week we are privileged to host **Jon McAlice**, who will be offering a parent talk on Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. Jon brings a wealth of experience from his work within the pedagogical section at the **Goetheanum**, the heart of Steiner education internationally. This will be a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of Steiner pedagogy

and the intentions that underpin our work with young people. I warmly encourage all parents to attend what promises to be an insightful and enriching evening.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our kura. As we move into the second half of the term, may we continue to work together to provide steady rhythms, meaningful experiences, and a strong sense of community for our akonga.

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond

JON McALICE PRESENTATION

Wednesday 11 March, 6pm, Auditorium



We are delighted to welcome **Jon McAlice** to New Zealand, where he will be working with our high school teachers for two weeks to support professional growth and deepen our shared understanding of meaningful education. Jon is a highly respected educator, consultant, and senior researcher with decades of experience in Waldorf education and teacher development. He has taught internationally, coordinated curriculum and research projects, and is co-founder of the **Center for Contextual Studies**, where his work focuses on how learning becomes rich, purposeful, and deeply connected to lived experience.

We are especially pleased to invite our community to Jon's parent presentation on **Wednesday 11 March in the Auditorium**, where he will share insights into supportive learning environments, the role of curiosity and meaning-making in education, and how parents and teachers can partner to nurture confident, creative young people.

OPEN DAY 18 MARCH



ATHLETICS DAY

Jacaranda Maple Kowhai Magnolia

The school Athletics day is on the horizon. Held at the Pakuranga Athletics Club on 27th of March, this is always a highlight of Term 1 for classes 5-12.

As always, parents are welcome to come and support. If any parents would like to help out on the day by running events or swapping in for an hour to give staff a break, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ciaran directly if this is something you would like to do ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz.

All parents will receive an email next week with more detailed information about the event.

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO

We keep a record of students who cannot be photographed or filmed for the Friday Flyer, website, social media or school marketing material (i.e., open day flyers).

Please complete the consent form, even if you've done so in the past, to ensure we have the most up-to-date consent.

We have updated the consent form with a more differentiated approach, as some families are ok with photos being published in certain places, but not others.

The photo consent form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/nUDVha1JVnFRUVFw7>



If you have a query about the use of photos or want to check the status of your child's photo consent, please contact Dana in the school office danam@michaelpark.school.nz.

LIBRARY NEWS

A reminder that all books issued over summer are now due back. Overdue notices will be sent out next week.

High school students are currently being issued with textbooks for some of their lessons – a reminder that these are due back by the end of the year, and if not returned by graduation day, students will need to be charged for these. These books are quite pricey to replace, so whānau please help your students keep track of these.

Ngā mihi nui
Kura

Class 6 LUNCH BARRR!

Friday! 13!
March!

Lunch &
morning
tea!



TE AO MĀORI

Kupu whakarite o te wiki

He manu tute i te pae

A pushy bird on a perch - a person who pushes or nudges others with encouragement.

Example in a sentence:

Ko Maioha te manu tute i te pai i te hui – Maioha was encouraging everyone along at the meeting.

Out and about in Tāmaki Makaurau

Pop it in your diaries, whānau, Polyfest and the Pasifika Festival is nearly here.

Pasifika is 14 and 15 March, and Polyfest is 18 March to 2 April, 2026.

Two of the most vibrant and fun events of the year in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Main Lessons

CLASS 10 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

For our Organic Chemistry Main Lesson, Class 10 spent the past three weeks learning about carbon and its compounds. We made models of the compounds in class so that we could visualise the monomers, polymers and understand things like double bonds.

One of the best parts of the Main Lesson was roasting marshmallows over fires we lit in the outdoor classroom to learn about combustion. We did this by burning organic materials like sticks and leaves until our fire was hot enough to roast our marshmallows. It was exciting to connect what we had learned in class to a real life scenario.



Another experiment we really enjoyed was making slime using glue and borax. This helped us to understand how the connections between monomers to form polymers worked in a hands-on way.



We also talked about the acidification of the ocean and proved how water becomes acidic when we blow our breath into it as an experiment in class.

This Main Lesson was greatly enjoyed by Class 10, and we are very grateful to Mrs Valyashko for the interesting and memorable experiences.

- by Molly, Class 10



CLASS 6 ROMAN EMPIRE

Class 6's Roman Empire Main Lesson culminated in battle, complete with cardboard armour!



Thank you to all who ate Yummy apples and collected the stickers at the end of last year. We totalled well over 4000 points and got some great new sports equipment which the children are enjoying using.





Rik ten Cate Geometric Form & The Friedwart Sketches Exhibition

Akiaki te ti o tangata
'To nurture the indescribable light in a person'

MARCH 2026

We are delighted to present a bronze double-pentagonal dodecahedron by Rik ten Cate, a geometric form inspired by Rudolf Steiner's Foundation Stone, originally laid in the ground of the first Goetheanum.

Alongside this, we will show a collection of Rudolf Steiner's Friedwart School Sketches. These sketches will be worked with in experimental painting workshops involving upper school students, staff, and the wider community, with the paintings from these workshops forming the exhibition.

The opening night will include a performance of '100 Years' - a choral accompanied piece by Dale Jones - bringing together art, music, speech, and community in a gesture of renewal.



Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School - Exhibition
12-14 March
Opening Times - 12 March, 7pm and Sat 14 March, 10-4pm
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland

Michael Park School - Exhibition
19-21 March
Opening Times - 19 March, 7pm and Sat 21 March, 10-4pm
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland

With gratitude for the generous support of Susie Gay, Stuart Lithgow, Michael Burton, Norbert Mulholland, the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Waldorf/Steiner Schools, and the Anthroposophical Society in Aotearoa NZ.

Donations Appreciated

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Rites of passage 5-day residential programmes** for youth aged 14-17. 'Tracks' for boys aged 14+ and their fathers, and 'Tides' for girls aged 14+ and their mothers. A 5-day experience of time outdoors, shared challenge, ceremony and mentorship, supporting young men and women to step forward with greater confidence, responsibility and self-belief in a changing world. tracks.net.nz
- **2 fully furnished bedrooms** available in a 3Bed house in Mt Wellington. Large garden with plenty of fruit trees and veggie patches, view over the estuary, off street carpark. Contact Ethan 021 656386
- **For Sale:** incredible lifestyle block [5.6 hectares] located 10 minutes from Hastings. Park-like lawn, many fruit trees, pond and flowforms. Open plan all-timber home, three large bedrooms. No painted walls or wallpaper inside this house! Even has 3-phase power. Pictures and more info: https://nwtp.biz/mere_road_sale/ Email: perry@spillerfamily.info

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



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