



COMING EVENTS

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- 30 March - 2 April Class 11 Camp
- 31 March - 2 April Class 4 Camp
- Tuesday 31 March Class 12 Play Performance
- Wednesday 1 April Class 12 Play Performance
- Thursday 2 April Snapdragon Easter Market
- Thursday 2 April Last day of Term 1
- Monday 20 April First Day of Term 2

Kia ora whānau,

It was a difficult decision yesterday to cancel our Athletics Day. We know how much our students had been looking forward to the event for weeks, and we share in their disappointment. Our sincere thanks and acknowledgement also go to Mr Overton, who invested a considerable amount of time and care into organising the day.



However, given the weather over the past two days, particularly yesterday, we are confident that the right call was made. Student safety and wellbeing must always come first, even when it means making tough decisions. Thank you to our community for your understanding and support.

As we move towards the end of term, I would really encourage everyone to come along and support our Class 12 play next week. There are only two performances, and it has been a long time since we have had a production that so warmly invites our whole community to attend. It promises to be a wonderful way to come together and celebrate the talents and efforts of our students, and to finish the term on a high note.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. With just four days to go, we look forward to a positive and connected close to the term.

Ngā mihi nui,

Desmond Pemerika,
Tumuaki

CLASS 12 PLAY 'BRAINSTORM'

Inside every adolescent brain, 86 billion neurons connect and collide to produce the most frustrating, chaotic, and exhilarating changes that happen to human bodies.

BRAINSTORM is a theatrical investigation into how teenagers' brains work and why they're designed by evolution to be the way they are. Created in collaboration with neuroscientists Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore and Dr. Kate Mills, this performance of BRAINSTORM has been devised by Class 12 from Michael Park School.

BRAINSTORM draws directly on their own personal experiences of being a teenager and is an interesting glimpse into why our rangatahi act the way they do.

This performance is recommended for classes 8 and up.

An amateur production of BRAINSTORM by special arrangement with Nick Hern Books and New Zealand Play Bureau Ltd.

<https://events.humanitix.com/brainstorm-class-12-play>



COACHES NEEDED

Currently, we are looking for coaches for a number of our High School teams. If you have experience in the following sports and have the capacity to help out, please contact Ciaran via email ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz. We will make practices work around you.

The teams are:

Senior Girls Netball – Games on Saturdays

Senior Girls Basketball – Games on Thursdays

Girls Football – Games on Wednesdays

Junior Boys Basketball (classes 8 and 9) – Games on Wednesdays

Badminton – Coach just needed for practice, wouldn't need to attend games.



PHOTOLIFE PHOTO ORDERING Class photos and individual portraits

Student photos are now live and ready to view and order. PhotoLife have emailed parents directly with their unique keycode for their child a the link to the ordering website.

Please note: the email from PhotoLife is normally sent to one parent only - the parent that is first on our Helix system.

As this is a new system, **please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders**, in case the message was filtered.

Free delivery applies to orders placed before **midnight on Sunday, 5 April 2026**.

Keycodes are being sent ahead of proofing to reduce delivery wait times. For parent enquiries: enquiries@photolife.co.nz

PARENT WOODWORK GROUP AT MPS

Would you like to join other MPS parents to do some woodworking in the well-equipped school woodwork room? We make wooden items to sell at the school fair, as well as work on other projects.

If you are interested in joining us, please email James Walden jameslwalden@gmail.com.

ERO SURVEY



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their child's school's assessment and reporting practices, as part of a national project. Here is the link to a 10-minute survey:

https://www.research.net/r/Assessment_Parent_Survey

The link gives information about the project and consent before the survey starts, and responses are completely anonymous. We've kept them short and simple – we know you're busy.

We are collecting responses until the end of the school term – Thursday 2 April.

Your contribution will ensure this mahi leads to **practical, evidence-based guidance and recommendations** that genuinely supports schools and ākonga across Aotearoa.

Interested in how our research is already being used? See our work on attendance [here](#). Completing this survey helps us continue producing resources like this for schools to use.

SNAPDRAGON EASTER MARKET

NEW DATE

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
8:30AM - 3:30PM

**BEAUTIFULLY HAND-CRAFTED GIFTS
& A RETURN OF OUR WONDERFUL
CARA TELLE CHOCOLATES**

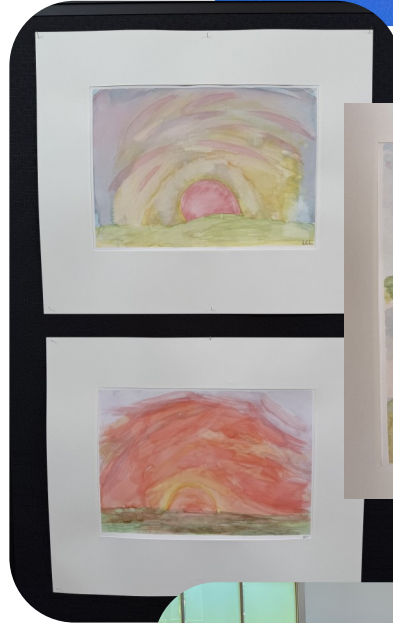
FIND US AT SNAPDRAGON &
THE MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL WHARE
LEFT-HAND SIDE AS YOU ENTER
THE SCHOOL FROM AMY STREET

Rik ten Cate Geometric Form and the Friedwart Sketches Exhibition

Last week we opened the exhibition of Dutch artist Rik ten Cate's replica of Rudolph Steiner's Foundation Stone in our glorious Eurythmy room. This bronze double-pentagonal dodecahedron sculpture is a copy of the original Steiner laid under the first Goetheanum, a special symbol of his heartfelt intentions. The piece was shown alongside a collection of Steiner's Friedwart Sketches impressively created by staff from Michael Park School. The Kindergarten and Lower School teachers and teacher aides painted the "sunrise and sunset" series while the High School worked on "trees in sunny weather" and "trees in stormy weather" series. These pieces emerged out of a workshop run at the start of the year by Steiner artist and art specialist teacher, Susie Gay.

The evening opened with an address by our principal Desmond Pamerika and waiata sung by present Michael Park School teachers and students. It was followed by a beautiful performance of "100 Years", a choral piece accompanied by Stuart Lithgow and Dale Jones and sung by a mixed choir of Anthroposophical Society members and staff from Titirangi and Michael Park schools. The music filled and held the room well. Afterwards Norbert Mulholland gave an insight talk on the foundation stone and Susie Gay shared the background behind the Friedwart Sketches. This whole event mirrored what had happened the week before at Titirangi School. It was meant as a gesture of renewal - the bringing of art, music, speech and community.

A huge thank you to Dianna Brinsden for initiating this project and bringing it to fruition.



Food for thought from the RSST

Harvest Festival Reflection

By Louise Davys, RSST member

I love this time of year. There is something especially magical about the colder, darker mornings and the crisp air, paired with sunny autumn days, that invites a slower pace and sends me into a deeply reflective state.

With the bustling energy of the warmer months behind us, we may find our awareness naturally shifting. The distractions and outward preoccupations of summertime begin to fade, and our focus now turns to our inner world as we head toward winter.

This is also the time of year when we are reminded of the abundance of Earth's gifts available to us during harvest season.

In Maori tradition, this time of year is associated with the Kumara harvest. Kumara that was planted in spring is now ready to be gathered and stored in preparation for the barren winter months.

Harvest Festival is a wonderful time to celebrate and be grateful for all we have, to recognise community spirit, and to share our gifts with those who may be less fortunate.

At the Michael Park School Harvest Festival last week, I witnessed the generosity of our community as we gathered around donated produce, ready to hand it over to the Sisters of Mercy for distribution. The students all sang harvest songs, and parents came together for a wonderful reminder to pause, reflect, and appreciate the village we are all part of during this special time of year.

Whilst we are physically gathering food and produce during Autumn, this season also serves as a metaphor for collecting our inner resources. Cultivating internal strength, courage, and resilience becomes more intentional, as does finding an inner light of hope to help us navigate the colder, darker months both mentally and emotionally.

The distraction of summer's busy season has now come to a close. As external activity diminishes, our inner world becomes more pronounced, offering an opportunity to reflect and draw upon our metaphorical 'light', to overcome the winter's darkness.

Please feel free to contact the RSST to share your thoughts or comments. rsst@michaelpark.school.nz



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

April Craft Holiday Programme

with Michelle Mullany

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April

9am-3pm \$90 per day

Thursday 16th April 9am-1.30pm \$70

Michael Park School
Handwork Room and Lunch Bar

For ages 5 ½ - 11 years

Limited spaces available

Book now to secure your space

michellemullany@gmail.com

022 127 6551

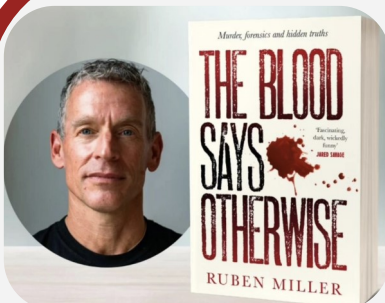
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **For Sale: 1/4A Elwood Place, which backs directly onto Michael Park Kindergarten.** 3-bed, 1-bath home. A fantastic opportunity for families looking to live close to school and kindy. Auction 14th April. rweptom.co.nz/properties/residential-for-sale/auckland-city/ellerslie-1051/house/3469332
- **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.
- During the April school holidays, Arise Chiropractic is running a children's posture screening fundraiser. Parents can bring their children in for a **\$15 postural and spinal check (usually \$110)**, and 100% of the proceeds go to Canteen. arisechiro.co.nz Marua Road, Dr Benson Huang 022 646 8810

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.



A Day in The Life of a Forensic Scientist

Please mark the date:
Wed 6th May, 6-7pm,
MPS Auditorium

**School fundraiser event for the Boys and Girls
basketball teams. Tickets \$10**

Ruben Miller has spent 23 years at the frontline of forensic work in Aotearoa, managing more than 160 homicide investigations as well as countless unusual, confronting, and at times absurd criminal cases.

In this talk, Ruben will offer unique insights into the life of a forensic expert working in New Zealand homes under the most difficult of circumstances, and reflect on how he has maintained a sense of humanity throughout that work. While the themes are mature in nature, his reflections also speak to a growing compassion for victims of crime, investigators, and perpetrators alike.

Ruben will also share why he chose Steiner Education for his children, and the role that this community played in supporting him through the often unseen demands of his work behind the scenes.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026 'PAIN AS A SEED IN THE GARDEN OF LOVE'

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea
11.30am 'MELCHIZEDEK, ABRAHAM AND THE MYSTERIES OF THE SUN'

HOLY MONDAY MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea
11.30am 'PAIN AS A SEED IN THE GARDEN OF LOVE'

GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea
11.30am 'PAIN AS A SEED IN THE GARDEN OF LOVE'
3.00pm SERVICE AT THE TIME OF CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea and cleaning our spiritual home in preparation for Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY

- 10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING
Followed by morning tea
11.30am **EASTER FESTIVAL**

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