



COMING EVENTS

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- Monday 20 April** First Day of Term 2
- Monday 27 April** ANZAC Day observed
- Tuesday 28 April** High School Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday 28 April** Class 3 Parent Meeting 7pm
Class 5 Parent Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday 29 April** Helping Hands Parent Group Meeting 6.30pm in Staff Room
- Thursday 30 April** Class 1 Parent Meeting 7pm
Class 2 Parent Meeting 6.30pm
Class 6 Parent Meeting 7pm
- Friday 1 May** Class 6 Lunch Bar

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we come to the final pānui for the term, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you all for your ongoing support. It has been truly appreciated and makes a real difference to the life of our school.



A warm welcome back to Class 4, who returned earlier today from their class camp, and to Class 11, who have also arrived back from their time in Waitangi as part of their main lesson learning. We look forward to hearing more about their experiences in the days ahead.

Congratulations to Class 12 for their wonderful play earlier this week. It was a captivating performance that had everyone thoroughly engaged and entertained—an outstanding effort by all involved.

As we move towards Easter, I would like to wish you all a safe, restful, and happy break. Thank you again for a positive and enriching term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in a couple of weeks, refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,
See you next term.

Desmond Pemerika,
Tumuaki

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday 28 April 2026: 10.00am – 6.00pm

The High School will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday 28 April**, from **10.00am to 6.00pm**. This is a valuable opportunity to have meaningful conversations about your child's progress and to discuss next steps in their learning journey.

Please note that the High School will be closed for regular classes on this day to allow time for these meetings.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

A joyful rhythm to your week!

Mondays | 7:00-8:00pm

School Auditorium | Term Time

Come sing with Ms. Abi!

A joyful, uplifting space to breathe, connect, and sing together!

Open to parents, staff, alumni, and our wider community!

The more the merrier!

No singing experience needed — just bring your voice!!

Music with Abi Ortiz

Waldorf-Inspired Music Education

Singing • Choir • Basic Piano • Teacher Mentoring • Workshops

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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.

CLASS 2 INGENUITY

Inspired by their love of soccer, a group of Class 2 boys decided their games needed a proper goal. With imagination and determination, they gathered bamboo poles and set about constructing one themselves. They took great pride in their handiwork, and the project is already growing - plans are underway to add a net! What a joy to see such creativity, cooperation, and practical endeavour unfolding in Class 2.



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



CONGRATULATIONS GEORGIA

Congratulations to Georgia Newton, class 10 student, who competed for a national title at the Bates New Zealand Dressage Championships held in Taupo earlier this month. Georgia came second overall in her class and was awarded Elementary Pony Reserve Champion! Well done, Georgia!

TE AO MĀORI

Upcoming Speakers

Our Te Reo Club is delighted to announce two amazing speakers coming to our kura in Term 2.

Both speakers will share their own journeys with te reo Māori and share tips and ideas for language learning. These events will be held in the school library and will be open to our whole community. We encourage you to come along, wherever you are on your reo Māori journey.

The first speaker is **Stacey Morrison** -- television personality and radio host, author and champion of te reo Māori. Stacey is hugely inspiring and highly sought-after for speaking engagements, so it is a real privilege she is taking this time to visit us.

29 April at 3.30pm in the Michael Park School library. Stacey will have her books for sale at this event too, Koha welcome.

The second speaker will be **Hēmi Kelly** – author of Everyday Māori and host of the Everyday Māori podcast, tertiary te reo teacher, and translator. Like Stacey, Hemi is one of our country's most prominent and inspiring te reo Māori advocates, and we are very lucky that he has found time to come and talk at our kura.

1 July at 3.30pm in the Michael Park School library. More details to come.

Te Reo Club:

Every Wednesday 3.30-5pm during term time in the school library – this is a space for students and learners of te reo Māori to meet to work on their te reo studies in a supportive environment.



CLASS 12 PLAY
'BRAINSTORM'



Main Lessons

CLASS 11 TE TIRITI

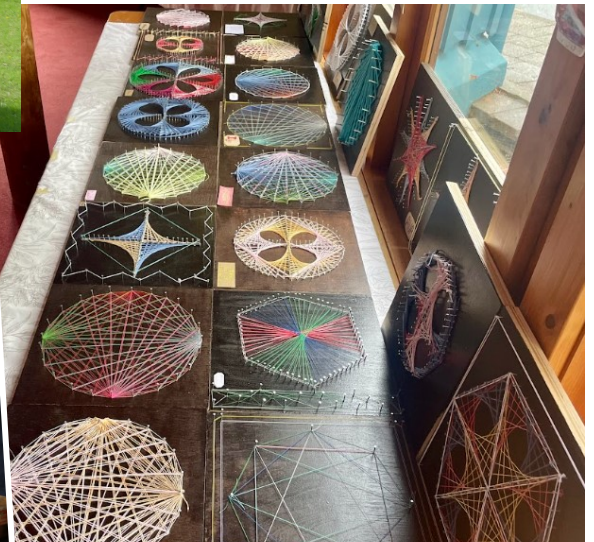
Over the past three weeks, Class 11 have been engaged in a Main Lesson exploring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Students examined the historical events leading up to the signing, as well as the grievances between the Crown and Māori during that time. They also considered how perspectives and levels of support have shifted since the turn of the century, with a growing understanding and integration of Te Tiriti principles in contemporary practice. As part of this learning, the class travelled north to visit key historical sites, including Kororāreka, the flagpole site, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, and Ruapekapeka Pā.

Alongside this rich historical learning, students also experienced some of what the north has to offer, including sailing on the R. Tucker Thompson, visiting the Ngawha Springs, and exploring local landmarks such as Haruru Falls, Rainbow Falls, and the Stone Store. This was a significant and meaningful experience, allowing students to deepen their understanding of our founding document by connecting their learning directly to a place.



CLASS 6 ROMAN EMPIRE & GEOMETRY

Clay amphora and geometry string art works that Class 6 have been working on in Term 1.



Enjoy a creative day of play with Susannah.

For 5 and 6-year old children.

On Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th April

**We welcome children in at 8.30am.
Our day will finish at 3.00pm.**

We will be using STEINER HOUSE with its lovely garden at 104 Michaels Ave for our special time together.

And we will be singing, dancing, storytelling, crafting and having a wonderfully creative experience together.

\$90 per day or \$160 for children attending 2 days.



To book email SUSANNAH at susannahm@michaelpark.school.nz OR phone 0210412082

The Dhal Wala Holiday Programme

The dhal wala & Amanda Lawrence offer a two day holiday program!!

Music, cooking, kapa haka and art activities are on offer on Wednesday 8th of April & Thursday 9th of April from 9am to 3pm.



If you're interested please email amandal@michaelpark.school.nz

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



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!

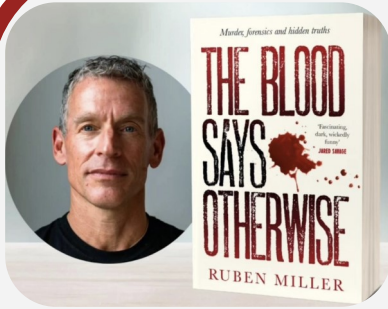
We're rallying a group of enthusiastic MPS parents to take part in this year's iconic Auckland Marathon on November 1st.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, everyone is welcome! If you're up for the challenge of completing 42.2 kilometers, shoot me an email, and let's get started!

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

**7 champions signed up already, but we want a few more...maybe a teacher?
Read above and get in touch!**





A Day in The Life of a Forensic Scientist

Please mark the date:
Wed 6th May, 7-8pm,
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.

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.

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RSST PRESENTS...

MPS PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 9th MAY 2026

WORKSHOP ONE: Needle Felting

9.00 - 12.30

Come and learn the creative, fun craft of needle felting basics.
We will craft some Matariki stars and other nature table favourites.

WORKSHOP TWO: Crochet basics and beyond.

1.00 - 4.30

An afternoon improving your crochet techniques
or learning it for the first time.

Venue: Handwork Room, Michael Park School

Cost: \$20.00 per workshop*

RSVP: To register for our parent workshops, please email Haidee in the school office by 7th May:
haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

*Please note that your place is not confirmed until payment is received.