



COMING EVENTS

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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
Tuesday 5 May	Class 4 Parent Meeting 7pm Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm Rose Cottage & Kindy Meetings
Wednesday 6 May	Ruben Miller Presentation
Saturday 9 May	Handwork Parent Workshop

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we have already finished the first week of Term 2. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and see our school community reconnect after the break. There has been a lovely energy across the school as students settle back into routines and learning for the term ahead.



This week I have been on gate duty, which has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with our whānau at the beginning and end of each day. As the colder weather begins to arrive, it is a timely reminder to please be considerate of our neighbours by avoiding parking across or in front of driveways during pick-up times. During morning drop-off around the circle, a friendly reminder for us to move through as efficiently and safely as possible to help minimise congestion and queues. We greatly appreciate your support in helping make these busy times safe and respectful for everyone.

This weekend we acknowledge the significance of ANZAC Day — a time to pause and reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and service of the many young men and women who gave so much for our country. We also acknowledge those who served in later conflicts, as well as the men and women who continue to serve

around the world today. ANZAC Day is a time of remembrance and gratitude, recognising how fortunate we are to live in peace and to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful long weekend with family and friends.

He waka eke noa — We are all in this together.

GO THE BLUES

UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi nui,

Desmond Pemerika, Tumuaki



HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES — CLASSES 8-12

Tuesday 28 April 2026: 10.00am – 6.00pm

The High School will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday 28 April**, from **10am to 6pm**. 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.*

Booking interviews

This year we are using our Student Management System **Helix** for Parent Teacher Conference bookings. Bookings can be made through the **Helix caregiver portal** or app:

https://parent.helixsms.co.nz/Loginpage_caregiver.aspx

If there are issues with this please contact Andrew (High School Deputy Principal) @ AndrewJ@michaelpark.school.nz

UNKNOWN PAYMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Michael Park School has received a payment of \$1,000 from "L Pan." Unfortunately, we do not have a record of this name in our student database.

If this payment belongs to you, please contact Raewyn Farley at raewynw@michaelpark.school.nz or phone 09 525 8995.

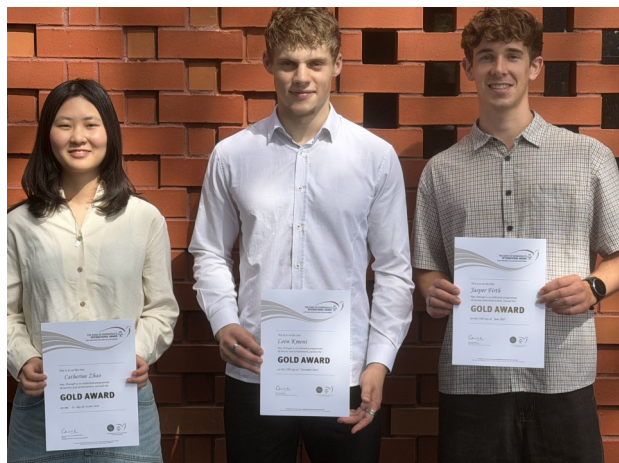
Thank you for your assistance.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to MPS alumni Leon, Jasper, and Catherine, who attended the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Ceremony on 28th March. We are so proud to celebrate the achievements of these outstanding former students.

The ceremony was a special occasion, made even more memorable with the awards presented by the daughter of Sir Edmund Hillary. With over 100 students receiving their Gold Awards, it was an impressive and inspiring event.

It is always wonderful to see MPS so warmly represented in the wider community.




TE AO MĀORI

Te Reo Club guest speaker

Stacey Morrison

Community welcome to come along

Television personality, radio host, author, and passionate advocate for te reo Māori. Stacey is an inspiring and highly sought-after speaker, and we are privileged to welcome her to our kura.

 **Wednesday 29 April, 3.30pm**

 **Michael Park School Library**

Stacey will have her books available for purchase. Koha welcome.

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.



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Food for thought from the RSST

Class Play Presentations – A philosophical perspective

Written by Louise Davys, RSST member.

At the end of last term, we had the pleasure of coming together as a community to see the Class 12 play. The bonds they have formed as a class over their many years together shone through, and were presented in an engaging, entertaining, and heartfelt production that was wonderful to watch.

In the Rudolf Steiner philosophy, class plays are an integral part of the curriculum. Plays are carefully chosen and sometimes adapted to suit the individual class, and this was clearly evident in Class 12's performance – "Brainstorm," which offered insight into what is happening in the teenage brain. It was a poignant reflection of where they are at developmentally, and a timely reminder for us as parents to remember what it was like to be their age, the challenges they face, and how the relationship between parents and teens can be strengthened through mutual understanding.

Here at Michael Park School, class plays are an important part of the high school curriculum and are performed in classes 8, 10 and 12.

Class play immersions give students the opportunity to become deeply engaged in a substantial arts project, and to experience meaningful moments of teamwork and collaboration. Through this experience, they learn to work cohesively together and navigate both the highs and lows of bringing a presentation to life.

Teachers and class parents alike witness the incredible transformation that occurs as students move through what can at times be a challenging, yet highly rewarding process. Steiner viewed class plays as an opportunity for students to develop confidence, resilience, and transform their way of being and seeing the world around them. Being able to acknowledge and share this together with the wider community is a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

While as a parent it is always special to watch your own child perform, I would also encourage you to come and support other

classes also. It offers a glimpse into what lies ahead for younger students, and provides an opportunity to come together as a school whanau, celebrating each other's achievements, and strengthening the bonds between parents, students and teachers that are at the heart of our community.

Class 12 was the first of 3 high school classes to present their play this year.

Upcoming High School play presentations are:

Class 10 - 1st & 2nd July

Class 8 - 25th & 26th August

We hope to see you there.

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



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

TRY SOMETHING NEW
IN TERM 2

PARENT-LED CRAFT GROUPS

WOODWORK

CONTACT JAMES FOR DAY AND TIME
jameslwalden@gmail.com

DOLL&CRAFT

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11:30AM
MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL HANDWORK ROOM
Contact : robbie.gaskin@gmail.com

CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2:PM - 4PM
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OCCASIONAL SATURDAY AFTERNOONS -
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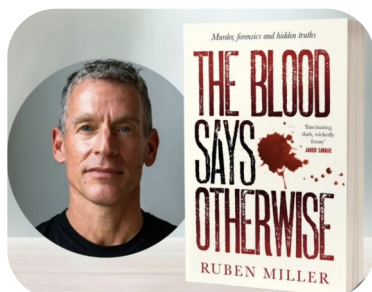
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A Day in The Life of a Forensic Scientist (mature themes)

Wed 6th May, 7-8pm,
MPS Auditorium

School fundraiser event for the Boys and Girls basketball
teams. Tickets \$10 adult, \$20 family

Refreshments available for purchase from 6.30-7pm

Book available for purchase \$40 that Ruben will sign afterwards

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.






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Friday 24th April

Start date

Friday 3rd July

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

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Term Fee

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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!

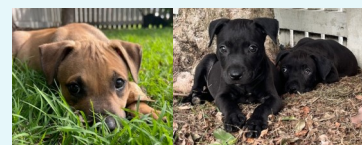


COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Free piano:** An old family piano is looking for a home. It's a Bechstein upright piano and free, but the person would need to pay for pickup from a Remuera address and then get it tuned, as some of the keys are sticky. Welcome to inspect or ask questions, contact Gretchen 021 0285 7030.

- **Happy & healthy rescue puppies** looking for furever homes with loving families
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- **For Sale: Blackboard** with wooden rim and whiteboard on the back, on a wooden stand. Dimensions of the blackboard itself : W 127 cm x H 96 cm. Depth of Stand 90 cm. Price \$70, to be picked up from Steiner House. Contact Anne on 0210653882.

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.

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.