



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 5 May	Class 4 Parent Meeting 7pm Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm Rose Cottage Parent Meeting Jacaranda & Kowhai Meetings
Wednesday 6 May	Ruben Miller Presentation
Saturday 9 May	Handwork Parent Workshop
Wednesday 13 May	Magnolia Parent Meeting
Thursday 14 May	Class 3 Parent Meeting
Friday 15 May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 15 May	Charity Team Lunch Bar

“Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu.”

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly.

This whakataukī reminds us that when we nurture, support, and equip one another with knowledge and encouragement, we create the opportunity for inspiration and growth.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to the first day of May. As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see our school community continuing to connect, support one another, and engage so positively in the life of our kura.



A heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and whānau who attended the parent/student conferences this week. It was wonderful to have so many families in the school throughout the day, sharing in conversations about learning, progress, and future goals. These partnerships between home and school are incredibly valuable and play an important role in supporting each student's educational journey.

This year, we have introduced a special opportunity on Wednesday afternoons, where students and their parents have been connecting after school for self-directed learning through Te Kura, focusing on learning te reo Māori together. This dedicated space has created a warm and supportive environment where learners can encourage one another while developing confidence in a new language.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Stacey Morrison into

the library to visit our students.

She spent time supporting learners and stopping by to say hello, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with someone passionate about te reo and Te Ao Māori and to further inspire their language-learning journey.

A special thank you goes to Whaea Kura and Melanie Bray for creating and supporting this opportunity for students and parents to learn together. Their commitment to fostering connection, culture, and shared learning is deeply appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend ahead.

GO THE BLUES

UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi nui,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki



UNIDENTIFIED PAYMENTS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Michael Park School (MPS) has received a payment of \$1,000 from “L Pan”. MPS has also received \$139 on 12th March from Transferwise. 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.

RSST DONATION RECEIPTS

Please be advised that the donation receipts for Special Character Donations paid for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 will be posted out to you this week.

For any queries, please contact RSST Accounts Administrator, Haidee Thompson haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

CLAY, WHENUA, AND BELONGING

Yesterday in outdoor learning, Class 1 used uku (clay) smoothed onto wooden boards to create our own land. Tamariki shaped small landscapes - pressing, smoothing, and moulding the clay to form hills, paths, and gathering places.

The silky, sloppy terracotta clay held the marks of their fingers, showing the rhythm of movement and care. We used found natural materials - anga (shells), rau (leaves), rākau (sticks), seed pods, and bright putiputi (flowers) to make pools, pathways, homes, fireplaces, bridges, and towers!

Each board became a unique and personal "own place." Then tamariki put these together to form a shared environment with pathways, gardens, and parks. Tamariki worked with deep focus and concentration. This learning was about experiencing Belonging | Mana Whenua through relationship with place.



Wear pink & bring a gold coin donation

PINK SHIRT DAY!

15th of May

LUNCH BAR!

Bring money for baked goods!

Fundraiser for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand

KINDERGARTEN RELIEF ASSISTANTS

We are seeking a warm, reliable **Kindergarten Relieving Teaching Assistant** to join our team on a casual, as-needed basis during term time. You will support our teachers to provide a calm, safe and engaging learning environment for young children and contribute to the day-to-day rhythm of the kindergarten.

Hours: Relieving as required (typically within 8.30am–2.45pm Monday–Thursday and 8.30am–2.00pm Friday).

Duties include: supporting children's play and routines, assisting with learning activities, food preparation/cooking alongside children, supervising indoors/outdoors, and maintaining a clean and safe environment.

We're looking for someone who: has experience with children, communicates well, works positively in a team, and aligns with our kindergarten philosophy (interest in Steiner early childhood education is valued).

Requirements: eligibility to work in NZ; ability to meet Children's Act safety checking and police vetting requirements; physically able to meet the role

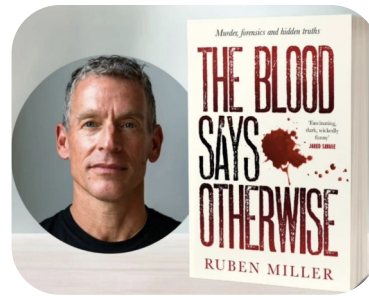
To apply: Please send your CV and a brief cover note outlining your availability to the Kindergarten Manager staceym@michaelpark.school.nz

Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

The Dhal Wala

The Dhal Wala will be open for business on Friday 8th May.

For a bowl of yummy every day, visit [the Dhal Wala website](#)



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.

TE AO MĀORI

On Wednesday afternoon, we were very lucky to have Stacey Morrison come and talk at our Te Reo Māori club, where she shared her experience of learning te reo Māori. It was inspiring for us all to hear how determined she was, as an adult learner. She spoke about learning in small, steady steps from beginner night classes initially, to get to the point she is now, as a celebrated te reo speaker, author and translator. She also spoke about how her husband, Scotty, also learnt as an adult, and is now the news presenter on Te Karere, as well as the author of the Māori Made Easy series, that has encouraged many others on their te reo journey.

Stacey's stories showed that language learning is both an act of determination, but also a case of meeting "just the right inspiring person (or situation) at the right time". Stacey's visit was that for us - a moment of inspiration and a reminder that with aumanga (determination) we can achieve great things. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Stacey kindly donated two beautiful books she has recently translated, *W is for Wahine Toa*, a pictorial alphabet book written in English by Qiane Matata-Sipu and *Te Whaea o te Motu*, the story of Whina Cooper's life, written in English by David Hill.

Ngā mihi nui a Stacey mō te tautoko i te kaupapa o Waiaatarua!

Kupu whakarite o te wiki:

He Karu Miromiro (or He Karu Hōmiromiro) – the sharp eye of a miromiro bird (tomtit)

Means someone who has an eye for detail in their work.

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Friday 24th April

Start date

Friday 3rd July

End date

Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Room

\$ 222

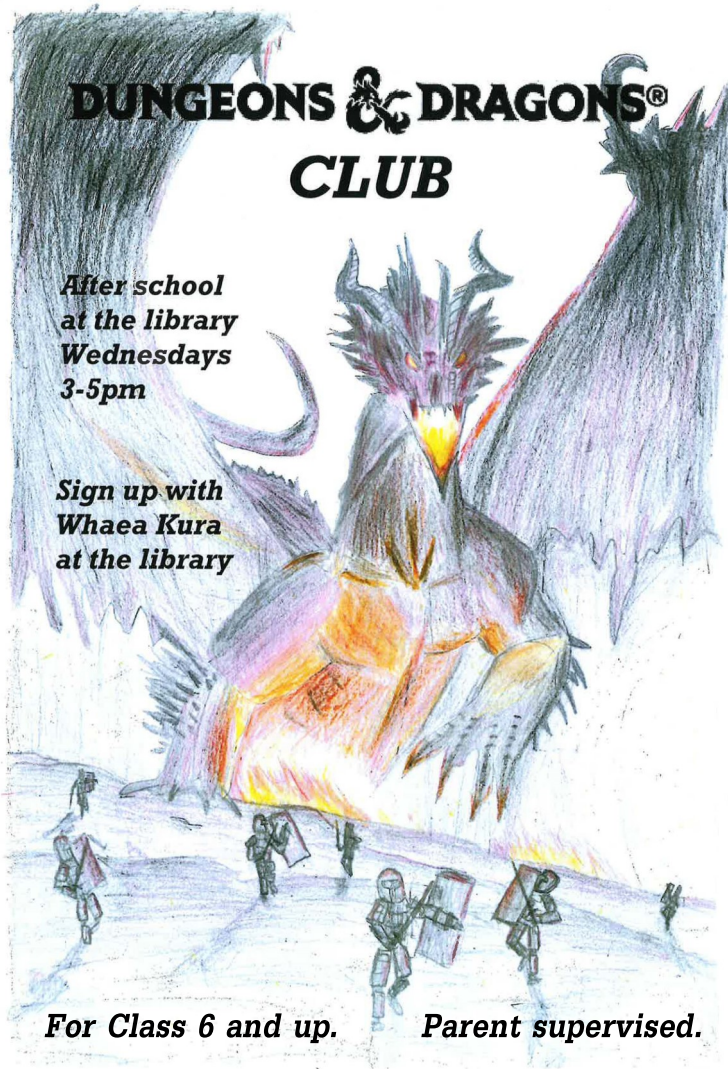
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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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- **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 021 028 5030
- **Happy & healthy rescue puppies** looking for furever homes with loving families
Phone Lee 021 894 682 🐾



- **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 021 065 3882.
- **For Rent in Ellerslie:** 2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, modern 3-level townhouse, available from June 8th. 200 meters from Ellerslie Train Station, 5 min from Michael Park School. Internal access garage and balcony. Fixed-term lease until February 7th, 2027. Optional "Turnkey" opportunity - we have fully furnished the home with all furniture. For a hassle-free move, we are offering the option to purchase the entire furniture set. For more info or to arrange a viewing, please contact Marcus Bezerra 027 494 7711.
- **Conscious Parenting:** Next date - Wednesday 06 May 7pm. A warm welcome to come along to this relaxed fortnightly evening chat that's a supportive space to connect, reflect & explore the transformative Conscious Parenting approach. One Tree Hill area. Facilitated by fellow MPS parent & certified CP coach Donna. raisingparents.nz. Email Donna for details raisingparetnsnz@gmail.com
- **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.
- **Arts for Peace national tour:** Film & theatre performance at Lopdell House in Titirangi. Both events are R-16. **FILM: "Field Punishment No. 1"**. May 2nd, 7:30-9pm. *The story of conscientious objectors (Archibald Baxter, Mark Briggs, Lawrence Kirwan and others) during WW1.* **THEATRE PERFORMANCE: "a GREAT rAW"**. May 3rd, 7:30-8:30. *Theatrical debate about greatness of war & peace. Inspired by Archibald Baxter, et al., using mask & music to weave the story.*

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.

KINDERGARTEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 24th May
9.00am - 12.00pm

We would love some helping hands for some jobs around our Kindergarten in the garden and outdoor play area.

If you have any of the following, please bring along:

- Any power tools
- Sanding equipment
- Your favorite paintbrush

Tamariki are, of course, welcome to come along. If you cannot help with any building/gardening work, you are most welcome to help with supervision of the children.

We hope to see you there!



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

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MPS PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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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.