



### COMING EVENTS

[Click here to view the full calendar online](#)

- 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**
- Monday 18 May**    **Board Meeting 6pm**
- Tuesday 19 May**    **RSST Meeting 6pm**
- Friday 22 May**    **Whitsun Festival**
- Saturday 24 May**    **Kindy Working Bee 9-12**

Kia ora e te whānau,

*He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai -*

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.



A highlight this week was the parent evening with Ruben Miller, who shared insights from his bestselling book, *The Blood Never Lies*. It was a fascinating, thought-provoking, and deeply human presentation.

Ruben spoke openly and honestly about his 22 years as one of New Zealand's leading forensic scientists, where he investigated more than 160 homicide cases across the country. While many people are naturally drawn to the science of forensic investigation and crime reconstruction, what stood out most during the evening was Ruben's honesty regarding the emotional and mental toll that this work had on him personally over many years.

Ruben explained that the purpose of his book is not simply to recount "unusual" or high-profile cases, but rather to encourage compassion, critical thinking, and deeper understanding regarding how we view crime, trauma, and the people tasked with responding to these situations. It was an evening that left me reflecting not only on the complexity of human experiences, but also on the importance of empathy, resilience, and care for one another.

I am sincerely grateful to Ruben for sharing his journey with such openness and authenticity, and to all of the parents and community members who attended, I am looking forward to reading his book.

Thank you whānau for your continued partnership and support of our kura. It is through these shared opportunities for learning, reflection, and connection that we continue to strengthen the wonderful community we are fortunate to be part of. Have a wonderful weekend.

GO THE BLUES, UP THE WAHS

Ngā mihi nui,

Desmond Pemerika, Tumuaki

### ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

We would like to extend an invitation to alumni to be part of our alumni questionnaire that will appear as a brand new feature of our school website which we have titled - He Kōrero mō Mātou "A Story About Us" MPS Alumni Reflections.

This project is all about reconnecting with past students and showing the many different paths MPS alumni take after school.

Or, if you would rather just provide us with your details for our alumni database so you can be updated on future school news and events instead of being featured on our website, we'd love that too.

Whichever option you choose, all personal contact details will be kept private and used only by Michael Park School.

This feature is designed to give prospective new students, as well as current students an idea of what they can expect as they journey through Michael Park School and what prospects they may look forward to after graduation.

You will find the link to fill out with an option for your preference here: [MPS Alumni Reflections](#)

***Please share this link with any MPS alumni you know!***



**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**

## SEASON STARTS WITH A WIN!

Senior girls football team won their opening game of the season. Winning 8-2 against Selwyn College.

Great game. Well done girls.



## 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](mailto:staceym@michaelpark.school.nz)

Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

**World Vision**<sup>®</sup>

## WORLD VISION YOUTH CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 5th May, representatives from the Charity Team attended this year's annual World Vision Youth Conference at The Trusts Arena. They were inspired by the talks of the youth ambassadors and met students from other regional schools who share their interest in charitable goodwill, kindness and care. Our team is ready with knowledge and passion to launch our 40-hour World Vision Challenge at Michael Park. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more...



# KINDERGARTEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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!

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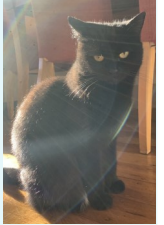
## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Music lessons at MPS with J.Y Lee.** Learn saxophone, flute or clarinet. The music department has instruments available for students to use. Contact J.Y here:

[www.nzmusicteachers.co.nz/j-y-lee](http://www.nzmusicteachers.co.nz/j-y-lee)

- **Seeking a new home for our beloved cat Stella,** as we're relocating overseas. 8 year old ragdoll/Norwegian forest mix. Sweet and friendly disposition, hasn't lived with other pets. 95% recovered from a recent injury. Independent and easy to care for. Welcome to come and meet her. Contact Grace 0210 278 6369.



- **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 forever 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.

- **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.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at [fridayflyer@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto: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.

# SNAPDRAGON

- A PLACE WHERE MAGIC LIVES

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## PARENT-LED CRAFT GROUPS

### WOODWORK

CONTACT JAMES FOR DAY AND TIME  
[jameslwalden@gmail.com](mailto:jameslwalden@gmail.com)

### DOLL&CRAFT

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

### CERAMICS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2-PM - 4PM  
CHILDREN WELCOME WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR ADULT  
OCCASSIONAL SATURDAY AFTERNOONS -  
Contact : [robbie.gaskin@gmail.com](mailto:robbie.gaskin@gmail.com)

CREATIIVITY ISN'T A GIFT YOU WAIT FOR -  
ITS A SPARK YOU LIGHT



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUNDAYS

We warmly invite you to join us for

10.00am THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN BEING

*If you need childcare so that you can attend the service  
please contact Cheryl (cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)*

11.30am FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TIME

with singing, story, creative activity and  
THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Followed by shared lunch. Please bring festive food to  
share...

Whitsun Family Festival  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

St John's Festival and Spiral  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Your donations support our continuing work throughout New Zealand.  
Thank you for your support.

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

## The Priesthood of All within the New Mysteries

Perspectives on Shakespeare

'The Tempest - A Sea Change Rich and Strange'

22 May - 24 May 2026

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May

6.00pm Dinner  
7.00pm Talk by Rod Green: Life and Times of Shakespeare  
8.00pm Close of Day Service

### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May

10.00am The Act of Consecration of the Human Being  
11.00am Morning tea  
11.30am Talk by Rod Green:  
'The Tempest - A Sea Change Rich and Strange'  
1.00pm Lunch  
2.45pm Eurythmy with Jonathan White  
3.30pm Afternoon tea  
4.00pm Talk by Rod Green: 'The Tempest' (Part 2)  
5.30pm Dinner  
6.30pm Gospel of St John Study (Chapter 10)  
with Matthias Seidel  
Followed by the Close of Day Service

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am The Act of Consecration of the Human Being  
(Please contact Cheryl if you would like childcare)  
11.00am Morning tea  
11.30am Whitsun Family Festival  
Followed by community shared lunch - please bring  
festive food to share!

ATTENDANCE IS BY REGISTRATION AND DONATION  
Suggested donation \$100 and \$200 for the weekend  
(this includes all meals and refreshments)

For further information and to register;  
Hartmut: [hartmutborries@mailbox.org](mailto:hartmutborries@mailbox.org) 021 259 8555  
Cheryl: [cheryl.n.p@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.n.p@gmail.com) 021 023 20932

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