



COMING EVENTS

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Saturday 23 May	Garden Working Bee 12-4pm
Sunday 24 May	Kindy Working Bee 9am-12pm
Tuesday 26 May	Sports & Team Photos
Friday 29 May	Class 2 Lunch Bar
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday
Friday 5 June	Charity Team Lunch Bar
Friday 5 June	2.10pm finish for High School
Friday 5 June	Mary Willow Talk 7pm

Finally, a big thank you to the families who have already contacted the school about donating blankets for students in neighbouring schools who are going cold at night, becoming unwell and missing school as a result. If you are reorganising your linen cupboard, replacing duvets or blankets, or have spare warm bedding in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive these. We will pass all donations on to the truancy team, who will ensure they reach families and young people in need.

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Johnstone
Deputy Principal

Good afternoon,

Today we came together as a school to celebrate the Whitsun Festival, a festival Rudolf Steiner saw as deeply significant. It carries the impulse of moving beyond separation and misunderstanding and towards greater understanding and connection.



Steiner spoke of Whitsun as offering a picture of the community of the future: one in which each person is able to move into fuller individual consciousness, while also developing a sense for universal brotherhood.

I would like to acknowledge the work that went into preparing for this festival and to thank our staff and students for making it such a memorable event. The care and thought shown throughout the festival was evident and it was lovely to see so many students making the effort to wear white and participate in the spirit of the festival.

Moments like this are an important part of who we are as a school. They help us pause, reflect and celebrate the connections that hold our community together.

I would also like to wish our Model United Nations team all the very best as they represent the perspective of Afghanistan at this weekend's conference. I am sure Ms Valyasko has you well prepared and we look forward to hearing about your experience and success in next weeks Flier!!!

There are also some fantastic parent education opportunities taking place here at school over the next month, with leading experts sharing current research and insights. Please keep an eye out for the fliers below and around the school for topics, dates, and times.



SPORTS & TEAM PHOTOS

On **Tuesday 26 May 2026, from 9.00 AM**, we will have sports and team photos across all classes.

If your child's team has a sports uniform, please make sure they have these in their bags for changing into before the photo.

If you are a parent who coaches a team and wish to be part of the team photo group, please contact Brenda on reception.

For any questions regarding above, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Organised by the Helping Hands Parent Group

All welcome for a general tidy up before our next open day.

If you would like to lend a hand, come for as little or as long as you're able... many hands make light work! Please bring gloves, spades, brooms, rakes.

Saturday 23rd of May
(weather permitting)
12pm-4pm
Drop in any time!

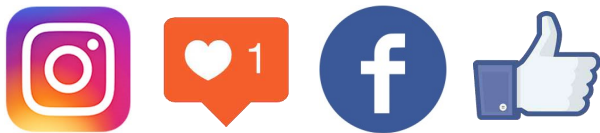


HAVE YOU SEEN OUR SOCIALS?

You may have noticed we've recently become more active on social media, posting lots of lovely content from across the school and kindergarten.

Want to see more? Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for a closer look at daily life at Michael Park School and Kindergarten. There are stories, updates, student work, and community highlights.

To help spread the word about our wonderful kura, please follow Michael Park School & Kindergarten on Facebook and Instagram, and share this exciting content with your friends.



MPS TAKURUA FESTIVAL

Friday, 19th June
5pm



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!

 Michael Park Kindergarten
Cherishing Childhood



CLASS 2 LUNCH BAR



Toasties from \$4

Combo \$6
(Toastie + Baking or Hot Choc)



Combo \$8
(Toastie + Baking + Hot Choc)

FRIDAY 29th May



TE AO MĀORI

Kupu whakarite o te wiki

He iti noa, he pito mata

From a small piece of kumara, many plants can be grown.

Through small things, big things can happen.

This week, we held our termly online hui for Te Kāhui Whetū, our rōpū for te reo Māori Steiner teachers and leaders all around the motu. This rōpū has been meeting for many years and has been the driving force behind numerous collective projects that have helped grow te reo me ōna tikanga Māori across our Steiner schools in Aotearoa. I always come away from these hui feeling inspired and grateful for the commitment and vision of the many people who have worked behind the scenes to enrich te reo me ōna tikanga, not only in their own kura, but for the collective group of Steiner schools across the motu.

Ngā manaakitanga
Whaea Kura



Main Lessons CLASS 12 ARCHITECTURE

C12 has just completed 4 weeks of an introduction to Architecture. This main lesson is the first of two parts during which the students completed a mixture of visual and academic research, and materials and process experimentation. A lot of fun was had with constructing houses in different locations in the art room and writing up real estate blurbs to promote their sale. The class also enjoyed coming to understand the strength of the Gothic Cathedral arch and flying buttress through using their bodies to emulate the structure and hold weight. On the serious side they carried out investigations of a selection of historical and contemporary building and shared their individual findings with each other. In conclusion the students were asked to plan and write out a design intention for a three dimensional architectural model of their dream home or holiday house. C12 will bring this proposal to fruition in part two next term.



Main Lessons CLASS 5

Class 5 has been studying the lives of the ancient Persians and Babylonians, along with the enduring inventions we still use today. From exploring Zarathustra to the Epic of Gilgamesh, the students have been busy creating wonderful artwork. They have also delved deep into the lives of ancient farmers, examining how their knowledge of perimeter and area was essential for keeping cattle safe and calculating the land needed to feed their families.



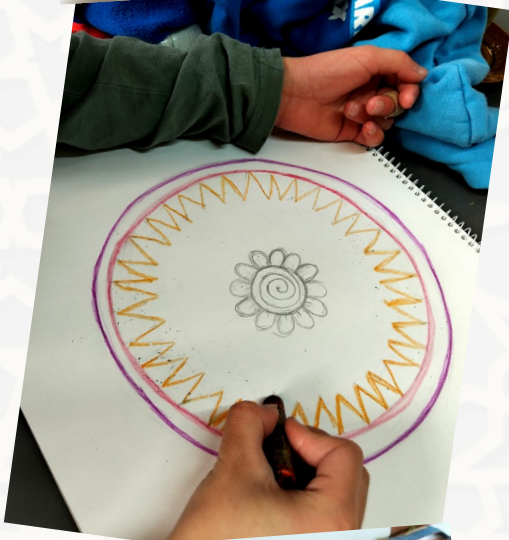
2. Evil King sent servants to burn the baby in a bonfire.
When parents found him, he was playing with the flames.

3. Servants take the baby a fire and scary wolfy den.
Parents find Zarathustra playing with wolfy cub.

Zarathustra

4. Servants leave baby in the middle of a stampede.
A big black bull protects the baby by standing over him.

5. Evil King attempted to stab the baby with a dagger.
A cow stepped in the right way with its feet.



"The land between two rivers"
Many of the great gifts of civilization were given to us by the people of Mesopotamia about 5000 years ago's writing, fire, telling, astronomy, arithmetic, the wheel and the plow all had their beginning here. The Mesopotamians first in the land between the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers. Their farming methods were so efficient that not everyone had to work at producing food. This allowed free time for inventions and the development of culture.

I like how you made it very pretty.



Ahura Mazda and Ahriman

Long long ago, in a land called Persia, there were two gods, one was good and the other was evil. The first god's name was Ahura Mazda, he was the one that had created all life, plants, and animals. But the other god, (the god of evil) Ahriman was different, he had created all things bad. So, when Ahura Mazda created sheep Ahriman created wolves, and when Ahura Mazda made recycling Ahriman created rubbish!!! It was a war of the gods!

CLASS 12 PLAY 'BRAINSTORM'

At the end of Term 1 Class 12 presented their final class play 'Brainstorm' by Ned Glasier, Emily Lim and Company Three. This play was half devised by the students and half scripted and I'd like to applaud the students for their bravery in sharing their own stories.

Following the final performance, we received a beautiful, deeply moving review from an audience member. Here is a snippet of it: 'What made this production so special was its authenticity. It resisted the polish of a commercial showpiece - and was far stronger for it. Instead, it offered a raw, unvarnished exploration of growing up, connection, and identity, prompting reflection not only on our own childhoods, but also on our relationships with our children. I left feeling both moved and grateful - grateful to have witnessed such honesty, and to see young people so willing to put themselves forward in that way. It was, quite simply, a privilege to watch. An outstanding ensemble performance - raw, full of heart, courageous, deeply human, and profoundly connected.'

A massive thank you to everyone who came out to support the play and my deepest gratitude to Class 12 and their whānau for bringing Brainstorm to life.



TRIP TO AUCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL

A group of students went to Q Theatre in March to view 'The Visitors' by Jane Harrison (Muruwari) which was on as part of the Auckland Arts Festival. This was an opportunity to watch an international, professional production which presented the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney Harbour in 1788 from an indigenous perspective. It was an engaging and beautifully performed piece of theatre.



Food for thought from the RSST

Carrying the Light of Whitsun

By Jade Kelly, RSST member

Some of the moments children carry most deeply from their school years are often the simplest: candlelight, song, seasonal rituals returning year after year, a feeling of warmth and belonging woven quietly into school life.

As autumn draws to a close and we near winter, Steiner schools enter a season of festivals centred around light and the inner life we nurture in children. One of these is Whitsun, celebrated fifty days after Easter.

In the Christian tradition, it recalls the disciples gathered and receiving the Holy Spirit, finding understanding beyond language. In Steiner education, Whitsun is often experienced through themes of light, reflection, and our relationship to one another.

Like many Steiner festivals, Whitsun is not only understood through explanation, but through lived experience. Its meaning is carried through atmosphere, symbolism, seasonal rhythm, and the quiet moments that stay with us long after the festival has passed.

For many children, it is through these seasonal festivals that the year begins to take on a deeper rhythm and meaning. The returning gestures, songs, and rituals help create a sense of continuity, memory, and belonging within the life of the school.

Over the years, Michael Park School has marked Whitsun in different ways, with each generation of teachers and students bringing something of themselves to the festival. In many ways, this reflects the nature of Steiner education itself, where traditions are carried forward not as fixed performances, but as living experiences, renewed through each new generation while holding true to their deeper meaning.

When the rhythms of the festivals are gently echoed at home, they can take on an even deeper sense of meaning for children. If you would like to bring a little of Whitsun's feeling into home life, one simple tradition is to light one large candle alongside twelve smaller candles, inspired by the twelve disciples. Each smaller candle can be lit from the central flame, representing or remembering someone connected to your lives: family, friends, ancestors, or loved ones near and far.

These simple rituals can become meaningful. When what's experienced at school is carried into the home, it can help nurture a sense of continuity and connection, not only to the festival, but to family and the shared life of the school. Perhaps it is these small moments of warmth, beauty, and togetherness that children carry long after the festival has passed.



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



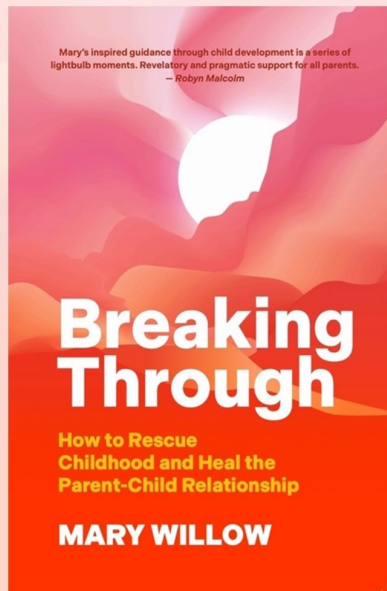
MANY THANKS FROM THE RSST

Mary Willow

Parent talk at Michael Park School
Friday 5th June at 7pm, MPS Auditorium

Mary's book **'Breaking Through: How to Rescue Childhood and Heal the Parent-Child Relationship'** will be released to all bookstores in Aotearoa NZ on June 1st.

Please see her website PlumParenting.com for details.



Mary will have copies of her new book available for \$45.00. Purchase at the event online via QR code, or bring exact cash.

Mary will be there from 6pm for purchases and book signings.

"It is not the child's flowering intellect that is at the forefront of brain development. In fact it is the child's ancient survival brain that wants to run the show."

Dr. Samantha Marsh

Parent talk on Wednesday 10th June
7pm, MPS Auditorium



The early years are arguably the most critical window in a child's development — and screens are now part of almost every home.

This session explores what the research tells us about how screens affect young children holistically, from brain development and physical health, to literacy, attention and behaviour. We look at what children's developing brains actually need to thrive, and how to make thoughtful, informed choices for your family. Because screens can wait, but childhood can't.



HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

CLASS 10 ARE HOSTING A HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT.

- A PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MUSIC, DANCE OR SPOKEN WORD.
- LOCATION: MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
- DOORS OPEN 6PM WITH REFRESHMENTS, PERFORMANCE AT 7PM
- SIGN UP: SHEETS IN MUSIC ROOM, HANDED OUT IN HUI AKO TIME, AND ONLINE - [LINK HERE](#)

AUDIENCE: THIS CONCERT IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR VIEWERS WHO CAN SIT QUIETLY, AS SOME PERFORMANCES WILL BE FILMED FOR NCEA.

TICKETS \$10

PERFORMERS FROM CLASSES 8-12

FRI 12TH JUNE 7PM

Science Club



Classes 7-12
@ Friday Lunch
Experiments and plenty of fun!

Come along
and bring your
friends

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!!

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Seeking accommodation** - Two mature Eurythmy students training at Michael Park School during the holidays are looking for a house or cat sitting opportunity nearby from 5 or 6 til 10 July. Please contact annemansart@yahoo.co.nz
- **The "Give a kid a blanket" campaign** has begun again for winter 2026! We are collecting warm things for children and families in Auckland & these will be distributed by nurses, social workers and the police family violence team to families directly. The need is great. If you have any (preloved or new) blankets, sleeping bags, sleep sacks, bedding, pyjamas, hats or socks that you would like to donate please get in contact. I would be delighted to collect from school, pick up from you or have dropped to my place (close to school). Rachel (Rose Cottage and class 3 mum). 021 571 648.

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.



Michael Park School

Michael Park Hoodies, Beanies & Hat Online Ordering System

<https://funto.co.nz/shop> → Scroll down and click on MPS Logo

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Hoodies Adult - \$69
Hoodies Kids - \$67.50



WOLL Wolly knit Beanie
\$31



Bondi bucket hat
\$18.50
Sizes Available
Small Med Large



CH1462 - Kids School Wide Brim Hat NAVY
\$23
Sizes Available
Med XL

All orders will be delivered to Michael Park School

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