



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 25 August	Class 8 Play at 7pm
Wednesday 26 August	Class 8 Play at 7pm
Friday 28 August	MID-TERM BREAK
28-29 August	NIWA Science Fair Public viewing 6pm-8pm Friday 10am-4pm Saturday
Friday 4 September	Class 4 Lunch Bar
Saturday 5 September	Kindy Open Day 10am-12pm Celebrating 100 Years of Waldorf ECE
Wednesday 9 September	Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm
10-11 September	Middle School Sports Tournament
Friday 11 September	Class 3 Lunch Bar

Kia ora e te whānau,

It was wonderful to see our auditorium full to capacity and standing room only for Friday's Cultural Festival. It has been a while since we have had the space so full, and it was a beautiful celebration of the diversity, cultures and richness within our school community. Thank you to all our students who contributed to making the afternoon such a special occasion.

A reminder that our Class 8 students will be performing their play this evening and again tomorrow night. We would love to see plenty of whānau there to support them. There is no cost for families to attend, the school made the conscious decision this year to cover the costs of our school events so that everyone in our community can come together and enjoy our occasions without cost being a barrier.

Finally, a reminder that there is no school this Friday, as we have our mid-term break. Enjoy the rest of the week.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal



**MID-TERM BREAK THIS
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST**
No School or Kindy

Class 8 presents

'A Wrinkle in Time'

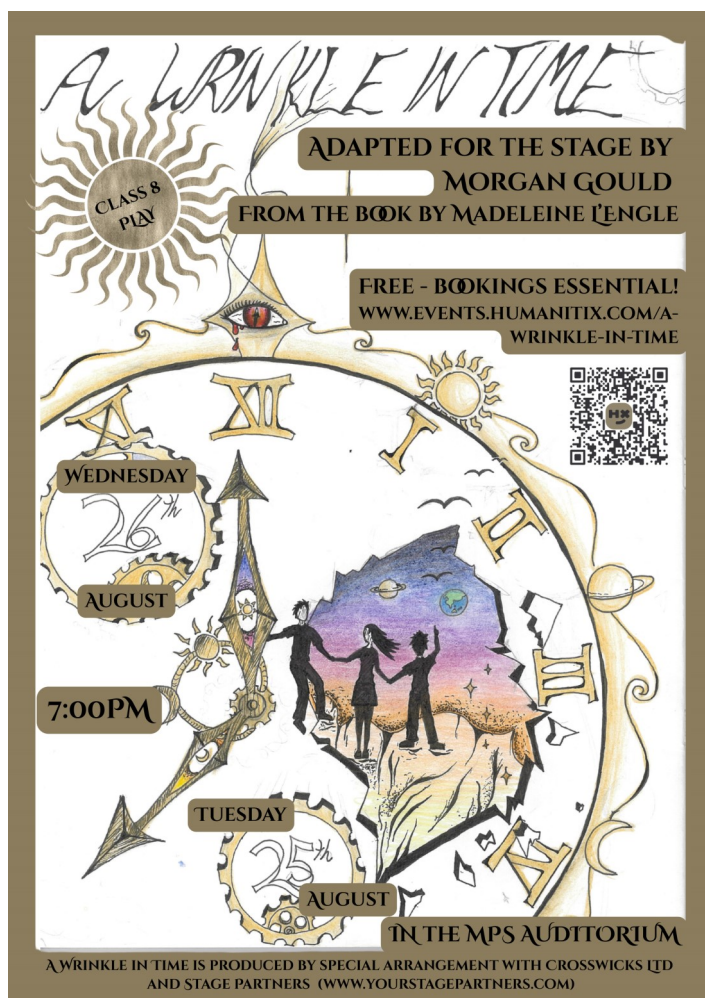
Adapted by Megan Gould.

One of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry, is back -- braces, stubbornness and all. Once again, she's joining forces with Mrs Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity and find herself. In the end, we know two things for sure: 1. Love CAN overcome evil and 2. There IS such a thing as a tesseract. This is a 50 minute adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's classic sci-fi adventure which is suitable for all ages.

A *Wrinkle in Time* is produced by special arrangement with Crosswicks Ltd and Stage Partners www.yourstagepartners.com

**Performances are Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th
August at 7pm in the Auditorium.**

**Tickets are free, so bookings are essential! They are
available from events.humanitix.com/a-wrinkle-in-time**



FAIR MEETING (Class Coordinators)

On the 9th September (Wednesday) there will be a Fair Coordinators meeting at 6.00pm in the staff room. If the class fair coordinator cannot attend then at least 1 representative from that class must attend.

Any queries please contact fairadmin@michaepark.school.nz
Looking forward to seeing you all then.

10 weeks until the Fair!

Fair Shed working bee – the fair shed will be open on the Sunday 30 August

Please arrange with your class fair coordinator to be available at the times below.

Large Shed - 9AM onwards

Magnolia - Obstacle Course

Class 1 - Buried Treasure/Knights Challenge (needs repairs)

Class 4 - Fishing Game/Lucky Dip

Small Shed - 12PM onwards

Jacaranda- Fairy Queen/Clucky Hen

Kowhai - Flower Fairy (Parachute Awning)

Class 6 - BBQ/Climbing Wall/Coconut Shy

Class 9 - Devonshire Tea

Start thinking about all the clothes you no longer need! The clothing bin will be available from the 7th of September (please make sure all clothing items are clean prior to placing them in the clothing bin located in front of the auditorium).

If you have any questions please contact
fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

MPS FLYER

We love hearing about what classes, students and our community are doing at MPS! The submission deadline for articles, photos, class fundraisers and community noticeboard items is now **midday on Monday**, and contributions can be emailed to Dana at newsletter@michaelpark.school.nz

Our flagpole, which has stood bare for a number of years, is proudly flying the New Zealand flag once again!
A big thank you to our Student Council for bringing this idea to life and adding a meaningful touch to our school grounds.
Pictured is Student Council member Brandyn Mullany, Class 8, raising the new flag for the very first time.



LIBRARY NEWS

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

Happy Aotearoa Book Week!

This year we had our very first Aotearoa Book Week and because school librarians like a challenge, SLANZA (the New Zealand school library association) connected it to their library week. This is an awesome opportunity to celebrate our New Zealand authors and books. In the library we pulled out as many New Zealand books as we could and it was a trip down memory lane to see some old favourites on display.

Our current New Zealand Reading Ambassador, Kate De Goldi, has been especially focused this year on the role that we all have to play in encouraging our tamariki to read. She spoke recently about expanding our sense of where literacy advocacy happens, reminding us that as well as this happening in our schools and institutions, we can contribute significantly, as parents and whānau, and as a community, to the literacy journey of our tamariki; most notably by sharing our love of books by reading out loud. This appreciation for books is evident here in our Michael Park parent community, and this is a huge gift for our students. No doubt, Aotearoa Book Week will grow exponentially to become a significant week in the annual calendar, and with it, I am sure our kura will continue to grow the ways we celebrate our New Zealand authors and books.



Some highlights of the last two weeks have been our guest speakers. In Library Week, our te reo club members loved listening to Hēmi Kelly talking about his journey to learn te reo Māori, and in Book Week we were so lucky to have author Sonya Wilson visit us for a lunchtime talk, and then writing workshops for Classes 8 and 9.

I would especially like to thank Bianca Park, Jett McColl and the whole charity team who brought Book Character Day back this year. In the words of a student, "I wish we could have Book

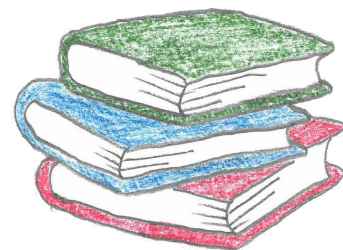


Character Day every day". The Charity Team collected \$115.00 from Book Character Day, which was donated in person to author Sonya Wilson for her charity, Kiwi Christmas Books. Our school has collected books for this wonderful charity for a number of years, thanks to Alice Newman who coordinates this here at MPS.

Finally, I will be away from the library for the next eight weeks while I complete my studies. I look forward to having these studies done and being back in the library more consistently next year. Huge thank you to Alice Newman who is stepping in to offer library relief for the next eight weeks. All classes will still have their library sessions. Ka nui te mihi, Alice.

Finally, thank you, everyone, for all that you do to encourage a love of books in our community – this is such valuable mahi, and your efforts will have lifelong benefits for all of our tamariki.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kura
School librarian



PLAYGROUP

We're excited to be starting a new Playgroup session in Term 4!

Sessions will be held on Monday mornings in Rose Cottage, over at Kindergarten. If you're interested in joining us, we'd love to hear from you.

We also have waitlists for Tuesdays and Wednesdays as well.

For children 0 to 3 years

Sessions on
Mon, Tues or Wed

GET IN TOUCH TO SIGN UP

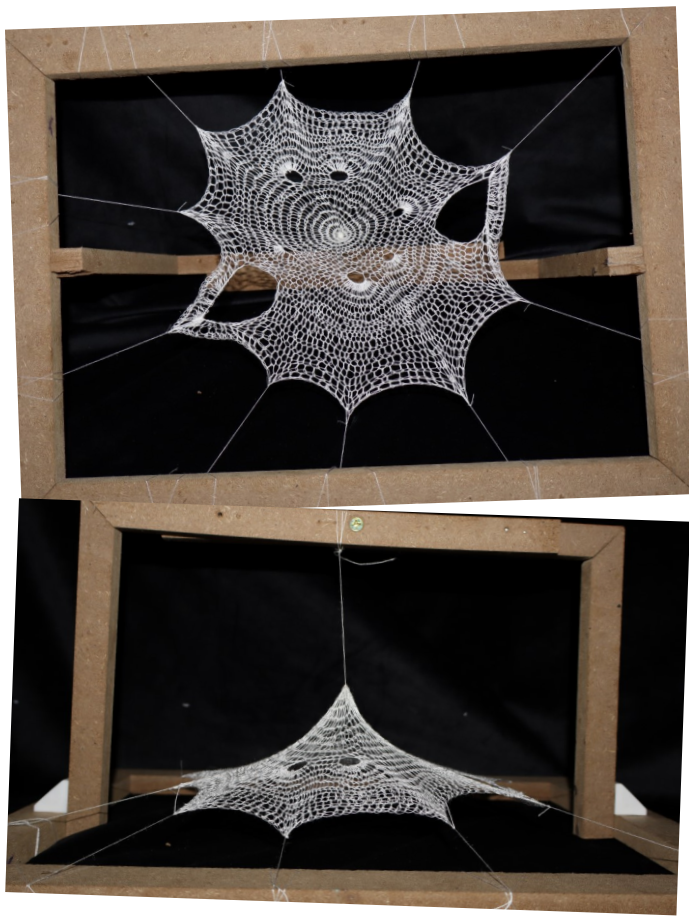
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Michael Park Kindergarten
Rose Cottage





National Secondary School Art Awards 2026

Congratulations to our Ruby Berghan, Class 11, for being selected as a finalist for this year's National Secondary School Art Awards. She submitted her sculpture 'Wairua Raranga' for the competition and will exhibit it in the Finalists' Exhibition at The Arts House Trust, Pah Homestead, Auckland, from 10 September to 18 October.

Here is the artist statement Ruby wrote to accompany her work:

'Wairua Raranga' echoes the woven spirit that connects all living things. In my artwork I brought in the beliefs of my culture, the Māori concepts of whakapapa and the invisible threads binding people, culture, and the natural world. Like the spider crafting its web, it speaks to delicate strength — each strand appearing fragile yet holding incredible resilience. Wairua Raranga honours the beauty of creation, the wisdom of nature, and the enduring power found in even the most subtle, intricate natural forms.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

• Coco's FAM Market – Stallholders Wanted

Coco's on K' Road is expanding its monthly FAM Market and we have room for a couple more stalls.

If you make or sell something, or your class wants to run a fundraising stall, get in touch. Current stalls are mostly a mix of vintage/clothing, jewellery, skincare and books, so there's room for plants, ceramics, art, craft or bread/baking. Upcoming markets:

• Saturday 12 September

• Saturday 17 October

• Saturday 14 November

Interested? Reach out to Renee 021645202/

reneecoulter@gmail.com

• **Save fuel and car pool** 🚗 Kia ora friends, we're wondering if there are any families that live in Ponsonby, Westmere, Grey Lynn, Point Chev, Northcote, Birkenhead or similar that are keen to start a car pool or shuttle service to MPS a few days a week (or more). We have a few ideas about how it could work best but it all depends on the number of kids and ages etc. Text Rowan on 0226196040.

• **After-school childcare wanted:** We are looking for someone to help with after-school care for our two children (Class 3 and Class 5), approximately 3 afternoons a week for a few hours after school. We are open to a responsible high-school or university student, nanny/babysitter, or experienced caregiver. Days have some flexibility. If you are interested, or know someone who might be suitable, please contact Claire Valkenborg 0272965390.

• **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 newsletter@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Monday.

Sorry, we no longer publish graphic advertisements, except for Michael Park School activities, class fundraisers and Steiner-related events.

PAT HANLY
CREATIVITY AWARDS 2026



**CELEBRATING YOUNG CREATIVE TALENTS
FROM 29 SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACROSS
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

Sat 8 Aug–Sunday 13 Sep
Te Aka Mātua | Creative Learning Centre,
Mezzanine Floor



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Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party!

Can you spare an hour or two to help attend our school stall at the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party?

This will involve being part of a team selling lucky dip items and crafts made by our community members.

The festival date is Sunday 13th September
9:30am - 12:30pm

For questions, more information or to join the roster, please contact
Claire Valkenburg 027 2965390

A CLASS 3 FUNDRAISER

TEACHER-ONLY-DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM **AMBURY FARM**

43 AMBURY ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE

FOR TAMARIKI IN
CLASS 3-7



28 AUGUST
DROP OFF AT 9:00
PICK UP AT 14:30

\$ 65
OR \$ 55
EACH FOR 2 OR
MORE SIBLINGS



WHAT'S ON?

- COOKING
- PUTTING UP TENTS
- BIRD WATCHING
- WALKS
- TRADITIONAL GAMES

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WITH MPS CLASS 3
PARENT HELPERS

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Whare | Term Time

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Eurythmy Aotearoa

Graduation Tour 2026

Auckland performance
Michael Park School Auditorium
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie.
16th October
7pm

Entry by koha



Open Day

CELEBRATING 100
YEARS OF WALDORF
EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION

**SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
10.00AM - 12.00PM**

Curious about our wonderful education?
Interested in experiencing our natural environment and Steiner/Waldorf philosophy?
Are you a current student who would love to share your special place with friends?
Or a past student who would like to revisit the magic of your early childhood?

- Meet our lovely kaiako
- Experience our beautiful natural environment
- Share our much-loved kindy buns
- Get creative with crafting
- Enjoy storytelling

*Come and connect with
our Community!*

WHERE
Michael Park Kindergarten
55 Amy Street
Ellerslie
Auckland 1051

WE'RE RUNNING THE AUCKLAND MARATHON 2026

RAISING FUNDS FOR A NEW PLAYGROUND

Meet your parent and teacher champions who answered the call to tackle 42.2km of pure marathon pain!

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