



### COMING EVENTS

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| <b>Wednesday 9 September</b>  | <b>Fair Coordinators Meeting 6pm</b>                      |
| <b>10-11 September</b>        | <b>Middle School Sports Tournament</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 11 September</b>    | <b>Class 3 Lunch Bar</b>                                  |
| <b>Saturday 12 September</b>  | <b>Garden working bee 12-3pm</b>                          |
| <b>Sunday 13 September</b>    | <b>Ellerslie Fairy Festival</b>                           |
| <b>13-19 September</b>        | <b>Te Wiki o te reo Māori</b>                             |
| <b>Monday 14 September</b>    | <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 15 September</b>   | <b>RSST Meeting 6pm</b>                                   |
|                               | <b>Class 11 Parent Meeting</b>                            |
|                               | <b>Class 12 Parent Meeting</b>                            |
| <b>Friday 18 September</b>    | <b>Kindy Spring Festival</b>                              |
|                               | <b>Class 9 Lunch Bar</b>                                  |
| <b>Saturday 19 September</b>  | <b>Handwork Parent Workshop</b>                           |
| <b>Wednesday 23 September</b> | <b>Class 12 Independent Project Presentations, 6.30pm</b> |
|                               | <b>School Spring Festival</b>                             |
| <b>Friday 5 September</b>     | <b>High School Sports Day</b>                             |
|                               | <b>Class 12 Lunch Bar</b>                                 |

It is still not too late to get involved, so if you have been thinking about joining the marathon initiative, please do consider signing up. And if running a marathon isn't quite your thing, you can still play an important part by making a donation to support those taking on the challenge. Every contribution, whether big or small, will help us move closer to our goal of creating an even better outdoor space for our students.

Finally, our Middle School students are looking forward to the Sports Tournament this week, which is being organised and run by our Class 11 PE students as part of their coursework. If you are able to, please drop in and have a look.

Thank you again whānau for the wonderful support you continue to give our school. It is the involvement and generosity of our community that makes our kura a special place.

He rau ringa e oti ai, Many hands make light work.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika  
Tumuaki | Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last week, I had the wonderful opportunity to join Class 7 on their camp to Motutapu Island. What a fantastic experience it was. It was a real privilege to spend the week with the class, sharing in their challenges, laughter and learning. A huge thank you also goes to our Class 7 parents who generously gave up their time to come along and support the camp. Without your help, the week simply would not have been possible. And, of course, thank you to Class 7 for making it such a wonderful experience - you should all be very proud of yourselves.

You will also have seen in the last couple of issues our Parent Fundraising Marathon in support of our playground. This is a wonderful community effort, and I would like to extend a massive thank you to our parent organisers for putting this together, as well as to the members of our community and staff who will be hitting the pavement over the next couple of months to support the cause.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

This Thursday and Friday (10th-11th September) Classes 5-8 will be involved in the middle school sports tournament. This is a fun and inclusive event where participation is encouraged, not enforced, and students will have the opportunity to interact with peers across different year levels, show support and build house pride.

We strongly encourage students to dress up in the colours that represent their house **Jacaranda Maple Kowhai Magnolia** as this helps with team unity and also aids us in distinguishing houses apart. If they do not have the right colour clothes for their house, we will supply them with coloured bands while they play.

Please note that these students will not finish early on Friday like normal. We will be aiming to have everything wrapped up by 3pm. Children should bring a drink bottle and food for both days and a sunhat for outdoor games.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me [ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:ciarano@michaelpark.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui,

Ciaran Overton

## GARDEN WORKING BEE

Organised by the Helping Hands Parent Group

**All welcome for a general tidy up.**

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 12th of September**  
**12pm-3pm**  
**Drop in any time!**



## RIPPA RUGBY FOR CLASSES 2-6

On Thursdays after school (starting this Thursday 10th September), we will be running some fun and inclusive trainings for Rippa Rugby from 3.15-4.15 on the football field.

We are hoping to promote this non-contact version of the game and provide an opportunity for our students to try something new. No experience or gear is required, just a keenness to get involved. If we get enough interested students, we will continue this on during term 4.



## FAIR

On the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



The Pre loved clothing bin is now available, (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](mailto:fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz)

## Michael Park School Fair Raffle 2026

Kia ora MPS whānau, we are looking for donations for our upcoming raffle for this year's school fair, and we need your help finding prizes. If you or someone you know has a business or contact who'd be willing to contribute an item, service, or voucher, please let us know?

Please reach out to Renee Coulter [reneecoulter@gmail.com](mailto:reneecoulter@gmail.com) or Brian McDonnell [brian@clevernz.com](mailto:brian@clevernz.com)

Donations may be dropped off directly to the school office. Thank you!



Class 3  
**PASTA BAR**  
Friday 11 September

**MORNING TEA / DESSERT**  
Sweet and Savoury Options

**LUNCH - PASTA BAR**

\$5

### Step 1

Choose your pasta

- Standard
- GF

### Step 2

Choose your sauce

- Red (meat or vegan)
- White (cheesy)
- Green (vege)

All nut free

### Step 3

Choose your toppings

- Cheese
- Salad
- Olives
- Grated carrots
- Chili flakes
- And more

**Extra hungry? +\$2**  
Ask for a bigger portion

**Discount -\$1**  
BYO plate/cup/bowl  
and fork to save

## A THANK YOU TO OUR LUNCH BAR COMMUNITY

Dear Parents, Whānau and Community,

The RSST and College of Teachers would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Sanjay for the ongoing lunch bar service he provides to our community.

The lunch bar offers a variety of nutritious, home-made curries (prepared in our humble kitchen) along with other hot savoury dishes, and a small selection of sweet treats. We particularly appreciate the balance and care that goes into the food provided. The sweet treats include a combination of commercial and homemade items, that are sometimes adorned with homemade icings that contain significantly less sugar than many commercially produced alternatives.

We also appreciate the thoughtful ticketing system that Sanjay has established. This gives parents the opportunity to set boundaries around what their children can purchase while still allowing children the autonomy to make their own choices at the lunch bar. Parents can choose whether their child is able to select a savoury option, a sweet option, or both, while the children themselves can decide which available item they would like.

This system has created a lovely balance between parental guidance, children's independence, and the school's desire to promote healthy eating, making the lunch bar experience enjoyable and manageable for everyone.

The RSST and the College of Teachers would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Sanjay on behalf of all the parents, whānau, staff and children within our organisation who make use of this valuable service.

We are very grateful for the time, effort and care that goes into providing this service for our community and your contribution is greatly appreciated.

With sincere thanks,

**The College of Teachers**



## NURTURING OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Music teacher and former MPS student Noah Witten-Hannah recently held a recital at school for their students. Pictured is Iggy from Class 4 playing alongside Noah.

It was a lovely recital and it is wonderful to see the tamariki build confidence in their performing and playing abilities.



**TE AO MĀORI**

**Kupu whakarite o te wiki**

**Huia tū rae**

Someone with a huia feather in their hair; to describe someone who is unique and stands out in a crowd.

## Class 1 Spring Bracelets





## AUCKLAND EARTH SCIENCE NZ SCIENCE FAIR 2026

Michael Park School has been involved in the Auckland Science Fair since 2016, giving our Class 9 students many opportunities to explore their scientific interests, investigate questions, and share their discoveries with the wider community. Our students have consistently achieved excellent results and are regularly among the winners and prize recipients at the Fair.

Mr Mander and Mrs Valyashko are key members of the organising committee, helping to coordinate and run the Auckland NIWA Science Fair each year. It has been a privilege to have Michael Park School host the Fair since 2022. The Fair yearly brings together students from 25–27 schools and around 200 projects exploring science of biology, chemistry and physics, as well as technology and human behaviour.

One of the special features of the Fair is seeing former participants return as judges. This year was particularly memorable, with former Science Fair winners Jamie Brunner, Charlotte Stuart and Ede Bird joining approximately 75 judges from universities and industry. We were also delighted to have our current C12 students Joshua and Edwinn take part in judging.

A special thank you goes to our Class 12 students, who prepared a delicious and wonderfully diverse morning tea for the judges. Their hospitality was very much appreciated and added a lovely touch to the day.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Desmond Pemerika for warmly welcoming the Science Fair to Michael Park School and supporting the event each year.

The excitement of the Fair is matched by the achievements of our students, who once again represented Michael Park School exceptionally well. We are delighted to celebrate the following students whose projects received awards this year:

### Category Winners and Special Prizes:

- **Salome Kment** *"Brew-tiful Chemistry: How Sugar Shapes Kombucha"* - First in Food Science and NZ Institute of Food Science and Technology Prize
- **Shiloh Laban** *"Fermentation Station"* - Second in Food Science and LearnWell Prize
- **Isath Munasinghe** *"How much is too much?"* - Third in Living World
- **Lucio Wu and Oscar McKelvie** *"City Under Heat"* - Highly commended and a Geoclub (GSNZ -Auckland) special prize in Planet Earth and Beyond
- **Milena Rentschler** *"Hue Knew!"* - Highly commended and a University of Otago Dodd Walls Centre for Photonic and Quantum Technologies prize in Physical World

### Highly Commended:

- **Dana McMahon** *"Tropical Digestion"* - Food Science

Another finalist with a project proudly representing Michael Park School in the Auckland competition included **Himandi Hettiarachchi** *"Which Natural Nutrient Helps Mung Beans Grow Best?"* - Living World.

Looking forward to seeing next year's Class 9 projects at the Auckland Science Fair.

Mr. Mander, Chairman of the Organizing Committee  
Mrs. Valyashko, Event and Judges Coordinator



Class 6  
Market Day  
Wed 16 Sep

# 3D PRINTED

Customised  
name tags

\$2 big

\$1 small

Buy 2 get 1 free!

Silly names cost 50c extra  
(no offensive names please!)

Fidgets

\$1-3

Collect all 3 colours

And more!



Pre-order at the gym  
@ Thur & Fri lunchtime

## 2027 TERM DATES

*Any changes will be published in the Flyer.  
[Click here to view the full calendar online](#)*

### TERM 1, 2027

**Thursday 4 February - Thursday 8 April 2027**

Waitangi Day Observed - Monday 8 February

Easter - Friday 26 March, Monday 29 March, Tuesday 30 March

Teacher Only Day - Friday 9 April

### TERM 2, 2027

**Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July 2027**

ANZAC Day Observed - Monday 26 April

King's Birthday - Monday 7 June

Matariki - Friday 25 June

### TERM 3, 2027

**Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September 2027**

Mid-Term Break - Friday 27 August

### TERM 4, 2027

**Monday 11 October - Thursday 16 December 2027**

Labour Day - Monday 25 October

Fair Day - Saturday 6 November

Mid-Term Break - Friday 12 November



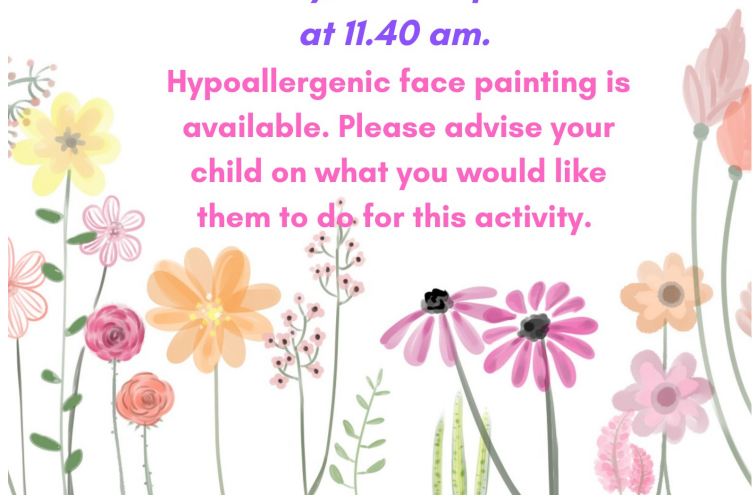
## MPS Spring Festival



*Join us for a vibrant  
celebration of the season as  
we welcome Spring  
together!*

*Pack a picnic and join us on  
**Thursday, 24th September**  
at 11.40 am.*

**Hypoallergenic face painting is  
available. Please advise your  
child on what you would like  
them to do for this activity.**



**Eurythmy Aotearoa**

*Graduation Tour 2026*

**Auckland performance**  
**Michael Park School Auditorium**  
**55 Amy Street, Ellerslie.**  
**16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**7pm**

*Entry by koha*

# Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party this weekend!

Come and see the Helping Hands of  
Michael Park School stall next to Hells  
Pizza, Ellerslie!

Sunday 13th September  
9:30am - 12:30pm

A big thank you to all the crafters who  
have contributed, and to the volunteers  
who have helped make this possible.

ELLERSLIE

## Fairy Festival & Pirate Party



SUNDAY  
13 SEPTEMBER  
9.30AM - 12.30PM



### JOIN THE MAGIC!

#### 9.30AM - 1.00PM | ACTIVITIES

- FACEPAINTING
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- ANIMAL CYCLE RIDES
- MARKET SQUARE - KID'S MARKET
- FOOD TRUCKS
- AND MORE...

#### 10.30AM - 12.30PM | SHOWS

- PROCESSION
- THE FAIRY GODMOTHER
- THE SEA WITCH'S LAIR
- PIRATE TRAINING ACADEMY
- AERIAL & JUGGLING WORKSHOP



**Ellerslie  
Village**

ELLERSLIE VILLAGE  
SHOPS & CAFES  
OPEN AS USUAL

### THANK YOU TO OUR FESTIVAL PARTNERS:



[www.ellersliefairyfestival.co.nz](http://www.ellersliefairyfestival.co.nz)



Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party



[ellersliefairyfestival](https://www.instagram.com/ellersliefairyfestival)

# Anthroposophic Meditation Week

Connecting to the  
Angelic World  
and to Christ

New Zealand  
Dez 14 to 19, 2026, Mon-Sat  
in Āio Wira Retreat Centre

8 Aio Wira Road, Waitākere,  
[www.aiowira.org.nz](http://www.aiowira.org.nz), 20 km from Auckland

Course leaders: Agnes Hardorp, Thomas Mayer

Times: Arrival day 6 pm - 9.30 pm,  
seminar day 9 am - approx. 9.00 pm,  
departure day 9 am - 2 pm

Course fee: 850 NZD, reduction possible  
Accommodation: Between 350 and 650 NZD  
Meals: 325 NZD

To register: [meditation333@protonmail.com](mailto:meditation333@protonmail.com)  
[www.anthroposophical-meditation.info](http://www.anthroposophical-meditation.info)

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Beyond The Reaction: Conscious Parenting Workshop in October - Steiner House.** For the parents who've tried every tip, yet wonder why they still find themselves stuck in the same reactive loops. Turn your triggers into stepping stones to calm connection. Email Donna for info: [raisingparentsNZ@gmail.com](mailto:raisingparentsNZ@gmail.com)
- **Seeking flatmates** in a modern home. Ideal flatmate would be friendly, clean and tidy and treats the home as their own. Rent includes internet, other bills are shared depending on the usage per month. Rooms are ground floor with shared bathroom and access to garden / deck. Room 1: \$250/week (Small Room). Room 2: \$350/week (Bigger Room). Contact Tripty for more details/viewing times - 020 488 3565

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

RSST PRESENTS...

## MPS PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bringing together whānau & community to experience Steiner Education.

### HANDWORK with Michelle Mullany

SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2026

**WORKSHOP ONE: An introduction to Macrame \*\*NEW\*\***

9.00 - 12.30

The timeless craft of Macrame is fun and creative. Come and learn the basics and make a beautiful macrame star for the upcoming Christmas season. (Maximum 12 participants)

**WORKSHOP TWO:**

1.00 - 4.30

**Sashiko. Japanese embroidery for embellishing or mending.**

A craft that quietens the mind. Bring an item to mend or a plain item of clothing to embellish. Sashiko is perfect for giving those favourite woollen socks or clothing items a new lease on life, and great for making Christmas presents. (Maximum 12 participants)

**Venue:** Handwork Room, Michael Park School

**Cost:** \$20.00 per workshop\* Tea and coffee provided. Bring lunch if you are staying for both workshops.

**RSVP:** To register for our parent workshops, please email Haidee in the school office by 17th September:  
[haideet@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:haideet@michaelpark.school.nz)

\*Please note that your place is not confirmed until payment is received.



## September Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th,  
Wednesday 30th September 2026  
9am-3pm

MPS Handwork Room & Kitchen

Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)  
Crafts galore and cooking/baking!

\$90 for 1x day  
\$170 for 2 x days, \$250 for 3 x days

Limited spaces available.  
Book now to secure your space.

[michellemullany@gmail.com](mailto:michellemullany@gmail.com)

022 127 6551



Enjoy a creative day of play with Susannah.  
For 5 and 6 year old children.

On Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th  
& Wednesday 30th September  
and  
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October

We welcome children in at 8.30 am.  
Our day will finish at 3.00 pm.

We will be using STEINER HOUSE  
with its lovely garden at 104 Michaels Ave  
for our special time together.

And we will be singing, dancing, storytelling,  
crafting and have a wonderfully creative  
experience together.

\$90 per day or  
\$160 for children attending 2 days.

To book email SUSANNAH at  
[susannahm@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:susannahm@michaelpark.school.nz)  
OR phone 021 041 2082.



# 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!

Now, we need you to back this massive effort:  
scan the QR code to support our school project,



givealittle  
powered by perpetual guardian



Please share this with your friends, family, pets  
and friendly strangers to make every single step worthwhile!

# FAIR T-SHIRTS

**From 8.00am – 8.30am daily from the 14th September  
you can order a Michael Park T-Shirt from reception.**

**Samples will be available to view.**

**To place your order, please use the order form below.**



**Child T-Shirt \$20.00**

**Adult T-Shirt \$25.00**

# T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the colour and size you are wanting to order:

## Child

Colour:    **RED**            **ROYAL BLUE**            **IRISH GREEN**            **GOLD**            **PINK**

Size:        4            6            8            10            12

## Adult (Women's)

Colour:        **PINK**            **ROYAL BLUE**            **IRISH GREEN**

Size:            S            M            L            XL            2XL

## Adult (Men's)

Colour:        **ROYAL BLUE**            **RED**            **IRISH GREEN**

Size:            S            M            L            XL            2XL

## HOW TO PAY:

1. Place cash and order form in drop box at reception (*envelopes provided by drop box*)
2. Order in person through Erin from 8.00am to 8.30am (Monday – Friday)

Eftpos available. **Start date 14th September.**