



COMING EVENTS

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Wednesday 23 September	Class 12 Independent Project Presentations, 6pm
Thursday 24th September	School Spring Festival C5 Spring Play 'Persephone'
Friday 25 September	High School Sports Day Class 6 Lunch Bar
Friday 25 September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday 12 October	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Tuesday 13 October	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Thursday 15 October	Class 6 Parent Meeting
Friday 16 October	Kapa Haka Lunch Bar Eurythmy Aotearoa Performance, 7pm

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata:

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful things happening across our kura and thank our students, staff and whānau for the care, energy and commitment you bring to our community.

Last week, we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, and it was wonderful to see te reo Māori and te ao Māori embraced through the many activities, learning experiences and celebrations across our school. A huge mihi to our staff and students for their creativity and enthusiasm. While Te Wiki provides a special focus, our commitment to te reo Māori and its place in our daily learning and relationships continues throughout the year.

We have a wonderful way to finish the term, starting with our Class 12 Project presentations on Wednesday night, our Spring Festival on Thursday, involving both the Lower School and High School, followed by the High School Sports Tournament on



Friday. I'm looking forward to seeing our students embrace these experiences as we bring the term to a close.

Last week, I had the privilege of attending an international principals conference at the new International Convention Centre, alongside approximately 1,200 principals from 23 countries. The conference offered many inspiring conversations about education, particularly the importance of teaching with love and nurturing the whole child through creativity, the arts, singing, drama and meaningful learning experiences.

One message that stayed with me was that teaching and learning should come from the head, the heart and the space in between. Listening to these ideas on an international stage filled me with gratitude. So much of what was shared resonates deeply with what we strive to do every day throughout our kura.

We know education is about more than knowledge. It is about relationships, curiosity, creativity, connection, wellbeing and helping our young people grow as whole human beings. It reinforced for me the value of our special character and the dedication of our teachers in bringing our Steiner philosophy to life.

This is what we do at our kura. This is what we value. And this is what makes our learning community so special.

I hope the Spring Festival and High School Sports Tournament provide a fitting and joyful conclusion to the term.

Over the break, take time to rest, reconnect with whānau and friends, and enjoy the arrival of spring. Take care of yourselves and one another.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Arohanui.

Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika

Tumuaki



TE AO MĀORI

Kupu whakarite o te wiki

Toka tū moana

A rock that stands firm in the ocean; used to describe someone who is resilient, steadfast, and deeply supportive during hard times.



CLASS 12 INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Please join Class 12 for their **Independent Project Presentations** in the **Auditorium** on **Wednesday 23 September**.

Doors will open at **6pm**, giving you an opportunity to explore the project displays before the presentations begin at **6.30pm**.

Over the course of the year, our Class 12 students have embarked on individual projects that have taken them well beyond the classroom, developing new skills, following their interests and challenging themselves in unexpected ways. Their projects range from learning to cook, upcycling clothing and choreographing a dance, to learning to fly, and many more.

This event marks an important threshold in their final year at school. It is a chance for students to share what they have created or achieved, and to reflect upon the experiences and personal growth that have shaped their projects along the way.

We warmly invite whānau and friends to come along, support our students and celebrate the dedication, creativity and passion they have brought to this year-long undertaking.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!



FAIR UPDATE

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).

Please make sure you have put your name on your class roster, we need all parents to help out - your class coordinators need your FULL support!

CAKE STALL

Every year, each family makes 2 cakes and 1 additional item (meringues, cookies, fudge, homegrown produce) for the cake stall at the fair. School holidays are the perfect time to make your cakes and freeze them.

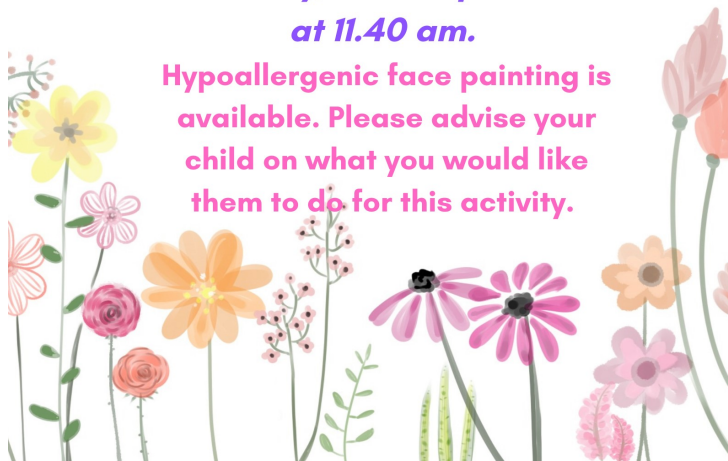
If you have any questions please contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz



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.





Class 6 Market Day

The budding entrepreneurs of Class 6 came together last week to create a wonderful display of creativity, showmanship and amazing bargains.

Led by Mr Huskinson, students ran stalls during morning tea and lunchtime, selling a range of wares to the wider school community. Along the way, they learnt valuable lessons in economics, accounting, salesmanship, communication,

marketing, budgeting and responding to their market.

The Class 6 Market was a roaring success, attracting students of all ages, teachers and families.

Thank you to everyone who supported the market, and especially to Mr Huskinson for his leadership, inspiration and encouragement of the children's entrepreneurial spirit.



CLASS 7 NETBALL SUCCESS

We started the season with many of the students having never set foot on a netball court. By the final game, the Class 7 netball team were playing as a finely tuned unit, ultimately winning the Year 8, E Grade (Section 2) division.

Many thanks to Dana and Shiloh (Class 9) for coaching the team, which included Afridi, Akos, Aoi, Arseniia, Ben, Daisy, Francis, Isa, Juliette, Madeleine, Mishka, and Yulong.



ELLERSLIE AFC U11

What an incredible season, absolute thrill ride for this energetic U11 squad! Across 17 action-packed matches, the boys poured their hearts into every single minute on the pitch. Finishes of 7 wins and 10 losses—and zero draws—proved that this team played with absolute grit and a clear "all-or-nothing" spirit every single weekend. They celebrated every victory with incredible enthusiasm and bounced back from tough losses with even bigger smiles, showing fantastic sportsmanship along the way.

The growth, teamwork, and laughter shared made this year an unforgettable success, and the future is bright for these rising stars! Well done to Ryan McMahon, Junwei Wang, Nick Xu and Caleb Judeel-Williams, coached by Joshua Judeel-Williams.



MALACHI REPS SAMOA

For the past few weeks, it has been an honour to represent Samoa at the Oceania Under-19 Championship. Nine other overseas players and I travelled to Samoa to join the rest of the team for a ten-day training camp before the tournament began. Over the course of four weeks, we won games, lost games, fell apart and got stronger because of it. After everything that happened within our team, by the time we flew back home, we were a family.

The results didn't go our way, but the connections made and the pride of wearing the Samoa jersey outweigh any win or trophy. - Malachi Davies, Class 12



2027 TERM DATES

Any changes will be published in the Flyer.

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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

DOLL MAKING COURSE

WITH NINA HAMILL

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL WALDORF STEINER INSPIRED
DOLL FOR YOUR CHILD OR WHANAU
IN JUST ONE WEEKEND

OCTOBER 17 & 18

9AM - 2PM BOTH DAYS

MICHAEL PARK HANDWORK ROOM

COURSE COST : \$150

TEA AND BISCUITS PROVIDED

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW: NININOSCH@GMAIL.COM

A MINIMUM OF 4 DOLL MAKERS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE TO GO AHEAD



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Lost:** grey cylinder pencil case. If found, please hand in to the school office. Many thanks.
- **Beyond The Reaction: Conscious Parenting Workshop in October - Steiner House.** For the parents who find themselves stuck in the same reactive loops with their kids & are motivated to make some changes. Turn your triggers into stepping stones towards becoming the parent you want to be. Spots are limited so please email Donna for info: raisingparentsNZ@gmail.com
- **Seeking flatmates** in a modern home in Mt Wellington. 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
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Monday.

Eurythmy Aotearoa

Graduation Tour 2026

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

Entry by koha

CHESS IS BACK

at MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL

A fun and engaging way for your child to learn, grow and thrive.

TERM 4 COACHING PROGRAMME

STARTS FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Give your child the skills for life with

CHESS!

Chess builds critical thinking, boosts confidence and helps kids make smarter decisions — on and off the chessboard.

JUST
\$185
FOR THE TERM

CLASS TIMES

FRIDAYS

1:30 - 2:30PM

In Library

Spaces are limited. Enrol early to secure a spot!

WHY CHESS?

1

SHARPENS MINDS

Improves focus, memory and concentration.

2

BUILDS CHARACTER

Teaches patience, resilience and good sportsmanship.

3

DEVELOPS SKILLS

Enhances problem solving, creativity and strategy.

REGISTER TODAY!

Spaces are limited



QUESTIONS?

Visit:
chesspower.co.nz
Click Parents Centre

Register at: www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

CHESS POWER — BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH CHESS

ONLY 3 SPACES LEFT!

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

022 127 6551



Michael Park Kindergarten
Cherishing Childhood

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

CONTACT US

☎ 09 525 8996

✉ chantelles@michaelpark.school.nz

📍 Michael Park Kindergarten
Rose Cottage

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
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,



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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 (Womens)

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

Size: S M L XL 2XL

Adult (Mens)

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 at reception from 8.00am to 8.30am (Mon - Fri). EFTPOS available.