



COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 20 October	RSST Meeting 6pm Class 4 Parent Meeting
Thursday 22 October	Class 1 Parent Meeting Class 2 Parent Meeting
Monday 26 October	LABOUR DAY
27-30 October	Class 5 Camp
Tuesday 27 October	Fair Coordinators Meeting Rose Cottage and Kindy Parent Meetings Class 7 Parent Meeting
Thursday 29 October	Class 3 Parent Meeting
Friday 30 October	Charity Team Lunch Bar

Kia ora koutou, e te whānau,

*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.*



Last week, our kura and wider community were blessed with performances from Eurythmy Aotearoa. It has been some time since we last experienced eurythmy in our school, making this a particularly special occasion for our ākonga, staff and whānau. Friday evening was especially memorable. We were delighted to welcome families who helped establish our school, alongside former families whose connections with Michael Park go back 20–30 years. Having these familiar faces return to our kura was a real privilege and a beautiful reminder of the generations of people who have contributed to our school's story. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with an important part of our Steiner tradition and share it with our community.

In this week's newsletter, you will find a message from our Board reaffirming our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and explaining what this means within our curriculum and everyday life at our kura. Our commitment is reflected in how we learn, how we honour te reo Māori and te ao Māori, how we acknowledge mana whenua, and how we nurture a sense of belonging for every ākonga and whānau. It is an ongoing responsibility that calls for reflection, meaningful action and a shared commitment across our school community. I encourage you to take a moment to read the Board's message and reflect

on how we can continue to strengthen this important part of our school's identity.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school marathon fundraising initiative. Every contribution helps us work towards our fundraising goal, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity of our students, families and wider community. A reminder that **our marathon fundraiser includes dollar-for-dollar matching**, meaning every dollar raised will be matched. This is a wonderful opportunity to make our community's efforts go even further. Thank you for getting behind our ākonga and helping make this initiative a success.

Enjoy the long weekend. As we move through the week, I hope you find opportunities to enjoy the sunshine, spend time with whānau and friends, and take a well-deserved breather over the upcoming long weekend. Thank you for the care, energy and commitment you bring to our kura. It is the strength of our collective community that makes our school such a special place.

Ngā mihi nui, kia pai tō koutou wiki, kia haumaruru te haere i te mutunga wiki roa.

Have a wonderful rest of the week and a safe, relaxing long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ipiipi Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki | Principal

CLASS 3 MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Class 3 parent meeting planned for this evening has been postponed until Thursday 29th October at 7pm.

BICYCLES AND WHEELS

A reminder that the riding of bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards is prohibited in the school grounds during school hours and at drop-off and pickup time, i.e., between 8am and 3.30pm. This includes school events outside of normal hours.



It's a safety issue when we have so many people mingling around, and we've had a few near-misses!

Thank you.

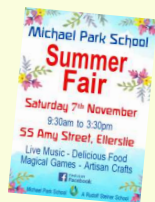
SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE - 18 DAYS TO GO

Fair Coordinators meeting

Tuesday 27th October, 6pm in the staff room

- **Cake stall** – cake boxes will be sent home over the next two weeks. Instructions are included in boxes and also below.
- The **Pre-loved clothing** bin is out now in front of the auditorium – please make sure clothing is washed before placing in the clothing bin.
- **BIG Fair raffle tickets** have gone home with students – instructions are all included in bag -TICKETS ARE \$5 PER TICKET – 5 tickets per book.
- Advertising - can you help deliver the **Fair flyers** in your local area? Please collect flyers from reception and tell us what streets you can deliver to.
- Please make sure you have put your name on your **class roster**, we need all parents to help – your class coordinators need your full support!
- Please **like and share** the [MPS Fair Facebook Event](#)



Any questions, please contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz

ADOPT-A-BALE FOR THE SCHOOL FAIR!

Add to the rustic charm and some rustic seating for the Fair! For the great price of \$26 from the great team at Auckland Pea Straw, you can adopt a bale (~270L or 10m2 coverage) of Pea Straw. After the fair, take your nitrogen rich bale home to mulch up your garden for summer! Adopt your bale today and let all your green thumb friends and relatives know!



Email christianh@michaelpark.school.nz before the 31st Oct to book yours!

PERFORM AT THE FAIR!

Are you looking for a performance opportunity? Please sign up to perform on the big stage at the school fair!

Please fill in the form below and return to Amanda Lawrence by Wednesday, 28 October. amandal@michaelpark.school.nz

[Fair-performance-sign-up-sheet-2026.pdf](#)



NATURE DECORATIONS NEEDED

Class 5 are seeking decorations that can be glued onto the wooden candle bases at the Candle Dipping Stall this year. **Any quantity of dried flowers | dried seed pods | small gemstones or crystals** would be GREATLY appreciated. Donations can be dropped to the crate that sits outside Class 5. Thank you!!

...AND STICKS NEEDED TOO

The **Outdoor Classroom** is looking for any fresh cut wood, i.e., from pruning, for making wands and simple knives at the Fair. **We need straight-ish sticks** 30mm in diameter and roughly 20-30cm long for the knives, and also thinner sticks 10-20mm in diameter and roughly 40-50mm long for the wands. Any donations can be dropped to the outdoor classroom. Thanks!

Cake Stall Instructions

Each year, every Michael Park School family provides 2 cakes and 1 additional item (preserves, meringues, cookies, fudge, homegrown produce etc).

Please label your cake/additional item - name & ingredients. Please no fresh cream or cream cheese (as these will spoil out of the fridge).

- Here are your supplies to package your delicious homemade items ready for the big day. Use labels provided to name your item and list ingredients (please note if it is gluten free; vegan; nut free; dairy free etc). We cannot sell shop bought items so homemade only PLEASE.
- If you are entering the cake competition, please take a photo of your cake and email to katyapaquin@gmail.com with your name and your phone number. Please place on the box the **BLUE** dot sticker if you are entering the competition.

Please don't write your personal details on the cake box.

DROP OFF FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Bring your items to the turning circle or Class 3;

**8am - 10am
or
2pm - 4pm**



The Cake Stall is one of the biggest earners at the FAIR, so we REALLY appreciate all your hard work at this busy time! A BIG THANK YOU in advance!

Leftover boxes to the office PLEASE (we re-use this on fair day)

Contact fairadmin@michaelpark.school.nz if any queries.

Food for thought from the RSST

The Independent Projects

Written by Louise Davys, RSST member

At Michael Park School students of classes 9 and 12 have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a year-long passion project of their choice. At the end of last term it was wonderful to witness our Class 12 students take to the stage and share the results of their hard work.

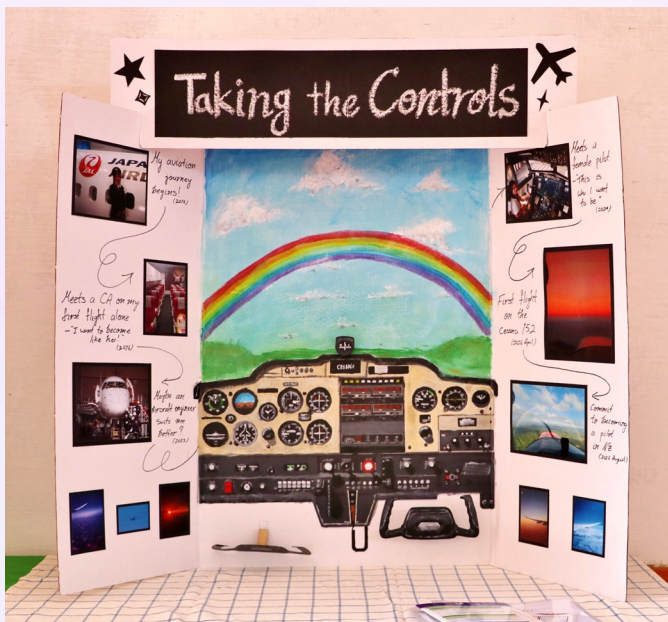
Among the many inspiring projects were students who had composed music, choreographed dances, learned the art of fine-dining cooking, learned to fly a plane, made animations, creatively upcycled clothing and many more.

The independent projects are a cornerstone of Steiner education. They encourage independent thinking, promote autonomy and self-directed learning, and give the students an opportunity to explore a topic that sparks their individual interests and curiosity.

By engaging themselves deeply in a topic that matters to them, students develop new skills and strengthen existing ones. They learn through independent research, following through on commitments and overcoming challenges along the way, while building confidence, self-reliance and resourcefulness.

The final challenge of the independent projects is to present their work on stage before their community, learning to speak with confidence and articulate their many months of hard work into a concise presentation.

Class 9 will be presenting their IP's later this term and I encourage you all to come along and be inspired by the creativity, dedication and enthusiasm of our students at Michael Park School.



Class 8

Michael Park School
Relate Create Inspire

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\$13
Per Pair

SILLY SOCKS
FOR
FUN! and
Christmas Gifts

Thank you for supporting us!

MINI ME ATHLETES gives your young athlete the portrait the pros get: a bold blue backdrop, studio light, and a moment where they're the main event.

My son Luca is a young goalkeeper who has been given the opportunity to compete in the MAD CUP in Madrid, Spain, in 2027 — an international youth football tournament bringing together young players from around the world.

MINI ME ATHLETES is our little fundraiser to help get him there. Your child's photos help another young athlete chase his dream.

Bring your favourite kit, your lucky socks, and whatever makes your sport yours. Balls, boots, racquets, bats, gloves, medals — bring it all.

Football, rugby, netball, dance, gymnastics or anything in between.

Every young athlete belongs in the spotlight.

MINI ME ATHLETES
Little players. Big dreams.



01	1 CHILD · 10 MIN · 3 IMAGES	\$95
02	2 KIDS · 20 MIN · 6 IMAGES	\$180
03	3 KIDS · 25 MIN · 9 IMAGES	\$250

SAT-SUN 28-29 NOVEMBER 2026
9AM-6PM · GRAFTON, AUCKLAND

BOOK YOUR SESSION

<https://www.veronikasola.com/mini-me-athletes>

Session proceeds support Luca's Madrid trip.

Anthroposophic Meditation Workshop

Connecting with the Angelic World

Auckland:

December 15 - 17, 2026

Course leaders: Agnes Hardorp, Thomas Mayer

Tue 6 - 9 p.m., Wed 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thur 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School,
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland 0604

Course fee: 350 NZD or reduced rate 250

To register: meditation333@protonmail.com

Living with the angelic world

Monday, December 14, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Lecture by Thomas Mayer

Independent of the workshop, donation welcome

Location: The Christian Community,
10 Rawhiti Road, One Tree Hill, Auckland

www.anthroposophical-meditation.info

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

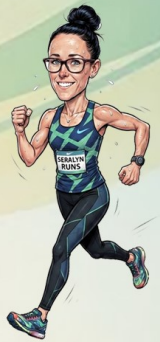
Looking to support trades and services within our school community? [Click here for the Community Skill Share list.](#)

- **Seeking Rental Home:** Our daughter will be joining Class 8 next year, and we'll be making the move from Waiheke to Ellerslie. We're seeking a 2 to 3 bedroom rental home within walking distance from MPS and hoping to settle in during the last week of January. There's just the three of us, and a 9 year old cat who is an indoor/outdoor cat, so we'd prefer not to be on a busy street. Please contact Angela 027 376 2245 angelajanemeans@gmail.com. Thanks!
- **Room Available** in a warm and comfortable home in Mt Wellington. An ex-Michael Park School family (kids all grown up). We are looking for someone friendly, clean and tidy who would treat the home as their own. Living with a couple, the owners. Option of rooms, either a garden sleep out or an inside room. Both rooms are singles on ground level with a shared bathroom and access to a charming secluded garden. Rent is inclusive of bills. Available from mid November. \$230/week. Contact Julia 021 054 1467 or Tony 021 681 691.

Contact the editor, Dana Marcroft at newsletter@michaelpark.school.nz
Guideline 250 characters maximum please. Deadline midday Monday.

Only 3 weeks to go! WE REALLY NEED YOU TO SUPPORT US PLEASE.

Our fundraising is tracking well but we need a push
SO **NOW** IS THE BEST TIME FOR YOU
TO GET BEHIND US



***EVERY DONATION MADE
BETWEEN OCT 12TH & OCT 30TH
WILL BE MATCHED!**

WE'RE RUNNING THE
**AUCKLAND
MARATHON 2026**
RAISING FUNDS FOR A NEW
PLAYGROUND



*Donations will be matched to a maximum matched value of \$2000.00 during the period stated.

FAIR T-SHIRTS

From 8.00am - 8.30am daily, you can order a Michael Park T-Shirt from reception.

Samples are 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.

Our Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori

A message from the Board of Michael Park School

Our commitment

As set out in our Strategic Plan, the Board is committed to honouring the place of Māori as tangata whenua, the bicultural foundation of Aotearoa New Zealand, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We are equally committed to celebrating diversity and providing every student with the opportunity to strive for excellence, realise their potential and develop a strong sense of social responsibility. We respect individual and cultural differences, while celebrating what unites us.

Our Strategic Plan also defines what it means to do things *our way*. We take pride in actions that bring mana to our school, our community, our whānau and ourselves. We foster a sense of belonging and care for every person in our kura, and we strive to **Relate, Create and Inspire**. These ideals are supported, strengthened and enriched by three values:

- **Manaakitanga:** showing respect and responsibility by uplifting the mana of every person, through empathy, tolerance and the celebration of diversity.
- **Whanaungatanga:** demonstrating participation, leadership and service by working with others and building connections across our community.
- **Tūmanakotanga:** demonstrating aspiration, high expectations and excellence, through a growth mindset, creativity, commitment and resilience.

A message from the Board

Late last year, amendments to the Education and Training Act removed the legal requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Like more than a thousand schools across the country, the Michael Park Board wishes to reaffirm to our community that this change in legislation does not alter who we are. Our commitment to Te Tiriti continues, not out of obligation, but because it reflects the values of our school.

As a Steiner school in Aotearoa, we believe we are uniquely placed within the wider Steiner world to reflect and honour Te Ao Māori. Being grounded in this land allows us to draw on the richness of Steiner philosophy and Te Ao Māori together, and we regard this as a genuine point of difference for our school.

We wish to share how this commitment is expressed in daily life at Michael Park, and some of the ways we are considering building upon it.

What we have established

Our waharoa. Our waharoa, is a powerful statement in its own right and bears the name Hīkoia te Hīkoi |Walk the Walk. We were honoured to be joined by kaumātua from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei at its inauguration, a reflection of the relationship we continue to build with mana whenua. We invite our whole community to connect with the waharoa and all that it represents.

Pōwhiri and kapa haka. Whole school pōwhiri are an integral part of how we welcome new students, staff and visitors. We are proud of our active, high school and lower school kapa haka groups, which is open to all who wish to take part.

Te Reo and the legacy of Whaea Andrea. The space for Te Ao Māori, kapa haka and Te Reo at our school was established by the late Whaea Andrea, a much-loved teacher whose legacy the school continues to carry forward. Over the past three years this space has experienced a genuine resurgence, as staff have stepped forward to keep her work alive. Class 1-5 Te Reo Māori lessons began last year, led by Whaea Kura, alongside Whaea Amanda's work with kapa haka as part of a wider effort to model and advocate for the language across the school.

Curriculum and festivals. Our curriculum weaves Māori mythology through students' learning, together with a strong emphasis on manaakitanga. Several of our festivals, including our Harvest Festival and Taku Rua festival, connect naturally with Te Ao Māori cultural themes and sit comfortably alongside our Steiner philosophy.

Learning about Te Tiriti. In Class 11, students study Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The class travels to Waitangi, to learn first-hand about our history of the signing on site. Our teachers create a space where students form their own views through open discussion, rather than being handed conclusions.

Looking ahead

The Board continues to consider how we can strengthen our commitment to Te Tiriti and further embed Te Ao Māori in our school life and we warmly welcome our community's views as we determine our continuing journey for Michael Park School.

We are a multicultural school built on a bicultural foundation, and we intend to continue walking this path deliberately, together with our community.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Board of Michael Park School

