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COMING EVENTS

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27-30 October	Class 5 Camp
TONIGHT 27 October	Fair Coordinators Meeting
	Kindy and Rose Cottage Parent Meetings
	Class 7 Parent Meeting
Thursday 29 October	Class 3 Parent Meeting
Friday 30 October	Charity Team Lunch Bar
Saturday 7 November	FAIR DAY
Friday 13 November	*MID TERM BREAK*



Kia ora koutou,

As we head into the final week of classes for our senior students, there is a real sense of both anticipation and reflection around the school.

For our Class 11 and 12 students, this is their last week before heading into study leave to prepare for their external examinations, which begin next week. We wish them all the very best as they enter this important period. We hope they approach their studies with confidence, stay focused, look after their wellbeing and remember how much they have achieved along the way.

This week is particularly significant for our Class 12 students, as it marks their final week as students at Michael Park School. It is always a special moment to pause and acknowledge the journey our young people have taken, not only academically, but also in their personal growth, friendships and the people they have become during their time with us. When we welcome them back at the beginning of December, it will be to celebrate their achievements at our High School Prizegiving, followed by our whole-school assembly and Class 12 Graduation. These occasions provide an opportunity to recognise not only the journey of our students, but also the commitment and support of their parents and whānau, who have been alongside them throughout their years at Michael Park. It is a milestone for the whole community, and one we look forward to celebrating together.

To all our senior students, we wish you every success in your examinations. Trust in the work you have put in, take care of yourselves and give it your best. We look forward to celebrating with you in December.

Meanwhile, the countdown is well and truly on for our Michael Park Fair, now less than two weeks away! There is plenty happening behind the scenes as our community comes together to prepare for this much-loved event. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, energy and enthusiasm. These events are a wonderful reminder of what makes our school community so special.

As we move through these weeks of the term, there is much to celebrate, much to prepare for and plenty of opportunities to come together as a community.

Ngā mihi nui, and have a wonderful week everyone.

Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal



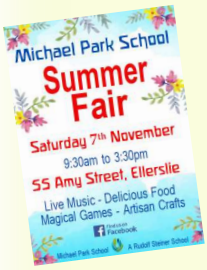
SUMMER FAIR

FAIR UPDATE - 11 DAYS TO GO

Fair Coordinators meeting TONIGHT
Tuesday 27th October, 6pm in the staff room



- LAST WEEK TO BRING IN your **pre-loved clothing**. 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. Please start bringing these back as soon as possible.
- **Cake Boxes** – these have started to go out, instructions are included with the boxes.



- 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!

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 thumbed 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!

FLOWERS FOR THE FAIRY QUEEN

If you have any flowers or trailing greenery you could donate for the fairy queen, we would be most grateful. Please drop off anytime on Friday 6th November in the buckets outside Maple / Rose Cottage.

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).

- 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.

NO VOTING STATION AT MPS THIS YEAR



Unlike previous elections, we won't have a polling station onsite at school this year, due to voting day being on the same day as the Fair. Advance voting is now open, so you can cast your vote early if you won't be able to get to a voting place on November 7th.

Nearby voting places that are open from now up to and including voting day include Ellerslie Masonic Centre in Robert Street, The Warehouse Lunn Ave, and Sylvia Park Mall (which is open right up until the mall closes each day).

Find your local voting place and opening hours here: https://vote.nz/2026-general-election/voting-in-the-election/find-a-voting-place



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 is to ensure everyone's safety when there are so many people mingling around. Thank you.



TE AO MĀORI

Kupu whakarite o te wiki

Tou tīwaiwaka

The tail of a fantail; used to describe a restless person who can never sit still.

The coolest surprise from Amelia and her whānau. Thank you so much!



SHREDDING IT AT CARDRONA!

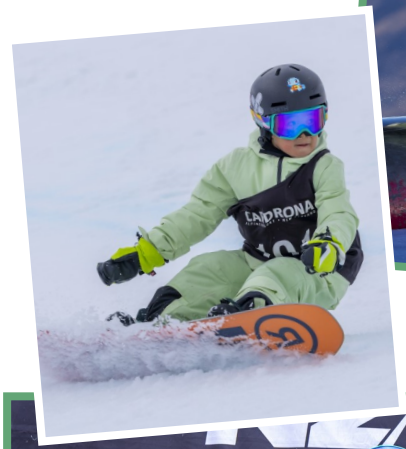
Regan, Class 1, competed in the Snow Sports NZ Cardrona Freestyle Nationals during the Term 3 school holidays.

Regan finished **second overall in the Under 8 category**, with the following individual event results:

- **Snowboard Cross:** 1st place
- **Halfpipe:** 2nd place
- **Rail Jam:** 1st place
- **Slopestyle:** 4th place

Congratulations, Regan - we're super proud of your effort and determination!







Auckland Live Showdown Awards

Celebrating Our Theatre Stars

The Auckland Live Showdown Awards is held annually to celebrate theatre in Auckland Secondary Schools. This year 19 schools entered 10 plays and 15 musicals into the competition.

Class 10 and 12 both got nominations for their class plays, which is an awesome recognition of their mahi.

Best Sound Design - Abi Sabetian and Maddox Laumea *(Witches?! In Salem !?)*

Best Performer in a Minor Role in a Play - Georgia Newton and Kei Falkner *(Witches?! In Salem !?)* Sylver Barrett *(Brainstorm)*

Best Performer in a Supporting Role in a Play - Minna Capper and Kianush Farajian *(Witches?! In Salem !?)* Joshua Judeel-Williams *(Brainstorm)*

Best Performer in a Lead Role in a Play - Conor Jenkison *(Witches?! In Salem !?)*

Best Ensemble in a Play - *Witches?! In Salem!?* & *Brainstorm*

Best Director of a Play - Gaby Reid (*Witches?! In Salem!?)*

Best Play - *Witches?! In Salem!?* & *Brainstorm*

The award ceremony was held on Wednesday 21st October at the Bruce Mason Centre. The Class 12 play *Brainstorm* won Best Ensemble in a Play. This is an award for the whole cast, which recognises cohesion and unity in a live performance. I'm so proud of them for coming together as a collective, creating such a special piece of theatre and being recognised for their mahi! The whakataukī *'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective'* sums up this award and their journey pretty well.

Thank you for your support of the High School class plays this year.

Gaby Reid
HoD Drama







Class 8

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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.

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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.

5 DAYS TO GO!

THE FINAL PUSH!

PLEASE, SUPPORT US NOW.

LAST CHANCE TO HELP & WE'LL TAKE ANYTHING
$1,$2, $3,...PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN?

*ALL DONATIONS BY THIS SATURDAY WILL BE DOUBLED !



WE'RE RUNNING THE AUCKLAND MARATHON 2026

RAISING FUNDS FOR A NEW PLAYGROUND



SCAN ME

*Donations will be matched to a maximum matched value of $2000.00 during (OCT 12 - OCT30).



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.