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COMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 17 November	RSST Meeting 6pm
25-27 November	MPS Art Exhibition
Wednesday 25 November	Class 9 Independent Project Presentations, 6.30pm
26-27 November	Class 3 Camp
Thursday 26 November	Class 8, 9, 10 Zoo Trip
Friday 27 November	Earthquake Drill
Friday 27 November	MPS Concert, 6pm

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together



"Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi."
With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

Kia ora koutou,

There is certainly a sense that we are moving into the final stretch of the school year, with plenty happening across our learning community.

Examinations are now in full swing for our senior students, who are working hard to complete their NCEA assessments. Unfortunately, we were not immune to the digital disruptions affecting schools around the country. Fortunately, we were able to put measures in place to mitigate the impact on our students and ensure they were supported through the process. The school has felt a little quieter this week, with Classes 8- 12 away and Class 6 enjoying their camp experience.

There is still plenty to look forward to as we bring the year to a close. We will keep you informed about upcoming events and important dates over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys the final weeks of the term. There is much to celebrate, and much to be grateful for as we continue towards the end of another busy and rewarding year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ipiipi Desmond Pemerika
Tumuaki | Principal

CLASS 9 INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Class 9 invites you to the culmination of the work on their Independent Projects. After working hard on their passion projects for the whole year, they have some valuable lessons to share as well as some very impressive talents. There is a wide variety of projects ranging from dance performance, cooking, fiction writing, new musical ventures, sewing, building and even boat-making!

The presentation evening is on the 25th November in the Michael Park School auditorium. Doors open 6:30 and the presentations start at 7pm.

So come and be dazzled by the tenacity of class 9, we would love to see you there.



Celebrating the hand, heart and head-work of our students from Kindergarten through to class 12 in our

Whole School Art & Craft Exhibition

"All Creatures Great and Small"

When: 25th to 27th November 8:30 am to 3:30pm
Late night viewing on Wednesday 25th until 7:00pm-
Where: The Eurythmy Room







Olympic Spirit at the Greek Olympics Camp



Class 5 joined other North Island Steiner schools for the Greek Olympics camp, bringing their classroom learning to life.

Like the heroes of myth, they faced real trials in competition. Trying, adjusting, and trying again is the Olympic spirit in real practice.

Working together, sharing the load, and making new friends showed them what community means. And in true Greek style. there was balance of body, mind, and spirit.

Congratulations to all athletes, and a special mention to Iam Greissworth, our Olympian champion in Javelin.



LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Whānau Open Hour at the library

3 December, 2026 from 2.30-3.30pm

- Get a stack of books for the summer holidays.
- Visit our library christmas tree.
- Pick up some book lists of favourite read-alouds.



Together, let's keep our kids engaged in books over summer!

Huge thank you to Alice Newman for caring for the library while I completed my practicum. It was really appreciated by us all.

All library books are due back by 30 November for stocktake week. Students will be able to reissue for summer in Week 9.

Diwali lunchtime crafts in the library – last week we celebrated Diwali by reading a story and making lanterns. [insert images]

Student librarian programme – this year we have had 25 students complete the student librarian programme, and we will celebrate at a student librarian lunch in December. Applications are now open for students from Class 6-12 who want to join the programme, or volunteer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh/leadership hours.

Have you lost an umbrella? We have a green one that was left in the school library. Please contact kurar@michaelpark.school.nz if it is yours.

Diwali Crafts in the Library







COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

- **Babysitting**: MPS graduate would love to help out any families looking for a reliable, friendly and caring babysitter! Available for casual babysitting, mornings, evenings and weekends, with other availability by arrangement. I am experienced working with children, friendly, reliable and responsible, have worked as a camp counsellor and a nanny, and happy to help with morning and nighttime routines as well as general childcare. Feel free to get in touch with me for more info. Aria Berghan - ajberghan@gmail.com, 022 382 1644

- **House-sitting / Pet-sitting – 8 January to 6 February.** My lovely parents from England will be visiting us in Ellerslie from 8 January to 6 February. They're very happy to look after pets, water plants and keep an eye on your home while you're away during this period. If anyone is looking for a house-sitter or some help with pet care over the summer holidays, please get in touch! Darren 02041278668 Ella 02041278671

- Aware your reactions could be fueling the fire? Befriending your nervous system is key. Join conscious parenting coach Donna for **Beyond Your Reaction** (Dec 5, 1–4pm, Steiner House) to break reactive patterns. **$10 off MPS parents!** Email: raisingparentsnz@gmail.com

- Thank you to all of you that came for an **intuitive reading** from me at the Fair. If you would like a reading where I blend practical coaching with intuition, cards or your dream; or want to know more about the Radiant Women groups I run for moms, please reach out. Kirsten@kirstenbridge.com @kirstenlbridge

- **For rent**: This lovely north-facing standalone 2 bedroom home nearby to Michael Park School is available now. Rent is $650 per week. Contact Mark & Michelle on 021 073 7774. View photos here: 4/13 Alana Place, Mount Wellington. Its open plan kitchen, dining and lounge offers an inviting and warm living space. There are two double bedrooms with a modern bathroom and laundry. The lounge opens out to a sunny north facing private garden, perfect for you to relax in. The property is fully fenced with plenty of storage including a garden shed.

- **Rites of Passage Programmes: '**Tides' (for 14-18 y/o and their mothers), 'Tracks' (for 14-18 y/o and their fathers) plus more programmes for younger children and their parents. Learn more about us at ropf.org.nz



- **All Together Now choir** returns to the Great Hall on Sat 21 November, bringing a vibrant, uplifting evening of choral music in support of Auckland City Mission. Quite a number of MPS whānau are involved! Tickets here: www.ticketmaster.co.nz/all-of-this-is-us-2026

- **Room Available** in a comfortable home in Mt Wellington with ex-MPS family (a couple, the owners). Looking for someone friendly, clean and tidy who would treat the home as their own. Option of a garden sleepout or an inside room. Both rooms are singles on ground level with a shared bathroom and access to a charming garden. Rent includes 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.
Sorry, we no longer publish graphic advertisements, except for Michael Park School activities, class fundraisers and Steiner-related events.



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

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL



ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP

MANGATEPOPO, TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

January 11-16 2027

BOOKINGS
Registrations for our 2027 Summer Camp are open - spaces are limited so please book your space to avoid disappointment!

DAILY RHYTHM
Each year we offer separate programmes for little children, young children, youth and adults.
We begin and end each day with a circle including games, singing and an ongoing story. Morning and evening services deepen our spiritual striving and devotional life. Together we build and strengthen our community and connection with daily work, play and devotion. We prepare and enjoy organic and biodynamic foods.

Tongariro is renowned for its beauty and diverse outdoor activities including walks, waterfalls, hot pools and swimming holes.

All inclusive costs per person;
Adult $450; 10-17 yrs $300; 5-9 yrs $250; Up to 4 yrs $75

Camp Account: The Christian Community 03-0259-0165146-05

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
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We warmly invite you to come along and join us for our

Community & Family Sundays

2026

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of the Human Being**
If you need childcare so that you can attend the service please contact Cheryl (cheryl.n.p@gmail.com)

11.30am **Family and Community Time**
With singing and story, and
The Sunday Service for Children

Followed by shared lunch. Please bring food to share.

Sundays in 2026

2nd August
6th September
4th October (Michaelmas Festival)
1st November
29th November (Advent Festival)
27th December (Christmas Festival)