



COMING EVENTS

Friday 9 July	C8 Play Performance 'Invictus'
Saturday 10 July	C8 Play Performance 'Invictus' - Matinee
Friday 9 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26 July	First day of Term 3
Monday 26 July	Meet the Principal 2.30pm, staff room
Friday 30 July	Class 1 Lunch Bar
Thursday 5 August	Class 2 Parent Meeting
Friday 6 August	Pyjama Day

Michael Park is unique. The land it occupies, the people that went before us and the current custodians form an intricate and interconnected lattice that is powerful and special. As a Principal, I have a fantasy that I will be at a social gathering and have the opportunity to talk idealistically about education with a deeply engaged stranger. A few days later this stranger contacts me and philanthropically says they will fund me to build my dream of a school, but more importantly they believe in what it strives to develop. Michael Park is very close to the school I would build both philosophically and spiritually and I know it is unlikely I will ever lead another school that is so closely aligned with my own beliefs.

I believe the school, and Steiner education in Aotearoa, is at a very exciting, pivotal point in it's existence. The opportunities to grow and move forward, while enhancing and consolidating what is truly at the heart of Steiner education, are almost limitless. We just need the vision to grasp the opportunities and the collective courage to enact them.

Thank you to the many, many parents, students, colleagues and the wider community that have been so supportive as I have tried to understand these opportunities and move Michael Park even closer to the place we all want for every child. Where I have fallen short, I can only say it was not for want of an unerring desire to care for the students or make their time at Michael Park as rich and meaningful as possible.

He ora te whakapiri

He mate te whakatariri

There is strength in unity, defeat in anger

Terry

Kia ora koutou

Last week I was listening to a kaumatua talking about Matariki and how westernised ideas of time were one of the greatest colonising legacies; the unchanging 24-hour clock that does not mirror changing day length, the consistency of expectations around work throughout the year that doesn't work with the seasons, the way we respond to largely arbitrary increments of time that structure our days etc.

This led me to reflect on the three years I have been privileged to be at Michael Park. The number is important but maybe(?) the intent and impact is of greater significance. The time has flown by in a blur and will leave me with some of the strongest memories I have.



INVICTUS

a play by Class 8

A sneak preview →

If you haven't got your ticket yet, don't delay - you are in for a really unique and special performance!

No EFTPOS available, sorry.

We urge you to please buy your tickets in advance from

[www.iticket.co.nz/
events/2021/jul/invictus](http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/jul/invictus)

Door sales will be cash only or mobile banking if necessary.

The cut off time for online ticket sales is **4pm** for tonight's performance and **10am** tomorrow for tomorrow's matinee.



Class 8 Presents

Invictus



A variety of hot food on sale prior to all shows.

An uplifting play about the power of words and the indomitable human spirit
Suitable for ages 9+ years

Tickets
Student \$15
Adult \$18
Family \$46

Thursday July 8th 7pm
Friday July 9th 7pm
Saturday 10th 1pm

Michael Park School Auditorium

ITICKET.co.nz

MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL

Monday 26th July, 2.30 - 3.30pm in the staff room

You are warmly invited to have a casual cup of tea and say hello our new principal Desmond Pemerika.
Bringing a plate of food to share is encouraged!

UNMARKED PAYMENT

The RSST have received a payment from J C O Hall on the 28/06, if this is for your family can you please contact Haidee at haideet@michaelpark.school.nz

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

Some students who travel long distances could be eligible for Transport Assistance Allowance from Ministry of Education, more information available at:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/>

Forms are available at school, please contact Brenda Davidson, email brendad@michaelpark.school.nz if you would like a form emailed to you.

PEPEHA PICTURE BOOK

Copies of the Pepeha pukapuka (picture book) are available for purchase from the kindergarten office.

There is a copy in the school office if you would like to view it, or pop down to the kindergarten.

To cover the costs of publication the price is \$10.00.



Nau mai ki Te Kōkonga Kōrero / Talking Corner

Let's try some simple conversation:

Once we have greeted someone we usually follow with the question: How are you?

In te reo we say: Kei te pēhea koe?

kei te refers to something happening in the present tense

pēhea is the question word how and

koe is you (one person)

Now you can ask a friend: **Kei te pēhea koe?** How are you?

To answer, your friend uses the present tense **kei te**, followed by a feeling word - let's use **pai** (good) -and ends with **ahau** (meaning I or me) (Note: the **au** makes the sound 'owe').

Thus your friend answers: **Kei te pai ahau.** (I am well.)

Try some other feelings:

tino pai – very good

hari - happy

pai rawa – really good/ amazing

wera – hot

makariri - cold

hiainu – thirsty

haikai – hungry

ngenge – tired

pukumahi – busy

THE GIFT OF HOPE CHARITY TEAM

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Wow, MPS, you are amazing!

Our **Sustain a Ball** this year raised **\$1400** for World Vision Anti Slave Trade campaign. We still have dresses and suits if your child is thinking of going to the ball and in need of an outfit - just contact Cathy

cathyd@michaelpark.school.nz.

And our support for the **40 Hour Famine** is so far at **\$4432** with funds still coming in. We love to hear about your challenges that you did in support of World Vision.

So proud of a wonderful community that helps give kids in sub-Saharan Africa food for today and a future for tomorrow.

PJ day is coming Friday 6 August

Next term is our famous PJ day. It is the favourite day of the term, when you get to wear your PJ's, dressing gown or onesie to school.

Just bring a gold coin donation to wear your PJ's.

Fabulous 'Midnight Feast' morning tea with home baking for sale! There will also be story time and a parade for the lower school.



Thank you Tarquin

A huge thank you to Tarquin Hooker from the Gift of Hope team. Tarquin has been an incredible support and cheerleader for change at MPS. Her vision and creativity have been so valued. We have really seen the High School take up the Charity baton under her leadership and passion for others. Seeing the passion in Class 12 this year has been a testament to her huge heart. Sustain a ball was her amazing idea and we're so glad we got to see it take off. From talent shows to cafés, movie nights and sausage sizzles, art work with former refugees, Wheels Days, PJ and Book Character Days (all done on top of her teaching and family commitments) and shining love and light in all she does.

Tarquin we know this is not goodbye, but it gives us a chance to honour you and thank you for all you have done.



Creative Workshop

Multiple media -
pencil, charcoal,
paint

Observing and
recording

Kia ora

I am Kate Le Pelley, a parent of 3 students at MPS. I am a working artist offering drawing and creative thinking workshops after school in Term 3 for students from Class 2 up to adults.

Tuesdays - Class 6 and up. Drawing exercises and projects.
Wednesdays - Class 2 and up. Drawing exercises, different each week.

We are practising quietening left-mode thinking (where we 'see' things but the brain labels them and gives you a symbol). Instead, we give right-mode thinking a chance. This is all about perception, seeing the whole and the nuances (eg. a line at a certain angle, a change of light.) We do this through drawing exercises that encourage observation.

Drawing (or painting) the actual leaf in front of you instead of just generic 'LEAF' is rewarding, relaxing, almost meditative. But it takes practise of some funny exercises: try drawing your leaf without looking at it for a start...!

These workshops will offer fun exercises for all ages, with an emphasis on relaxed looking and drawing. They are mixed age groups from Class 2 up to parents. Suitable for people who did Term 2 and new students.

Tuesdays 3-5pm Class 6+ (9 sessions) \$135
OR
Wednesdays 3-5pm Class 2+ (10 sessions) \$150

Where: Big Art Room
What to bring: Sketchbook (given in session 1)

How: Email kate@lepelley.com or
Text 021 151 1775

Working mainly in
sketchbooks

Small Groups
Booking Essential

"Goethe's Fairy Tale as a Drama of Initiation"

- A talk by Michael Burton

A talk at The Christian Community

Friday 23 July, 7pm

10 Rawhiti Rd, One Tree Hill

Goethe's tale of The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily is a story of initiation which carries within it a great potential in the same way that a seed carries within it the tree that can later grow out of it. Rudolf Steiner took this story into himself at a certain moment in his life and watched as it turned into something else. Without having to do a great deal himself, the story became, after a growing-time of 21 years, Steiner's first Mystery Drama, The Portal of Initiation. Can it not work similar creative miracles within others who encounter it?



To take hold of the story in a way that will allow it to unfold within us is a challenge. The story is complex and contains much more than is obvious at first sight. Michael offers a first step into the story. We shall look at how it came to be written and examine phenomenologically some of the defining characteristics of the landscape of the tale – the divided land where a river, running North to South, separates a kingdom into two very different realms, East and West. Michael will not tell the whole story. Those who are going to attend may prepare for the talk by reading the story first for themselves or they may come completely open with no prior knowledge. This is a first step into a Mystery and an invitation for something to begin to happen in which we can be touched by the creativity that was working in Goethe and upon which Rudolf Steiner based his own creative activity.

With your donation, between ten and twenty dollars, you support the ongoing work of our community. Everyone is most welcome. With any questions please contact Hartmut on 09 5252 305

Here are the dates for the next talks: 27/8 24/9 29/10 26/11

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **Golden Retriever puppies for sale** - They will be ready for new forever homes on 24 July (8 weeks of age) and will be vet checked and fully vaccinated.



View by prior arrangement (location just 5 minutes from school). Contact Alec Goldman (C1 parent) on 0277555777 or wayfarers.alec@gmail.com

- Kia ora, we have a **room available for flatmate or boarder**, living with a family of four. The house is warm, sunny and right next to Michael Park School. Room with modern ensuite, \$260. Please contact Amy Joe 027 257 2995
- **Working Parents Support Group** - I'm interested in setting up a group for working parents at MPS so we can share ideas about how to manage work/school balance and provide feedback to the school. If interested, send me an email - Sophie sophiehewis@hotmail.com – 021 626 858

29 June 2021

Michaels Park School
Community



Attention: Staff, Parents and Caregivers

Re: Michael's Ave Sports Pavilion 46 Michael's Ave, Ellerslie

This letter is to advise that RCC Commercial are the main contractor building the new Michaels Ave Sports Pavilion.

The project will begin early July 2021 with Completion anticipated March 2022.

During this time there will be no vehicular thoroughfare through Michaels Avenue Reserve, between Elwood Place and Michaels Ave.

Pedestrian access will be maintained during the works.

Should you have any concerns during this period please contact our Head Office on 09 570 0020.

We thank you in advance for your patience whilst construction work is undertaken and apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Yours sincerely
RCC Commercial Limited

RCC 11 Forge Way, Mt Wellington P 09 570 0020



		WAFFLE \$3
RICE BALLS \$2 GF Vegan		BLISS BALL \$3 for 2
SUSHI \$1 pc / \$3.50 half roll GF Vegan		FROZEN JUICY \$2
SAMOSA \$2.50 Vegan		FRESH FRUIT \$1
PIZZA \$3 GF Vegan		POPCORN \$1
FRITTATA \$4, or \$6 with salad GF		JUICE \$2

WARM LUNCHES

\$5 kids portion \$7 youth portion
Pre-order only!

Order the day before or latest on the day by 9am.
Salad is served with each meal (except soup).
All meals have GF, Vegan options.

MONDAY Pasta with tomato vege sauce, cheese
TUESDAY Soup of the day with bread
WEDNESDAY Stir fry, rice and veges
THURSDAY Pizza with salad

To pre-order please email:
mplashbar@hotmail.com

Online payment to 38-9000-0210447-03
Please state your child's name and class.
Please send orders in by 9am on the day, or
order any time for multiple days in advance.

CRAFT GROUP

NEW WEEKLY WORKSHOP FORMAT

- TERM 2:** *LEARN DOLL MAKING*
LEARN HOW TO MAKE A TRADITIONAL STEINER DOLL FOR SNAPDRAGON FOR FREE
OR MAKE AND TAKE ONE FOR YOURSELF \$80
- TERM 3:** *LEARN TO DYE ALL DIFFERENT SORTS OF FABRIC*
LEARN THE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES FOR DYING FABRIC FOR PLAY CLOTHS, FELT FIGURES, NEEDLE FELTING
- TERM 4:** *LEARN NEEDLE FELTING & MAKE FELT FIGURES*
WE'LL USE THE FABRIC WE'VE DYED TO FOCUS ON ANGELS, FELT FIGURINES & NATIVITY SCENES
MAKE A FEW FOR SNAPDRAGON AND KEEP ONE FOR YOURSELF FREE

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OR CALL
ROBYN 021733829**

