

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Saint Michael is the guiding spirit of our age, who gives us the courage to fight against the forces of the 'dragon' within – egoism, untruthfulness and selfishness.

- Rudolf Steiner

Kia ora e te whānau

I think you will all agree that we had a splendid Spring Fair. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who joined us for the working bee to ready the campus for the Fair, especially Ritchy, Sorie, and the Weavers who organized all the tasks and ensured that bellies were filled with delicious food. Thank you to Dunja and the steering group for excellent organisation and communication. We are very grateful for all the volunteer hours donated by the parents and other helpers, and to our sponsors that made the Fair such a success. It is magical to arrive on the Sunday morning to find the campus set up for the Fair, and then to arrive back on Monday morning to find it all clean and tidy. Thank you for all the magic!

On Wednesday we had the privilege of attending Ahi's marionette play, *The Odd One Out*. What a wonderful production! This was truly a joint effort by all concerned as Ahi made the puppet theatre themselves, painted the backdrops, and made the clothes and the marionettes. Of course, they had expert assistance from their wonderful class teacher, Helga, and our inimitable Handwork teacher, Davina. Well done to all of you!

Yesterday, we had our Michaelmas festival and shared assembly. It was lovely to see such a great parent and guest turn-out. Earlier in the day the children displayed their Michaelmas crafts in their classrooms, enjoyed dragon bread and dragon cake at morning tea, and participated in games until lunchtime.

For adults, at this time of year, the archangel Michael calls us to wake up, to look around, to look into the shadows, to welcome the dragon for what it can tell us about ourselves. Michael also sends to mankind the courage to take on the dragon if Michael's help is sought. If we begin to transform our dragons through our conscious deeds, Michael will come to our aid. The dragons of harsh judgments, lack of commitment, unkind words, fear, greed, untruths, thoughtlessness, apathy, rear their heads. The form of each dragon is different; only each one of us can name and tame our own dragon. By looking at the shadow, we can learn what direction to head in to find our true selves. By shining the light of consciousness on the dragon we can be the vehicle for the dragon's transformation and take away its power over us.

We wish you a wonderful Spring holiday with your whānau.

He tangata takahi manuhiri, he marae puehu
Ngā mihi, Elizabeth



TERM DATES

Friday 25 September	Kōhatu Spring Festival Last day term 3	1:30pm
Monday 12 October	First day term 4	
Tuesday 13 October	Board Meeting	5:00pm
Tuesday 20 October	Parent's Meeting	5:00pm
Monday 26 October	Labour Day	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 28 October	Proprietors Trust Meeting	7:00pm

Class 6 and 7

CLASS PLAYS

Class 1 and 2

The Odd One Out

The Root Children



Noah's Ark

Class 3

SCHOOL NOTICES

REMINDERS



An important reminder to school and kindergarten parents:

The school car park and driveway is a 10km speed limit zone. Please drive carefully and be mindful when reversing.

Keep your children within reach after school/ kindergarten hours and ensure they are not running on the road.

THANK YOU NETWORK TASMAN



A big thank you to Network Tasman, whose generous grant enabled us to buy two gazebos for the school. In addition to providing much needed shade at school events, one of the gazebos made a wonderful entrance way to our Spring Fair this year!

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

We are in the process of beautifying the campus and making it identifiable as a *Steiner* school campus. Fred Roberston will be working on a project with our senior students, and we would appreciate donations of the following materials:

- Off cuts of wood and plywood
- Resene-type paints suitable for the outdoors
- Paint brushes of all sizes
- Sandpaper

We are also looking for 2 wooden gates (we can renovate them if necessary) to replace the steel gates at the entrance.

If you have any of the above please contact Elizabeth or the school office.

MICHAELMAS IS THE FESTIVAL OF THE FUTURE

FOOD FOR
THOUGHT



by Didi Offerman

We celebrate festivals to acknowledge the yearly rhythms and seasonal changes. Festivals are usually accompanied by much anticipation and preparation, culminating in a joyous experience. Michaelmas honours Saint Michael, the Archangel. Saint Michael is a symbol of protection, courage, and spiritual strength. Michaelmas is the festival of courage, of initiative, and of bringing thinking into the will. In today's world, drowning in uncertainty, conflict, and environmental challenges, the importance of Saint Michael as the defender against darkness and evil resonates deeply and provides a strong message of resilience and hope.

Michael's battle against evil symbolises the ongoing struggle between good and evil, justice and injustice. It can help us to stand against oppression, fight for justice, and protect the vulnerable. Saint Michael is often invoked for protection. Living in a time marked by natural disasters, conflict, and personal struggles, Saint Michael offers comfort and reassurance, reminding humanity of the strength of faith and resilience while standing in full consciousness.

The archangel fights against evil and serves as a reminder of the importance of moral integrity. Michaelmas is a time to reflect on our values and actions, promoting a just and compassionate society. By embracing the virtues that Saint Michael represents, people can find hope and inspiration to navigate modern complexities, work towards justice and build stronger communities. This festival serves as a reminder that, even in difficult time, there can be unity, faith, and the pursuit of goodness.

*Adapted from an article by Didi Offerman, Michael
Mount Waldorf School*

Spring Fair 2026

Kia ora everyone,

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for all the love, time and energy that went into bringing our Spring Fair to life.

There is something so empowering and life-enriching for children in seeing the adults around them come together, work alongside one another and create something special for their community. These experiences become part of their childhood memories and help to weave a deep sense of belonging and connection that can stay with them for a lifetime.

Thank you for creating such a beautiful experience for our tamariki and for showing them the true strength and joy of community.

And what a result! **Together we raised over \$43,000 for our school.** An incredible achievement, and one every single person who gave their time contributed to.

As the steering group starts thinking about next year, your feedback would be genuinely valuable. If you have a few minutes please fill in the survey: <https://forms.gle/KN2BDDBAkrTdfiF9A>

We will be collecting all the feedback into a list, and we will share a summary with the community once we have talked through next steps, which will most likely be in term 1 or term 2 in 2027. And if you are keen to help lead a stall or coordinate again next year, call or text Dunja 021 0220 6393. It's never too early to start thinking about it.

Thank you again for making this year's fair such a special one.

The Fair Steering Committee

Apple Juice



The Fair food stalls have 3 bags of apple juice (3 litre pouches) left over for sale. \$12 each. They can be picked up and paid at the office.

Silent Auction

There are amazing items still available from Spring Fair Silent Auction. Items had a starting bid of 50%, but if you have an offer please contact Nova 022 090 2466 for payment and collection details!

#3 Abel Tasman Ocean View Chalets - 1 night's accommodation for 2ppl in 1 bedroom chalet. Valid 1/5/27 to 30/9/27. Not valid long weekends or public holidays. Value \$285 <https://accommodationabeltasman.co.nz/>

#90 Tahuna Beach Holiday Park - 1 night accommodation for 4ppl in an apartment motel, a round of mini golf and option for 50% off second night. Valid until 20/9/27, not valid 20/12/26 to 31/01/27 or long weekends. Value \$280 <https://tahuna.nz/>

#13 Cycle Nelson - 2x bike hire (electric or speed) for self tour of Great Taste trail. Valid until 31 May 27. Value \$240 <https://www.cyclenelson.co.nz/bike-hire-nelson/>

#71 Real Family Photography - 1 hr family photo session and one 5x7" print OR \$250 credit towards more photos. Value \$450 <https://www.realfamilyphotography.com>

#80 Royal Albatross Centre Dunedin - Family Tour pass (2 adults, 3 children to Unique Taiaaroa Tour). Valid until 20/09/27. Value \$160 <https://albatross.org.nz/unique-taiaroa/>

#30 Ecowarehouse - Crown Chakra reed diffuser and/or #33 Sacral Chakra reed diffuser. Value \$35 each. <https://ecowarehouse.nz/>

#36 Fred Robinson - acrylic on board "Barefoot at Marahau!" Value \$250 (Available to view in school office)

#68 Pieter Swanepoel - oil on canvas "Towards the valley". Value \$680 (Available to view in school office)

And finally, there are spaces still available for the Community Connection workshop by ecoconsciousnessnz, Wed 14/10 at the school. \$30. <https://linktr.ee/ecoconsciousnessnz>



#30



#36



#68



Decorations



Entertainment



Food and Drinks



Photobooth



Marketplace



Medieval Games

Crafts and fairyland



Cafe



Outdoor Classroom and Farm to Table



Ponies



Midnight Elves



MRSST UPDATE

The story of the "Unsung Hero".

In amongst us, The Steiner Community, is the person this story is about. Always contributing, not asking for payment or waiting to be asked what they can do. They are committed because they believe in the school and the Rudolf Steiner approach to supporting the child in their development. The interesting thing about this person is they have had family at the school but no longer, so why stay? One key reason is the wonderful beauty that is now shown by the young adult, in having been immersed in the Rudolf Steiner educational philosophy. It's a way of giving back without a conditional requirement.

But this person also loves the great outdoors often travelling to many parts of the local Tasman area setting traps to catch those little critters who would try and hunt our wonderful bird-life. Once again done for the joy and wonderment of the experience.

This person is interesting because they sit behind a computer working with numbers a lot of the time.

This person loves numbers they talk to him, and he is constantly beating the drum. I hear him, he is "absolutely correct", that there are two parts to the Motueka Steiner School and Kindergarten.

It's a business, and our business requires us to have lots of children coming through from Playgroup and kindergarten to the school. That makes it successful.

It's a Special Character teaching philosophy; it's in tune with development of the soul and nature of the child. That makes it successful.

I know there are others, that are committed beyond involvement with their child also, but I want you to know this person and what makes him stay in as part of our journey.

This person is Mauricio Lloreda who has been our accountant for 7 years.

If you see Mauricio skulking around doing this and that, probably with his Ute nearby, please stop and thank him for what he does.

He is a smiley character with dark hair, can't miss him really and he has a "lot to say." Thank you Mauricio for everything you do.



"Gossip"

"Casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true:"

Over the last few months, I have been in conversation with people about carpark gossip.

And the reason why, is because many felt "Gossip" has been damaging to the Steiner School and Kindergarten cause and had become part of who we are.

I have sensed a big change in recent months and highlighted by the spirit of the fair.

It's easy to think that just because people are connecting, and having a good old-fashioned chat, its gossip. I put my hand up, I have been caught out thinking certain individuals were together gossiping.

I was thinking we need another word. Having a chat, just talking and communicating in the carpark, does it for me.

Some thoughts to share.

Get to know people on a more personal level, focus on the positive and be part of the change you want to see.

Take a break from social media, celebrate accomplishments, offer help and support.

Volunteers

I have been "tagged" recently of being a volunteer as Chair of the Motueka Rudolf Steiner School Trust. How can '**you**' do the job if you're not paid?

Easy, I have the experience, knowledge and time that allows me to do the job, so I volunteer. Paying me does not change the equation of who and what I am and can offer.

As a volunteer one commits mind, heart and soul to a cause, because they want to.

I am proud of the experience, commitment and application that the present MRSST trustee board brings in moving the Steiner Motueka School and kindergarten forward.

And they are all **volunteers!**

In my opinion, New Zealand could not function without the input of volunteers!

Kindergarten Connection

For those who missed out on the puppet show run by the teachers at the fair, it was a raving success. Little children coming out so excited with the, "did you see", being expressed at the wonderment and joy they experienced.

They also ran the photo booth, was a must according to my daughter. So, first time for me to be a wizard.

A big thankyou to the teachers and let's not forget the parents who also pitched in.

Car Bumper/window sticker competition

A quick reminder to parents (Details in last newsletter) get together with your children and send us your creative input then email to chair@mrsst.nz

Name correction

Oops! In the last newsletter I renamed Marlin with the surname Harris, should be Persson.

And our resident arborist is Bene Ritschny not Rudolf like the founder of Steiner education.

On that note, what a wonderful fair, **thankyou volunteers**, enjoy the holiday break.

Lindsay Alexander Chair MRSST

LANDCARE GROUP

Biodynamic stir and spread: twice a year we spray a substance on the land which we can make ourselves, and which works to increase mauri, or life forces on the land. Biodynamics is all about using and enhancing what is already on the land, so that the farmer doesn't need to go out shopping for chemicals - NPK.

The stirring and spreading is a communal activity we do in a group over about an hour and a half; we get to walk the land and see how it is unfolding.

The next stir, to which all are invited, is at 2.45pm on Sunday 27th September. We start at the hay barn up on 49 School Rd (in front of the 2 cottages). We spread with hearth brushes; bring if you have one.

Fiona, for the Landcare Group 021 210 7441.



Motueka Steiner Kindergarten

What a lovely, busy time we have been having at Kindergarten! After the excitement of our Fair, the children have been happily tired, enjoying the warmth of the spring sunshine and the slower rhythm of these final days of Term 3.

As we come to the end of the term, we are looking forward to a restful holiday break – a chance for everyone to recharge, enjoy some family time, and soak up the spring sunshine.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 with sunhats and smiles, ready for more outdoor adventures, play and learning. Our garden is bursting into life, with flowers and all the colour and beauty that spring brings.

Wishing all our tamariki, whānau and kaiako a happy and restful holiday!

And a reminder that we run our Kākano group on Thursdays for children wanting to transition into kindy soon, and our casual Friday playgroup for parents and their children. We would love it if you could help spread the word!



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Craft Club



Craft Club takes place every Thursday after school in the Outdoor Classroom. Currently they have a few spaces available for term 4. Don't miss out!



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Wednesday, October 14th
6:30pm-8:30pm
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Pan Eurythmy



PAN EURYTHMY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 26th TO MARCH 20th FROM 9 TO 10 :15AM AT THE MOTUEKA STEINER SCHOOL [165 Robinson Road Lower Moutere](#)

Pan Eurythmy is a sequence of rhythmical harmonious movements to music. It was developed in Bulgaria by Peter Denov in the 1900s. He was a spiritual teacher, musician and philosopher.

The movements connect the human being to the heavenly and earthly forces in nature. Pan Eurythmy is danced from spring to autumn outside in nature. There are 28 movements in circle sequence followed by 2 forms celebrating the sun and zodiac, and the virtues of the human being in the pentagram. Every year there is a large gathering in the Rila mountains in Bulgaria, where hundreds of people from all over the world meet to do Pan Eurythmy together. It is a community building experience. This year I visited the capital of Bulgaria, Sophia, where Peter Denov lived and worked. I did Pan Eurythmy in the mountains near there with over 200 people from different countries. I experienced an overwhelming feeling of loving community, hope and peace for all humankind. In Bulgaria Pan Eurythmy is danced every morning in most towns in parks and nature, and even in schools.

We would like to bring the seed of this experience to the Motueka School. Everyone from 9 to 99 years of age is most welcome to join us in this meditative celebration to the nature spirits and the divine forces.

We look forward to seeing you all. Feel free to join us any Saturday.

Blessings of peace to all, Trevor and Karin

For further information:

trevor.scott.croll@gmail.com (from 18th of sept: 021 21 71 558)



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Piano stool wanted

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Copper workshop

with Jamie Nicoll

Thursday 1 October 9.30am-2pm

Create your own jewellery, candle holder, spoon, laddle, hook or anything you dream up.

Adults and kids from 8yrs welcome!

\$55

Book your place: 027 405 6226

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sliding scale \$250-450

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With Annemieke Harmonie



Saturday 26th September 2026

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