

# WE ARE SURROUNDED BY BEAUTY

Michael Park School and Kindergarten have been blessed by the beautiful lazure work of Charles Andrade. Our kindergartens and the auditorium foyer are the latest areas to meet his talented hands. Last year the staffroom was revitalized by Charles, teachers and parents. Our grateful thanks to Gundula McKibben who organized for Charles to come to the school, and to the RSST for supporting this initiative. Thank you to the parents and other willing helpers who worked with Charles. Please visit the kindergartens, auditorium and staffroom, where you will be able to enjoy first-hand the effect of their work.

## WHAT IS LAZURE AND HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

Lazure is layers of paint prepared nearly as thin and transparent as watercolour, consisting of water, binder, and pigment. It is applied with a rhythmical movement using large brushes. The final colour is achieved using varied colours applied in several layers over a white surface. Light passes through these thin layers of colour and is reflected back, giving a pure colour experience.

Flat, monotone colours are tiring on the eyes while colour with variation of hue and tone stimulates and balances the activity of the eyes. The lazure method offers a creative and conscientious use of colour that provides nourishment for the eye and the soul. It can achieve aesthetically beautiful results AND act as a powerful healing influence amid the stress and tension of modern life.



## WHERE DID THE IDEA COME FROM?

Rudolf Steiner encouraged artists to paint walls with transparent radiant colour. He used the word 'lasur' to describe this new way of colouring walls " where colour would feel as though it were in the space and not just on the wall. This provided a pure experience of colour " as though one could "spiritually pass through the walls". In 1907 and 1908 Steiner spoke of new impulses in the arts and demonstrated these new directions. In a lecture given in 1911 he spoke especially of the importance of transparent colour on walls.

*([http://www.lazurebylogsdon.com/what\\_is\\_lazure.htm](http://www.lazurebylogsdon.com/what_is_lazure.htm))*

" ... An unusual, more spiritually oriented painting technique. Colour is a vital consideration in 'tuning'

a room for its intended use ... the white surface behind lazure colour reflects light back through the layers of glaze making the colours appear to be 'in the space' rather than simply on the wall ... The combined colours in the lazure method weave an enlivening variety for the human eye and Spirit. Never intruding, always inviting, the colours interplay with the subtle nuances of Nature, creating a depth not normally present on most interior walls."

### from 'Home Design from the Inside Out'

*by Robin Lennon*

Charles Andrade paints in the colour-field style that has evolved from his initial training in Anthroposophic art therapy, which he studied in

England in the late '70s and early '80s at the Tobias Centre for Arts and Art Therapy. It was there, while a student of Goethean colour theory, that he learned how colour is a living interaction between darkness and light and how this dynamic drama is mirrored in the life of the human soul. Charles was also schooled in the art of lazure, a unique wall treatment that creates soul-nourishing interior environments.

To find out more about Charles' beautiful work go online at

<http://www.lazure.com/>

Thank you Gundula, Charles, and the team of helpers, for making our environment so beautiful.

## MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Michael Park School wishes to become a Centre of Excellence for Music. Broad participation in music is central to many Waldorf Schools as a social art that engages and develops the heart forces.

We are developing a strong instrumental stream in addition to the singing that has grown so well over the last few years. Now all students up to class 9 are playing in music ensembles, and orchestras are catering for those who have specialised for many years. Senior students also have access to specialist choirs.

In addition, the computers in the music room allow students starting in class 7 to compose music using the programmes Sibelius and Garage Band.

The Music Development Donation makes a contribution to the whole development of Music at Michael Park School, all of the above and more, so that all students may follow a pathway that can lead towards excellence. Our dreams

go even further, to a music suite and wonderful bands, orchestras and choirs.

We hope that this makes the Music Development Donation more understandable.

