



MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2014

Merry Christmas everyone!!

Another year has flown by and your PTA has had another busy year. Panelworks Open Day, Oxford Pies, Read-a-thon, card and calendars and sushi orders for lunch have been just some of the fundraisers our school has taken part in this year. These and all of the other activities undertaken this year would not have been possible without the support of all the wonderful parents of this school and our wider community. Thank you on behalf of the PTA.

If you have any ideas for other ways in which your PTA can support our school please don't hesitate to contact one of the committee.

TERM FOUR UPDATE

Calendars, Cards and Diaries - this year \$2254 was raised from the sale of the calendars, cards, diaries and notebooks. I'm sure the children's calendars will be proudly displayed in the New Year. Thanks to Jenna and her helper, Jamie, for all their hard work.

Gala Day & Silent Auction -we were very lucky to have some nice weather for our gala this year. It was great to see so many families and community members there to support our children. Thank you to everyone who supported the Gala Day & Silent Auction.

Whether it was baking a cake, buying a sausage or raffle ticket, having a go at one of the senior children's activities in the Sharks Alley, having a face painted, buying a bag of popcorn, or participating in any of the other activities - it all made for a very successful day. The Gala Day profit was \$5451 and the Silent Auction bidding totalled a whopping \$7859! We are extremely grateful to the businesses and individuals who so generously donated items for the Silent Auction and to Jenna Crighton and her helpers who put in the many, many hours of work to make it all happen with such success. Well done!

Sushi orders - this is part fundraiser and part service to our school and proves to be very popular. We had two orders this term and raised \$133 from these. If anyone has any suggestions for different flavoured sushi, please let me know.

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES DURING 2014

Panelworks Open Day	\$2,387.24
Repco Raffle	\$667.70
Oxford Pies	\$2,240.80
Sushi	\$548.00
Read-a-thon	\$6,503.70
Calendars & Cards	\$2,254.01
Disco	\$700.70
Gala Day	\$5,451.72
Silent Auction	\$7,859.00
TOTAL	\$28,612.87

WHERE DID THE FUNDS GO THIS YEAR?

This year the funds raised by the PTA have been used to purchase:
construction block sets, perceptual motor programme equipment, dress-up and role play equipment, art consumables, jump jam cd, landscaping plants, big books, library books, classroom readers and sports shirts.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

Our first meeting next year will be a planning meeting, held on Monday 23rd February, where we will decide which fundraising activities we will take part in during 2015. Please consider coming along to this meeting so that you can have a say on where your PTA is heading and what we get involved with. Next year we shall be introducing Subway orders for lunch on selected days, much like we do with our sushi orders. So keep your eyes open for our Subway days and sushi days!

SHARING YOUR IDEAS

The Matamata Primary PTA is your PTA and we are here to not only fundraise but also be a link between families and the school. We rely on parent and teacher support and we aim to encourage the relationship between home and school.

Please consider coming to a meeting next year and finding out more about the PTA. You will not be given a job unless you are comfortable with that. Our meetings are informative, fun and don't take too long.

PTA – Committee 2014

Executive:

Chairperson - Mike Hills

Vice Chairperson - Jude Trumm

Secretary - Debbie Thomas

Treasurer - Tracey Park

Fundraising Co-ordinator - Jenna Crighton

Community Liaison - Lynne Counsell

Digital Communication - Kristi Kennedy

Committee Members: Melissa Allen, Justine Crabb, Carolyn Osborne, Nicky Sankey, Rob Thompson, Lucinda Wightman and Julie Wilson.

We also have an Ancillary PTA group that we do call on from time to time to help with PTA activities. If you would like to be included within this group, please contact Lynne Counsell our PTA Community Liaison - 021 1040237 or dye-family@vodafone.net.nz.

Please feel free to come along and join us at any of our meetings. We meet twice a term on a Monday night at 7.00pm. Meetings are usually about an hour. Our Principal, Carolyn, presents a detailed report at each meeting and this is a great way to keep up with what is happening around the school.

FINALLY

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Bev King, who is leaving Matamata Primary at the end of this year. Bev has been a teacher at Matamata Primary for many years and has always been a great supporter of the PTA. The PTA could not function without the support of our fantastic teachers.

As always, a big thank you to everybody who has made a contribution towards our fundraising efforts during the year. We are very grateful for your support. To those of you not returning to Matamata Primary next year, good luck at your new schools.

I would also like to thank all of the PTA members and the Ancillary Group for their support, and to acknowledge the wonderful effort they have made during 2014.

Merry Christmas everyone!!!

Lynne Counsell

PTA Community Liaison