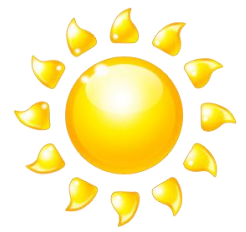


MATAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2014

Hello to all our Matamata Primary School families and welcome back to another school year. We have a lot of exciting events coming up this year and we are sure you will all find something that interests you. You can find more information on your PTA at our website. Visit us at mpspta.weebly.com

TERM ONE UPDATE

The first PTA Committee meeting for 2014 was held recently and planning has begun for this year's events. It was great to have some new faces at our first meeting and have new ideas heard. We have a mixture of fundraising, social and educational events planned for this year.

Panelworks Open Day

Sunday 16 March 10am-2pm

The PTA is grateful to Malcolm & Nicky Sankey for giving us the opportunity to take part in fundraising activities at their bi-annual open day. For those of you that have not been before it is an awesome day for car enthusiasts and those of us that just want to have a look. There will be a range of vintage, restored and new cars, as well as merchandise available to purchase. For the kids, there is the colouring competition that has been given out at school or can be completed on the day.

The PTA will be at the door collecting the gold coin donations for the entry and selling food and refreshments. There will also be a \$100 note raffle.

If you are available to help out on the day please get in touch with Nicky on 0272968925.

Sushi for lunch

Forms to order sushi for lunch will go home on Friday 21 March to be returned on Monday 24 March with sushi being delivered for lunch on

Tuesday 25 March. There will be three options again; salmon, teriyaki chicken or a mixture of both.

If anyone has other suggestions for different flavoured sushi please get in touch with me on 0211040237 or dye-family@vodafone.net.nz.

WHERE WILL ALL THE FUNDS GO THIS YEAR?

This year the PTA have decided that the majority of the funds raised will go towards the landscaping of our school grounds. The next stage of this is due to begin very soon and the landscaping committee will be organising a working bee very soon. If you are interested please leave your details at the office and one of the committee will get in touch with you.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

We will be holding our AGM on March 24th at 7pm in the Multi Purpose room. It would be really great to see some new faces at this meeting again and even better to have some new parents that would like to become more involved in the PTA and possibly put their hand up for a position on the executive. This is your chance to make a difference, have your opinion and ideas heard and become involved.

Entertainment Books

These will once again be for sale through the school office and provide great value when dining out or visiting some excellent family oriented places. More information will be coming home soon.

Oxford Pies

We will once again be ordering these delicious pies and order forms will be going home the end of May with orders being due back the 6th of June and pies delivered 18th of June.

Parent Forum

We are looking at having a parent forum in term three which covers reading. More information will be provided as details are confirmed.

Read-a-thon

To tie in with the parent forum on reading we will be holding a read-a-thon in term three. This involves children gathering sponsors to encourage them to read. They will have a reading log to fill out. Look out for more information in term two.

Donate a Plant Scheme

We would like to give our school families and community the opportunity to donate the plants which have been planned for the new gardens. Shortly the landscaping committee will send home the details of this donation scheme so that you can be part of the landscaping of our school without having to attend a working bee!

Landscaping Working Bee

This is planned for Sunday 30 March, unless there is torrential rain all weekend. We have some helpers already but there are gardens to dig, gardens to cut back, soil to spread, plants to plant and bark to spread. If you can help please contact Jude Trumm at hairwaypatroljude@gmail.com or complete and return a working bee form which will be out shortly.

PTA Committee

Executive:

Chairperson - to be filled

Vice Chairperson - Rowena Randell

Secretary - Debbie Thomas

Treasurer - to be filled

Fundraising Co-ordinator - to be filled

Community Liaison - Lynne Counsell

Other Committee Members:

Melissa Allen, Fiona Benefield, Justine Crabb, Kristi Kennedy, Carolyn Osborne, Tracey Park, Angela Parker, Brian Priest, Nicky Sankey, Kristina Swetman, Rob Thompson, Anne-Marie Trow, Julie Wilson.

We also have an Ancillary PTA group that receives minutes of the PTA meetings and whom 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 me on 021 1040 237 or at 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 and a half. 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

The PTA always appreciates any assistance we have with our fundraising activities and welcomes your attendance at our Parent Forums.

The PTA looks forward to another successful year ahead and further supporting Matamata Primary School throughout 2014.

Thank you
Lynne Counsell
PTA Community Liaison