



## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2014

Hello everybody.

Since our last newsletter the PTA have had two meetings. We have a lot of news to share. For those of you with children that raced in the Inter School Cross Country at Hinuera on Wednesday you would know about the fantastic sports shirts the PTA have bought. These shirts are available for any school children entered into an event where they are representing Matamata Primary. They will be held by the PTA and given out for the event they are needed for and then returned straight away. **Parents do not wash them as this will be done by PTA volunteers.** We received many great comments from other schools about our awesome new sports shirts. The purchase of these shirts was funded by the Panelworks Open Day, so thank you to Nicky and Malcolm Sankey.

### **TERM TWO AND THREE UPDATE**

#### Repco raffle

Troy Smith from our local Repco approached the PTA about their recent trade night to offer us the chance to run the raffle. Jenna Crighton organised a team of helpers to sell raffle tickets in town as well as on the night of the trade night and run a BBQ at the trade night. From this raffle \$667 was raised. The PTA would like to thank Troy and his team at Repco for the chance to run the raffle and also to Jenna for organising the helpers to sell raffle tickets and cook sausages.

#### Oxford Pies

These were available to order in Term Two and recently in this term. Thank you to Tracey Park and Fiona Benefield for all the time and effort they have put into collating, processing and packing the orders. It is a huge task! Thank you also to the band of

helpers that helped in packing the orders. Hope you are all enjoying your pies, sausage rolls and lamingtons. The order in term two raised \$1366 and this term \$843 was raised.

#### Sushi for lunch

We had a huge 97 orders at the end of term two and 83 orders at the beginning of this term to make a total of \$180 raised for our school.

#### Reading Forum and Read-a-thon

The PTA would like to offer their thanks to the teachers and children that helped with the recent Reading forum. There was a fantastic turnout of 50 parents, with 20 children involved in the demonstrations. If anyone has any feedback about this forum or ideas for a future forum, please let one of the PTA committee know.

Kristi Kennedy has been extremely busy organising the Read-a-thon and managed to gather some great spot prizes. Every child that participated in the Read-a-thon has had the chance to win a spot prize. Kristi and her helpers are now busily gathering in the sponsorship forms and the reading logs and counting up all the money. So if you still have yours at home, please bring it to school tomorrow.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### Crazy Colours Disco

Next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September the PTA will be holding a disco with the theme Crazy Colours. Music is by ex pupil, Troy Allen. So get your brightly coloured dancing shoes on and come enjoy some great music. Entry is \$3. More information in the flyer out today.

#### Sushi lunch orders

Order forms went home today for Sushi next week. Please return your order form and money on Monday, Sushi will be delivered on Tuesday.

### Calendars

Teachers shall begin work on these soon and they shall be available for viewing after they are completed. These are great Christmas presents and very good for sending overseas.

### Landscaping

There is a working bee organised for this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you have returned your form to say you can help, thank you for your assistance. It isn't too late to put your hand up however as more helpers are always needed. If you can spare some time on Sunday please let the office know.

## **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD**

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please consider coming to this meeting and finding out more about our PTA and our school. There is no pressure to take on any specific roles or positions.

The annual Gala Day will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This is a huge day that requires a lot of organisation and is a highlight of the year. Once again the PTA will be looking for helpers to make this day a success. If you could spare some time that day to help out in some way please get in touch with a PTA committee member. Mark the date in your diary as it is not to be missed.

## **WHERE WILL ALL THE FUNDS GO THIS YEAR?**

Already this year the PTA have donated funds to purchase the sports shirts and PMP programme equipment for juniors. Any further funds will go towards school resources such as: landscaping products, library books, Jump Jam CD's, role play equipment, gym tumbling mat, digital equipment and construction sets.

## **SHARING YOUR IDEAS**

Should you have any fundraising ideas, suggestions for parent forums or feedback on any events held or upcoming, we would love to hear about them. You can contact any of our PTA committee, who can bring your ideas

along to a meeting, or why not come along yourself and share your ideas with us.

## **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 Wizard - Kristi Kennedy

### Committee Members:

Melissa Allen, Justine Crabb, Carolyn Osborne, Nicky Sankey, Kristina Swetman, Rob Thompson, Lucinda Wightman and Julie Wilson.

Feel free to come along and join us at any of our meetings. We meet twice a term on a Monday night at 7:00 pm. Meetings usually last about an hour and a half. Our principal, Carolyn Osborne, presents a detailed report at each meeting and this is a great way to keep up with what is happening around our school. The next meeting is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

We also have an ancillary list of 'willing PTA helpers' whom we call on from time to time. If you would like more information on joining this list please feel free to contact myself, Lynne Counsell (0211040237 or [dye-family@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:dye-family@vodafone.net.nz)) or any of our PTA members.

## **FINALLY**

The PTA always appreciates any assistance we have with our fundraising activities and welcomes your attendance at our Parent Forums and meetings. Thank you to all the wonderful people who have contributed in one way or another so far this year.

Thank you

Lynne Counsell

PTA Community Liaison