

Paremata School PTA News – February 2010

Welcome back to the new school year. The reactivated Parent Teacher Association has now officially been in action for one year!

*****If you would like to be part of making decisions for our school and your children, then we would love to have you as part of the PTA. We would really like some new faces this year, so if you have a couple of hours free per month to come to meetings, please come along to the first meeting for the year on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you like more information please call Jo Newland on 2339717.*****

Take a look at what the PTA achieved in 2009 (with the help of many volunteers ☺) :

- Set up a '*new families*' committee who have organised several morning teas and dessert evenings for the families of new children starting at school.
- Held a *Car Rally* in March 2009 where lots of families had fun in their cars looking for clues and then enjoyed a picnic at school.
- Held an extremely successful *Pink Ribbon Pancake breakfast* as a school fundraiser and also to raise money for breast cancer in May 2009.
- Ran a *school disco* for children aged 5 to 9 years in August 2009.
- Supported the Gala committee in running the *school gala* on 31st October 2009 which raised \$25,000!!!
- Organised *Christmas cards and calendars* using the children's photos and artwork.
- Ran a very successful *Christmas Carols & picnic* evening on December 2009.
- Established the role of *Grants Coordinator*.
- Prioritised a '*wish list*' of items to be purchased for the school using funds raised by the gala and PTA.
- Set up our first '*walking bus*' – with more to come.
- With funds raised we were able to purchase the following items for the school:
 - New sound system for the hall.
 - New storage system for rm 17.
 - New hard court play area on the field.
 - Large tree planting along SH1 boundary.

The current committee is:

Amber Shannon	
Angela Rickard	
Bianca Beach-Adams	New families committee
Brigette Harvey	
Christine Lock	Deputy Principal
Clare Matthews	
Craig Haywood	
Fenella Christy	
Helen Graham	
Jo Newland	Chairperson
Jo Prestwood	Grants Coordinator
Karyn Smith	Diary Coordinator/New families committee
Kate Benson-Cooper	
Kate Brown	Walking Bus Coordinator
Kim Honiss	
Laura Radcliffe	Secretary
Lesley Whiley	'Friends of the PTA' Coordinator
Liz Shaw	
Martin James	Principal
Michelle Block	
Rachel Callear	
Theresa Ready	New families committee

We have also set up a **'friends of the PTA'** list. These are people who do not wish to be on the PTA but are happy to be contacted occasionally to help out with the events that we run.

If you would like to join the 'friends of the PTA', please fill in your details below and return this form to one of us, or to the office.

Yes, I'd like to have my name included on the 'friends of the PTA' list. I understand that this means I will get called on occasionally to help out at school events.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____