

On behalf of the ParentLink team – we would like to take this time to reflect and appreciate 2017 and thank everyone for your contribution last year!



A big thank you to all our event organisers, especially those people who have stepped up to take on new jobs in 2017, and thank you to all who have come along to the various ParentLink-organised events, and supported the school.

-Thank you to Kylie Wihapi who arranged an outstanding quiz night at the Supply Room. In addition to this arranging the grocery raffle, plus the **Quiz** tickets were available online via the School website saving extra work for the school office team. This fundraiser made \$1800 together.

-**Pancake breakfast**, another outstanding morning start for our school families to get together by Julie Morris. \$1300 raised for the school plus the donation towards Breast Cancer NZ.

-Thank you also for another great **Disco** arranged by Jacinta Wawatai. Raising \$673. Enjoyed by all the children.

-Thank you to Marilyn Hunt who has the supply of the school **Tea towels** which are available once again in time for Mother's Day and online through-out the year on the school website https://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/online_stores/1-shop-online.

In 2017 the total sold was \$1410. (outside of gala sales).

-**Christmas Carols** arranged by Sara Norling, who has done another wonderful job on our free end-of-year gathering. PTA raised \$175 on the BBQ and the baking sold saw a good donation to Ronald McDonald house.



Another school website online tool was in place to take offers of help from parents towards our fundraisers over the year. It helped arrange a terrific spread sheet and to keep track of people who have volunteered in all their various capacities; it will be utilised again next year. Check out this link now www.paremata.school.nz/1059/forms/4-school-fund-raising-social-activity-help/submissions/new



Gala funds: The \$29K funds raised were ear-marked for some items to improve the senior fort. A few changes happened over the 2017 summer holidays, but look out for new seating/tables around the school & new senior slides to appear in May this year. Not only that but we have been able to help pay the balance of the Kapa Haka uniforms for the school group.

Gala helpers leaving the school: We wanted to acknowledge the parents, caregivers and grand-parents who have helped out for many years, and whose connection with the school finished in 2017. We've had some stalwarts on the gala committee and others who have regularly sacrificed lots of time each year to contribute, create and organise:

* Jo & Steve Newland (also leaving the PTA)

* Angela Bendall (Entertainment Gala co-ordinator)

Apologies if we've somehow missed your name from this list; we really do appreciate everyone's efforts. A huge pakipaki to you all for your tremendous effort, generating resources to keep Paremata School's attitude equalling its altitude.

Last but not least... we need you! Three new parents have joined the ParentLink team for 2018, but we would love more to join up due to a number of people leaving from last year. Meeting commitment is relatively low and they are only held twice a term, come and meet some new families.

Without the ParentLink there would be no: • Pancake Breakfast • School Disco • Quiz Night • New Parent Morning Tea • Gala fundraisers. Please consider putting your hand up and having a say in how these events are run. Thank you again, Best wishes from the Parentlink team.

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