

2014 - PTA Chair Report

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The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a formal organisation composed of parents, teachers and staff specifically designed to facilitate parental participation in a school. With parents engaged in school life, our school community simply thrives!

Our PTA is truly fortunate to have a strong nucleus of people on the Committee to further our collective goals and connect with the wider school community. Thanks so very much to every one of you for your commitment and enthusiasm as we work to create memorable events at Paremata School.

I do have a few special mentions:

Our thanks go to Christine Lock, the staff representative who provides an important link between staff and the PTA. To Kate Benson-Cooper, who has the task of documenting our meetings and Karyn Smith for keeping the communication flow updated on the schools website.

Bryce, we are grateful to you for your support, your humour and the “no problem” approach towards any PTA initiatives.

Marilyn Hunt & Russell Cooke for co-ordinating the Gala Extravaganza with their fabulous sub-committee. You all do phenomenal work over a long period, from the planning, to the main event and then the post event wrap up. The results of those efforts are seen widespread throughout our school community.

Finally, thanks to our lovely office administration ladies (Marie & Michelle), Eddie our caretaker and the teaching team who all willingly help when asked and never seemed fazed about our requests. It really is a great pleasure to work with you all.

We ran some excellent events during the past year:

NZBCF Pancake Breakfast. This would have to be my personal favourite. A feel good occasion for an important cause in our community. This event has always been strongly supported by our families & is entrenched in Paremata School’s tradition!

Chocolate Bingo. A Tina Budd initiative that proved successful in getting our families together for a friendly evening game of BINGO! Although attendance numbers weren’t high, this occasion was about providing opportunities for our school community to connect and relax together in a unique way.

School Disco. Our dancing queen Michelle Block transforms the hall for one night into a high energy, glitter ball spinning & glow-stick shinning frenzy!! It’s a fun filled evening for our kids to ‘show off their moves’ on the dance floor. Thanks Michelle for making it happen!

The Gala. The mighty dynamic duo Russell & Marilyn co-ordinate this major event of the school year – “The Gala”. They have a strong team behind them in what is a magnificent day for all to enjoy – Paremata spirit and energy at its best!

Christmas Carols Evening. Another important event in the school calendar, wrapping up the school year! The atmosphere in the hall this year was awesome; some felt it was the best Carols yet! Our children were just terrific and full credit to the teachers for the effort that goes into getting it all pitch perfect.

General PTA Activities: Ink Cartridges, Abacas Calendars, Sileni Wines, Pak n’ Save Receipts, Sausage Sizzles, Easter Hot Cross Buns, Sustainable Garden.

Our PTA provides such a valuable mechanism for parents/caregivers our children and the teaching team to enjoy each other’s company on a social level, whilst fundraising to obtain the “extras” for our children to enjoy at school. Knowing each other and working together makes such a difference as families navigate their way through primary school.

The results of PTA efforts are all around our school

In your child’s classroom

- The last of the sound field systems installed
- 24 iPad’s
- 12 chrome pads

For your child’s sporting activities & school gala event

- 4 gazebos

For your child’s transportation needs for school events

- Bus Hire for school trips and activities

2015 PTA Focus:

Childhood passes all too quickly and many of our current Committee are in their final year with the school. This year we will be inviting more parents/caregivers to join us on the PTA and the Friends of the PTA network, especially before the “changing of the guard”.

In closing I wish the incoming Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee great success. It’s been a privilege for me to get to know some simply wonderful people in our school community in the capacity of chairperson. I look forward to enjoying many more social occasions with our Paremata family in the 2015 year.

Julie Morris, Chair