



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

— Te Kura o Hato Hoani —

MAIRANGI BAY, AUCKLAND

St John's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

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With your basket and my basket, together we will thrive.

Kia ora koutou e te whānau!

What an awesome start to the year!

It was fantastic to see so many of you enjoying the nice weather and great company at the annual PTFA Family picnic on Friday 3rd March. Thank you so much too for purchasing sausages and drinks at the event which was our first fundraiser of the year and got us off to a great start with **\$400** being raised. Thank you!



We have also seen the delivery of the Orex Spinner which has proven to be a winner with all the children and is providing them with great enjoyment.



Our first PTFA meeting of the year, our AGM, was held on Tuesday 7th March and at that meeting we elected our Chairperson and Secretary for 2023.



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I was elected the Chairperson for 2023 and it is an honour to serve the school in this role. My family has a long history with St John's with my Dad being a foundation pupil and myself also attending. I have two children currently at the school – Sophie in Year 5 and Xavier in Year 3. I have been a member of the PTFA for the past 2 years and have held the position of Secretary for both of them. I look forward to working with Miss Binns, the teachers and the wider school community in continuing the important role that the PTFA plays in organising activities that bring the school community together, supporting the School Board in achieving their goals for the development of the school and providing parent help where needed.



Mary O'Neill-Field is excited to be taking on the role of Secretary of the PTFA for 2023. She is originally from Dublin but married a Kiwi. She is a proud Irish mummy to her son, Conor, in Year 2. She loves the community spirit at the school and is always keen for a chat. If you see her during school pick ups and drop-offs, you are always welcome to come and speak to her (even if it is just a suggestion for the next PTFA meeting)!



Brendon Murphy is continuing his role as Treasurer. He has 2 children at the school – Ava in Year 6 and George in Year 4.....and another one a few years away from starting. He has been actively involved with the PTFA since Ava started at St John's. The PTFA plays an important, and sometimes unseen, role within the school. Brendon enjoys being part of the team that helps the school by funding for various programmes, purchasing sports uniforms and organising social events for the children and parents, to name but a few of things that Brendon has been involved in during his time on the PTFA. He's the one that keeps a close eye on spending and makes sure that we are accountable for every cent!



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At our PTFA AGM we decided on our **fundraising goals** for 2023. These goals have been divided into:

- short-term (immediate)
- mid-term (within the year)
- long term (~2 years).

Our **short-term** goals are subsidising school educational programmes across the various levels, a contribution to the Principal's Discretionary Fund, paying for the Year 6 parents that attend the school camp and subsidising the Year 6 end of year dinner.

Our **mid-term** goal is to fund a new Kapahaka Senior uniform.

Most excitingly our **long-term fundraising goal** will be a **Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)** which will provide shelter from the elements and be of great benefit to all. The school is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for this and deciding on which area would be the most suitable. Once we have a confirmed target we will have an old-fashioned money thermometer created so that we can all see our fundraising progress. The COLA is going to require a substantial investment from the School and the PTFA is committed to assisting. We will therefore be committing a portion of all our smaller fundraising events this year to this long-term project as well as our School Gala later in the year.

Our next fundraising event for this Term will be **FROZEN Friday** on **31st March**. The children will be able to purchase a Juicie to enjoy with their lunch for **\$2.00**. We hope that this will be well supported.



We look forward to getting to know you all better and working together to achieve our fundraising goals.

There's some exciting things planned for the rest of the year but....you'll have to wait for our next newsletter to find out exactly what they are or better still come along to our next PTFA meeting at **7pm** on **Tuesday 4th April** in the School Hall. 😊


Amanda Dixon-McIver
Chair, St John's PTFA