



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

— Te Kura o Hato Hoani —

MAIRANGI BAY, AUCKLAND

St John's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau!

Thank you to all those of you who took the time to complete the PTFA survey. The results of the survey were discussed at our PTFA meeting held on the 1st August 2023 which was very well attended in part due to the generation of the survey and the desire to contribute and share feedback.

The majority of feedback from the survey received was positive in nature which was pleasing to see with the reason that most do not attend the PTFA meetings being due to other commitments be that family or work. We recognise and understand that we all lead very busy lives and that for many there is simply not enough time in the day for everything and if you are time poor, the PTFA may not be a priority.

We now know that many were not aware of the ability to join the PTFA meeting virtually and that a week night meeting is the preferred option. We also have confirmation that the current pricing of PTFA events is appropriate and that events that require you to “dress up” are not the preference for most.

We will work with the Classroom Liaison Parents (CLPs) to improve the communication with regards to PTFA-led events and at events which may be team/table oriented help facilitate class groups.

There are number of changes that we are able to implement on the basis of this feedback and these include:

- Virtual link for PTFA meetings to be more widely available and publicised (via the CLPs and the PTFA facebook page (St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA))
- Identifying the key position holders in the PTFA and those who attend the meetings
 - Information about the PTFA will be included in the welcome booklet to new families to St Johns
 - This will include identification of the current PTFA Executive
 - Increase awareness of the PTFA facebook page on the school website
 - Agenda for PTFA meetings will be available on the PTFA Facebook page prior to the meeting
 - PTFA minutes, once ratified, will be posted on the PTFA Facebook page
- Continue to keep the parent community abreast of PTFA goals and events
 - The PTFA newsletter (a new initiative this year)
 - Better communication with the CLPs
- Dress up events to be avoided (or optional for those who do like this kind of thing)
- Avoid back to back events
 - The Disco/Casino night combination was scheduled due to the Hall being used as a staffroom and the effort required to clear it – this should not be an issue in the future
- Avoid the first week of Term for events

We hope that with improved communication that there may be occasions that those who are unable to attend the PTFA meetings, might be able to offer their assistance in other more practical ways.

Thank again to all those who completed the survey and for your valuable comments.

Ngā mihi nui
Amanda, Chair St John's PTFA



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Here is a brief summary of survey responses:

Reasons that individuals who do not currently attend PTFA meetings included:

- Working full-time
- Having to find a babysitter
- Other after-school commitments
- The timing of the meeting (7pm) was problematic for some

74% of participants were unaware that a virtual link is available for the PTA meeting.

69% of respondents preferred a week night meeting

67% of respondents had attended a PTFA-run event in the last 2 years.

Reasons for not attending a PTFA event included:

- Not knowing many parents so unable to create "a table"
- Prior commitments
- New to the school.

89% of respondents saw PTFA-led events as fundraising opportunities; 66% as a way of getting to know other parents and 49% as an opportunity to socialise with friends at the school.

The majority of respondents would be happy to pay a maximum of \$30 for parent PTFA fundraising events and a maximum of \$10 for childrens' events.

Events that are run by the PTFA and those that are free with opportunities for fundraising were the preferred options.

Comments received about the type of events included:

- Events that don't require you to come as a group/table
- Family-oriented events
- Babysitter options are problem

66% of respondents do not like events which require you to dress up.
Friday and Saturday were the preferred nights for events.

Other comments for consideration that were made included:

- Parents social event should not be on the same weekend as a children's one
- First week back after school holidays for an event is bad timing
- Better communication from the PTFA with regards to what they are trying to do/achieve and its membership

Please note: This is a summary and not an exhaustive list of all comments received. All comments however were considered at our meeting and, where appropriate, further exploration may be initiated.