



# 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!**

We kicked off our community activities for the year with a **Frozen Friday** on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. These are always enjoyed by the children and are great for us as they involve minimal hands on time for the parent volunteers! Another Frozen Friday was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and again was well supported. Thank you!



Our Annual PTFA **Family Picnic** was very well attended on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and it was wonderful to see parents, children and staff enjoying the opportunity to socialise together in the school grounds. Thanks to Mrs Perry for the provision of the music for the evening. Thank you also to the PTFA whānau who helped with the sausage sizzle, juices and soft drinks that were available for sale on the night.

Last Tuesday was our first official meeting for the year, our **PTFA AGM**, where we elected our postholders for the PTFA Executive for the upcoming year. It is my pleasure to inform you that the postholders for 2024 will be:

Amanda Dixon-McIver, Chair  
Michelle Burdett, Secretary  
Ziad Burjony, Treasurer

Mary O'Neill-Field has kindly agreed to be our Social Media Manager too, so look out for improved communications via our social media platforms.

Thank you to the newcomers who attended their first PTFA meeting on Tuesday night. We hope that you felt welcome and that you will become regular attendees at our meetings. Our AGM will always remain an in-person meeting, but you will also be able to attend meetings virtually for the rest of the year. Keep an eye on our PTFA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/405134646214656> or St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA) for upcoming events and links to our meetings.



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#### **Chair – Amanda Dixon-McIver**



Kia Ora Koutou, I have 2 children at St John's – Sophie in Year 6 and Xavier in Year 4. We have a long family history with the school with myself an ex-pupil and my Dad a foundation pupil! It is an honour and a privilege to have the opportunity to once again serve the school community as the Chair of the PTFA. I look forward to working alongside the Executive, members of the PTFA and the Class Liaison Parents (CLPs) to strengthen our community spirit and to raise funds for our short- and long-term goals. I'm usually running around the school on a Friday – feel free to bring any suggestions that you might have to my attention.

#### **Secretary – Michelle Burdett**



I'm looking forward to taking on the role of Secretary for the PTFA in 2024. I attended St Johns herself (many years ago!) along with my three sisters, and now have two children at the school; Ava in Year 6, and Max in Year 5. I have previously been involved in managing Ava and Max's sports teams, including netball, basketball and splash polo.

I've worked in corporate communications and PR for the past 25 years in financial services across NZ and Australia, so should hopefully be able to whip up an exciting agenda or two for the PTFA meetings! I am looking forward to being involved further in the school community, and to supporting the PTFA in reaching its long term goals.

#### **Treasurer – Ziad Burjony**



I'm excited to contribute to our school community as the newly appointed Treasurer of the PTFA. I'm a lucky dad to three girls: Jasmine is in year 2, while Ruby awaits her turn next



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year, and our youngest about to turn 1. Originally from Iraq, I grew up here on the North Shore and spent over a decade overseas. Last year, I jumped into school involvement with the CLP role and found it rewarding. Our community of parents, teachers and friends is fantastic. Catch me for a chat, especially about Football, Formula 1 or Technology!

#### **Important dates for your diaries:**

##### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Sausage Sizzle**

Celebrate the last day of Term with a pig in a blanket for lunch. \$2 a sausage.

##### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Bingo night (Adults only)**

Come along for an evening of fun in the school hall!

##### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Mini-Olympics**

Capitalising on an Olympic year the children will be competing in their own mini-Olympics.

##### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Children's Disco**

DJ Ray is locked in to come and play his sounds. A highlight for many children.

##### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Quiz night (Adults only)**

Another fun night for the parents and their friends in the school hall.

##### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – St John's School Gala**

This is our main fundraising event of the year and is the event where the whole school community comes together for some good old-fashioned gala fun! You don't want to miss this!

There will of course be other fundraising activities sprinkled throughout the rest of the year, but these are the ones that you need to have in your diary!

You are always welcome to attend our PTFA Meetings at 7pm in the staffroom – either virtually in person. If you have the time and inclination we would love you to join us.

#### Dates for our meetings:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 2 July

Tuesday 6 August

Tuesday 3 September

Tuesday 15 October

Tuesday 5 November

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Dixon-McIver, Chair, St John's PTFA