



# 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 e te whanau! 안녕하세요 ¡Hola! مرحبا Dia dhuit 你好 Mabuhay

Term One seems to have whizzed by! As a community we enjoyed the PTFA school picnic in February and the children have enjoyed Frozen Fridays and an end of term Sausage Sizzle. A special thank you to all those who have given of their time to assist with the delivery of these events.



It has been so wonderful to see new faces at our PTFA (P<sup>arents</sup>, T<sup>eachers</sup> and F<sup>riends</sup> A<sup>ssociation</sup>) meetings. These meetings are held once a month on a Tuesday and are an opportunity for Parents and Friends of the school to come together and to share ideas for fundraising activities as well as to put forward ideas to benefit our tamariki.

We acknowledge that our school community is very multicultural and we would love our active committee to be representative of that. With your thoughts and ideas, we can ensure that we have organised events reflective of our community. If you can't make it in person, there is a virtual link available on the school calendar or via your CLPs (C<sup>lass</sup> L<sup>iaison</sup> P<sup>arents</sup>).

At our first PTFA meeting of the year in March we agreed on how some of our fundraising will be spent.

We voted to continue to support our tamariki within the school with:

- an annual contribution to the Principal's Discretionary Fund (a fund which assists those within our school community who need it most)
- subsidising the additional school educational programmes across the various year levels ie. Athletics, Maths Buddy, Steps Web
- a contribution towards the costs of the school camps
- a new senior Kapa haka uniforms (carried over from last year)

Last year each class teacher was given the opportunity by the PTFA to purchase something for their classroom that would benefit the children and wasn't currently provided. We look forward to seeing these purchases in the classrooms this year.

We remain committed to our long-term goal of the C<sup>overed</sup> O<sup>utdoor</sup> L<sup>earning</sup> A<sup>rea</sup> (COLA) which was decided upon last year. Look out for more details coming soon on exactly what the COLA is and how it will benefit our tamariki and the wider school community.



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### Upcoming events in Term 2:

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:

- mini-Olympics



Our main PTFA-fundraiser for this Term will be the **mini-Olympics**. Capitalising on an "Olympic year" and in conjunction with learning in the classroom, children will compete in their very own mini-Olympics.

Children will be asked to obtain sponsorship for their participation via the Raise It platform that has proved to be very successful in the past. More details to come beginning of next Term.

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

- **Frozen Friday**

Juicies for the children available for \$2 at lunchtime



- **Bingo (Adults only) – 7pm in the School Hall**



This will be a traditional Bingo evening where you will be given a random selection of numbers on a card and required to listen to the numbers that are called out and mark off the ones that you have. Easy!

- Prizes will be for each round.
- NO previous experience required!  
\*\*BYO drinks and a plate of food to share\*\*
- Bring gold coins for the infamous "Paper plane competition"
- Tickets only \$10 a person (available on Kindo from Term 2)



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### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

- **Children's Movie Event** – After school in the Hall  
More details to come later in the Term



How can you help?

- Come to our PTFA meetings (in-person or virtually)
- Support our fundraising events
- Volunteer to be a parent-helper when required
- Consider providing sponsorship for one of our events
  - o If you or your business is able to donate a prize for our Bingo night, please email [PTFA@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:PTFA@sjmb.school.nz)

We look forward to a fun-filled Term Two and would love to have your support and involvement in whatever form that might be.

We wish you all an enjoyable end of Term break and safe travels if you will be leaving Auckland.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Dixon-McIver  
Chair, St Johns PTFA