



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

## — Te Kura o Hato Hoani —

MAIRANGI BAY, AUCKLAND

### St John's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

*"Nāku te rourou nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi."*  
*With your basket and my basket, together we will thrive.*

**Kia ora koutou e te whānau!**

A special welcome to those of you joining our St John's community for the first time this year and welcome back to those who are already part of our extended whānau! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to facilitating some special community moments and fundraising together for our Tamariki throughout the year.

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – FROZEN FRIDAY:**

The children will be able to enjoy juices at lunchtime for \$2 each. Pre-order via kindo please.

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA FAMILY PICNIC 5:30pm – 8:00pm:**

This picnic is the first community PTFA-led event of the school year. You are welcome to bring a picnic, chairs, rugs and beverages and the children have the option of bringing their togs for a swim in the school pool (under your supervision of course!). This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know/reconnect with your fellow parents and a great way to start our year.

The PTFA will provide a sausage sizzle (\$3 a sausage), cold drinks (\$3 a can) (or a sausage and drink combo for \$5) and juices (\$2 each). There will also be some fun outdoor games/activities for all ages to participate in with prizes for the children.

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Staffroom – First PTFA meeting of the year and Annual General Meeting:**

We will review the achievements of last year, assess the PTFA finances and elect our key positions of responsibility for the coming year – Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Media Liaison. We will also plan our PTFA-led events for the upcoming year, including our fundraising and community activities. **Refreshments will be provided.**

For those new to St Johns, the term PTFA may be an unfamiliar one. PTFA stands for the **P**arent **T**eacher and **F**riends **A**ssociation. By being a parent/caregiver to a child at the school you automatically belong to the PTFA. Whilst the majority of attendees at our meetings are parents/caregivers, we are well supported by teachers, the School Board and our principal, Miss Binns.

The PTFA meets at the school, once a month, currently on a Tuesday evening for ~1 hours to plan events and fundraisers as well as to discuss how we can best support our school community. We have a virtual option so if you are unable to be there in person, you can log in from home. It is always attended by the principal and a Board representative so it is a fantastic way to get to know the workings of the school. Although we run to an Agenda, the meeting itself is quite informal and everyone is given the opportunity to speak. Agenda items are called for in advance, so if you wish to raise anything specific you have the opportunity to prepare. We also have a Facebook page for information about upcoming events: **St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA.**

Being active in the PTFA enables you to meet fellow parents. It is also the best way for you to express your thoughts on how we will be fundraising throughout the year. Being present at the PTFA meeting gives you the opportunity to ask questions and to make suggestions.

**Nominations for the positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Media Person are to be received by the Secretary by 3pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Email: [PTFA@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:PTFA@sjmb.school.nz)**

**Look forward to seeing you at the PTFA Picnic on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February!**

Ngā mihi nui, Amanda Dixon-McIver, Chair, St John's PTFA