

PTFA MID TERM UPDATE

Introduction

Kia ora!

Hard to believe we are over half way through term 1 already. It has been a sprint start this year for the PTFA. Because of this, we would like to update everyone as to who we are, what we have been up to and to let you know we are always looking for "Friends of the PTFA".

Who we are

We are a group of parents who volunteer time to organise events for the wider school community and fund raise for the School. The aim of the PTFA is to foster our sense of community, and help to improve the learning outcomes and personal development of our children through supporting the school. Our last Chairperson, Gerard Thompson, submitted a really fantastic report on all that we did in 2019 and this is available to read on the School website <http://www.marist.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Marist-School-AGM-Chairpersons-Report-February-2020-1.pdf>. This sets out all the fund raising activities that we did in 2019 and the manner in which funds were applied.

From a 2020 perspective, please see below a summary of money that has come in to date and money that has gone out:

2020 fund-raising profits to date:



Payments for 2020 to date:



We meet on the second Tuesday of every month (in school term) at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Next meeting is an exception due to school holidays and so will be on **7 April**. All are welcome, feel free to pop in just to observe and see if you think it might be something that you are interested in.

We had our AGM for 2020 on 11 February and, following that, the 2020 executive committee comprises:

Jacqui Ivceovich and Sinead Hart: Co-Chairperson

Warren Meyer – Treasurer

Isabelle McMenamin – Secretary

Antonia Butchard – Community Liaison Representative.

We are blessed with a fantastic wider committee including Peter Wilkening, Charlie Smyth (who strong arms her lovely husband Glenn into doing graphics on our marketing material); Pernilla De Costa; Jessye Monique Purcell; Bethanie Lockie; Kate Lawton; Bridget Casey, Emily Dillon, Tish Wynyard and Margaret Marshall.

What we have been up to

As noted before, it has been a busy term 1. A snapshot of the PTFA calendar is:

- 11 February – AGM
- 13 February – Centennial Project Launch
- 21 February – Mural commenced and sausage sizzle
- 24 February – Shrove Tuesday
- 6 March – Golf Day
- 3 April – Easter raffle (tickets coming up this week and to be returned 27 March)



The above doesn't do justice to the mammoth amount of work done in the background by a small army of volunteer parents and staff to make things happen. The reward is the interaction with the children and the joy that they get from knowing that the PTFA and friends of the PTFA have got their back. We have had a lot of laughs along the way and are happy to share the following good news stories overleaf.

Centennial Project Launch

Thanks again to all those who attended the Marist School Centennial Launch. It was a fantastic evening and highlighted the great collaboration between the Board, Teachers and PTFA as we all work towards the same end goal of creating a fantastic learning environment for the children. For those who did not collect their fridge magnet from phase 1, we will leave the basket in the office so pop in and get one so that you can enjoy the image at home as well as at school!



Phase 1 of the Centennial Project raised a whopping \$32,000 from the community and \$10,000 from corporate sponsors. We should all be so proud of this achievement and the legacy that we leave behind as we move through our time at Marist School.

The profit from phase 1 is for the purpose of enhancing the school grounds. This will be held by the PTFA pending the Board's consideration of the master plan and matching what the children need with what we can afford. There will be communications about this in advance of anything happening.

Golf Day 2020

A huge thank you to Cassidy Construction (our anchor sponsor) and all the other sponsors who made Golf Day 2020 yet another fantastic outing. The sun shone all day and feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive – roll on Golf Day 2021!

Not only did this event enhance community spirit it resulted in a profit of approximately \$5,000!!! Huge thanks to Pete, Dave, Emily and Barry who were the brains behind the operation and worked tirelessly on the day. Big thanks also to our volunteers who helped with raffle tickets, sausage sizzle and sponsorship signage.

Money raised from this event will be placed in the pool for the activities that the PTFA funds on an ongoing basis including extra teaching resources, new entrants starter packs, year 6 big day out and supporting other opportunities for the children that present themselves during the year.

Marist Meals

The Marist Meals initiative is a long-standing part of the PTFA's pastoral care focus. The idea is to have meals ready in the freezer and then families, who due to events happening in their lives, can have one less worry and take a meal from the freezer to lighten the load. We are going to trial a hub call out per term for families to donate a meal, or baking or soup to the freezer. Further details will follow from your Hub Rep.

