

ST MARY'S PTA



15 October 2018

Chairperson's Report for Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 24th October 2018:

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and continued support of our wonderful executive committee over the past year – Moira Kemp, Fiona Prendergast, Nikki Sleeman, Cathy Shearer, Kathleen Lonergan and Nicole Sharpe. Each of these committee members have put in a huge amount of volunteer hours along with their families over the past year.

The PTA would not be in existence without the wonderful support of our parent and whanau community at St Mary's Ellerslie. Thank you to those that have attended our PTA meetings over the past year, we appreciate the time you take to do this.

At the end of this year (2018), it is with much sadness that we bid farewell to several our long serving PTA executive members. These members are:

Moira Kemp

Treasurer

5 years of service

Cathy Shearer

Caring Committee, 2nd Hand Uniform Boutique, plus many other roles

5 years of service

Kathleen Lonergan

Christmas Craft Market, Annual Disco, Walkathon, School Newsletter & many other roles

5 years of service

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's (past and present) we want to thank you each of you wonderful and amazing ladies for being part of the PTA and for your support over the many years. We wish you and your families all the best.

Fiona Prendergast who has been our secretary for the past 3 years will be stepping aside to allow for a new secretary to come on board as of 2019. Thank you, Fiona for doing a wonderful job as secretary. We are very grateful that Fiona will continue her involvement on the PTA as an executive member.

I will also be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of 2018, as not only is my term of 3 years of serving on the executive has ended, but as a family we moved to Gold Coast, Australia in June this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the PTA and wider St Mary's whanau over the past 5 years. Thank you to everyone who has helped, supported, challenged and encouraged me along the way.

In reflecting over the past financial year (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018), the PTA have been able to support the school with many key projects such as:

- Funding the bus transport for both junior and senior swimming lessons

- Providing free sausages at School Meet & Greet evening in Feb 2018
- Financial contribution of bus transport for Year 6 students to attend NYLD event
- Financial contribution towards transport and camp fees for Year 6 camp
- Annual Donation gift given to each teacher as a thank you from the PTA (we know that the teachers incur personal costs by purchasing items for their classroom)
- Providing lunch supplies for those students that may not have a lunch provided
- Funded senior school badges
- Capped Funding amount towards the sustainable area at school
- Part funding of new St Mary's hoodies for students
- Organising and managing the Christmas Craft Market 2017 (raised \$25,831)
- Manage the 2nd Hand uniform boutique

In partnership with the school the PTA also assists with the many events such as Sausage Sizzles, Iceblock sales, End of Term Raffles, Yummy Stickers Campaign, New parents Morning tea, School House Mass morning tea, Entertainment Book Sales, Annual Cross Country, Disco, Fun-a-thon, Grandparents Day Morning tea, Movie Night, Santa Parade, and the big Christmas Craft Market in November 2017.

Because of another successful year of activities and fundraising, thank you to our Treasurer for keeping us on all track and ensuring that there are always funds in the account. I am pleased to report that as of 31 March 2018 we finished the year with \$32,496 in the account. This is an amazing result and one that has been achieved by everyone working together.

I also want to make special mention of our caring committee co-ordinator Cathy Shearer (one of the many roles she looks after) and the 45 volunteers (families of our school) that have assisted our school community over the past year with meals and other donated items. Thanks to Jo Lukic as well who has looked after ensuring that we have had some emergency lunches stocked up in case of any child not having a lunch. Thank you to all the parents that have generously supported these initiatives. This so perfectly fits within our school values of loving and caring for those who require the extra support.

Once again thank you to our wider PTA community who as you can see have been busy over the past year, we also thank all our parents and school community for their continued support.

I wish the Board of Trustees, Mrs Boyle, the teaching/support staff and all the families and community of St Mary's Ellerslie all the very best for the future.

Ngā mihi



Annette Fale
Chairperson

He aroha whakatō,
he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown
then kindness you shall receive.

