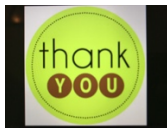




## PTA NEWS OCTOBER 2018

*Welcome back for Term 4. Wow - last term of the first year in our new school already. Term 4 is going to be busy for all, as we get out and enjoy spring and summer. Also the Year 8's celebrating their last few months at The Gardens School.*



*for your support in Term 3 with School photos. Entertainment books. Quiz Night, and Sausage sizzle / lolly & icecream stall.*



**\*\*SCHOOL PHOTOS\*\*** *The photos this year have moved to online ordering which has been great with less paper & money handling system. How the process works is; the photos are all taken of every class / team / sports / student. They are then proofed. All classes / teams / sports have to be named by the teachers. Then a 2<sup>nd</sup> proof is done and checked to ensure all names are spelt correctly. All the orders come through online and the photographers print them off and send them all back to us. So the process is quite drawn out. Normal turn around from the photos being taken to being back with us is a good 8 weeks approx. So we appreciate your patience but we do want to ensure every child is named correctly before they get sent home.*

**\*\*QUIZ NIGHT\*\*** What a fab night had. Our first Quiz Night in our School Hall. Great support from parents and our local community. We run these every year so if you have thought about coming along - get a team for 2019. The money raised we donate back to the school for that awesome playground the students have now to enjoy. A big THANKS to Richie Gray and Shaun Dickey who put the Quiz Night together each year, as well as the support of the PTA.



**\*\*SAUSAGE SIZZLE\*\*** Our end of Term Sausage sizzle was accompanied again with a lolly & icecream stall. This was well received by the students so we will be looking at doing this at the end of each term going forward. Please note our sausage sizzle ordering HAS changed to be online. Again, this saves paper trail and money handling by the teachers and PTA helpers. Please keep an eye out for the notice online at the end of the term with instructions on how to order online. There will also be an online ordering cut of day /time if you can watch out for that also so our team can get the orders in and sorted ready for the day.



..WHATS HAPPENING THIS TERM.

**\*\*DISCO\*\***. We are kicking off with our Halloween Disco on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The flyer has been attached with the last two School Newsletters - and will be sent home with each student next week. For those new to the school, we hold the Disco in the school hall. We split it into two discos - Juniors Year 0-4 and Seniors Y5-8. With two different time slots. The PTA parents and teachers are there for both discos so you can drop your children off, head out for some dinner and return 5 mins before the end of the disco for a dance or two with your child before heading home. Tickets are sold Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct/ Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Central Park 8.30am-8.50am. Tickets are NOT sold at the school office. Looking forward to a great night.

**\*\*CALENDAR ART\*\***. We do this each year. The students have been busy working on their art which you can then order online with calendars / diaries / cards etc. GREAT Xmas present ideas. Info for this will be coming out soon.

**\*\*GALA IN THE GARDENS - FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 5-8PM\*\*** The school will come alive with Market Stalls (get your Xmas gifts sorted). Food stalls. Students will have their own stalls of things they have been busy making throughout the term. PTA will be there with sausage sizzle / lolly and icecream stall / face painting and a raffle. The PTA is also going to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stall so you can stock up for 2019. If you would like to book a stall table for the Gala please contact Adrienne on **0212347457**

**\*\*WATER DAY\*\* TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER\*\*** The PTA proudly help support the water day! Slides / hoses / water guns - fun filled day. We will also be doing our Sausage sizzle / lolly & icecream stall on this day as well. It's a great day.

# WANTED

**2nd Hand School Uniforms!!! The PTA are holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand School Uniform stall at the GALA in the GARDENS day. So do a spring clean and bring in any good condition / clean uniforms you are happy to donate to the PTA. Drop off can be to the office (in a bag) with attention to PTA.**



*The PTA has its own page (link) under Communities on the School webpage. Check it out. Updated info will be found there as well as information about what the PTA does - and who we are.*

*Our PTA meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month of the school term. This terms meetings will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Staffroom. Being the last term of the year we have a few PTA helpers children leaving the school - so we are looking for more help for 2019. So if you had wondered what PTA is about and want to check it out we welcome all parents to come along - and offer a hand no matter big or small - "more hands make light work"... If you would like to know any info about the PTA prior to then you can drop me an email on [tnorth.nz@gmail.com](mailto:tnorth.nz@gmail.com)*



*I look forward to meeting you all then*

*Tania North  
(Chair)*