



PTA NEWS TERM 1 2019

Welcome back to a new year. I hope you all had a great break. The weather has definitely been kind to us - and those new shade sails and umbrellas have come at the right time and look fab to provide a bit of shade for the students.

The PTA is back into it already with our first PTA meeting had on Monday night. It was awesome to have some new parents come along too to offer help where they can and see what the PTA is about. Remember all parents are welcome to any meeting or just drop me a line if you want to know about the PTA.

We have a lot planned and I have outlined the year in this Newsletter. Some dates are locked in others might change - and we still have a couple of things in the pipeline that may be added.

Keep an eye on our PTA Webpage under The Gardens School Website / Communities / PTA. We will keep it up to date with info on what's happening / when. PTA Meeting Dates and photos of the events. We also now have our own email address - so if you have any questions / ideas to suggest you can email on pta@thegardens.school.nz

For the new parents to the school - firstly Welcome... Secondly the PTA stands for Parents Teachers Association. Most schools around NZ have PTAs. It is a group of parents / guardians with children attending TGS who meet every second Monday of a month (exc holidays) for an hour meeting to plan fundraising events / social events for our school. As you will all know the Govt doesn't provide all the funding for schools so as parents we volunteer time to help run events to raise money to put back into the school for those extra things.



**** NEW ORDERING / PAYMENT SYSTEM ****

The PTA Team is excited to bring to TGS parents a new and easy way to order and pay for fundraising events. We are moving to a cash free way to pay.

We will be introducing the KINDO system in the coming weeks.

This means in 2019 when you order Disco tickets / sausage sizzle & mufti days / movie tickets / Calendar Art - it will be all done online in a few minutes then on the same page you can pay at the push of a button (credit card / Poly). No more needing to find the coins to send the kids to school with.

We will be sending home all the info required to parents so you know all about it - where to logon and how to order etc.

We will be allowing a good week for you to hop online and order / pay for whichever event is happening at the time. However PLEASE note we will have a cut off day / time where all orders / payments need to be in by. With this new system we will NOT be taking any late orders / cash payments.

If you have any queries regarding this please feel free to contact me.

****SECOND HAND UNIFORMS****

The PTA is now looking after all second hand uniforms for sale. We have a wide range of second hand and "Brand New" uniforms for sale at minimum cost. Please NOTE the red polar fleece jerseys and black polar fleece vests are still part of the uniform and we have quite a few BRAND new ones of these for sale.

Please contact Liz Hales on lizziedhales@gmail.com for any uniform enquires. Also if you have second hand uniform to donate please deliver to the school office and we will sort from there.

THE YEAR AHEAD



TERM 1

****11th March - PTA Meeting - All welcome 7.30pm in the Staffroom.**

**5th April - SCHOOL DISCO - Summer / Beach Theme

**8th April - PTA Meeting / AGM - All welcome - Staffroom 7.30pm

**12th April will be Mufti and sausage sizzle to finish off the term.

TERM 2

** Chocolate Fundraiser - TBC

**13th May - PTA Meeting - 7.30pm - Staffroom

**10th June - PTA Meeting

**Entertainment books - always popular will be up and ready for sale.

** 5th July - End of Term Sausage sizzle / mufti day

TERM 3

**Quiz Night - start getting your teams prepped. - Date TBC

**12th August - PTA Meeting - 7.30pm - Staffroom

**19/20/21 August - School Photos

**9th September - PTA Meeting

**27th September - End of Term Sausage Sizzle & mufti Day

TERM 4

**Calendar Arts / Diaries (great Xmas Gifts)

**14th October - PTA Meeting - 7.30pm

** 1 November - Halloween Disco

**11th November - PTA Meeting 7.30pm

**9th December - PTA Meeting 7.30pm

** End of Term / Year sausage Sizzle / Mufti Date TBC



CAN YOU HELP OUT?

None of these events would take place without the very appreciated help / time and effort put in by some of TGS parents (Mums and Dads). And we are looking for more of these parents to join the PTA team. We had our first meeting on Monday and we had a few new parents come along - thank you to them for coming to offer their time however big or small.

The next PTA meeting is being held Monday 11th March 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We Invite and Welcome you to come along and see what it is about. We are all busy parents so we do as much or as little as we can. But every little bit helps and more hands make like work.



I look forward to meeting you all then

Tania North
(Chair)