



PTA NEWS TERM 2 2019

Autumn is upon us. Term 2 is in full swing. The PTA have had their first meeting for the term and dates all booked for a busy Term 2, not just the students but parents / families also.

Firstly thank you for your support of the PTA in Term 1. It's this support that helps us donate \$\$ to the school to help towards things like that AMAZING new turf they have down and the sun shades - check out the pics below.

Term 1 the PTA got straight into it with our Summer Disco which went off with a bang - great outfits worn by the students. The last day of term we finished off with our sausage sizzle and lolly stall.

The April PTA meeting was our Annual AGM. Election of officers was done during the AGM. To confirm the following positions are unchanged - Chair - Tania North / Vice Chair - Stuart Powrie / Treasurer - Valerie Pereto / Secretary - Melissa Qiri.



PTA SHOP - KINDO

In Term 1 the PTA went online with our PTA Shop using Kindo. We would like to thank you all those that have jumped on board with this new payment system - it makes life for you all easier and for our PTA also. We would appreciate everyone becoming familiar with the PTA Shop as this becomes the more common way of paying for PTA Events. If you haven't already been online to see the PTA Shop the link is:-

Via a mobile phone:- thegardens.school.nz/community/pta-shop

Via a computer: -The Gardens School Website - under the Community link.

**** A Few pointers to help when using the PTA Shop and will also help us****

***Member details** – these are the students details – name and class. Please ensure you put the students name in - not the parents name – and also their correct class so we can get the purchase – tickets / sausages etc to the correct class and student.

*If you top up your PTA Shop account and have \$\$ on your account you will get an email confirming this. This is NOT an email confirming any orders placed.

*Once you have placed an order you will receive an email confirming the order. If you pay by Credit card or POLI your email will be straight away. If you pay by Internet banking the email will be within 24 – 48 hours. If you don't receive an email confirming the order the order has not gone through.

*We close the shop 48 x hours prior to the event to allow the people who pay by Internet transfer to have their orders come through. Ideally we would like payments to go through POLI or Credit Card, as this is instant.



..WHATS HAPPENING THIS TERM.

The PTA is happy to be able to donate back to the school with the funds we raise through the year. This term we have donated a total of \$4,490.00. \$1490.00 to the Year 0-4 Classes for each student to take part in the "World of Maths" in August. \$3,000 towards getting the School started on a "Garden to Table" program which sounds amazing.



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

This year the PTA are doing a Chocolate Fundraiser with Whittakers Chocolates. Each family will receive a box with a selection of chocolate bars inside, on Thursday 30th May. We ask you help support the PTA with selling these. The bars are \$2.00 each. The funds we raise from this are going towards "New Outdoor seating" and "Funky play Equipment for Central Park". We will have 5 x Spot Prizes of a Family Pass to Rainbows End for those that sell the complete box and return funds by the end date of Friday 14th June. The funds you raise from the Chocolates will be able to be returned to school as cash or you will be able to deposit it through the PTA Shop - Kindo. A flyer with more information will be coming your way soon.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! The PTA have organised another Family Movie night. This year we will be showing "PETER RABBIT" **Friday 28th June at 6.30pm.** So mark the date. This will be a family night. Bring your pillows / beanbags / seats/ blankies. \$5.00 per person. Students in years 0 - 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Years 7 & 8 must be dropped off and picked up by an adult if they choose to come on their own. Keep an eye out for notices coming home in mid June. Tickets are on sale NOW at the online PTA Shop.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: - Thank you for your support with the Entertainment books the students all bought home. If you are not wanting to use these please ensure they have been returned.

FRIDAY 5th JULY - Last day of term - Sausage Sizzle - orders will be done on the PTA Shop. (We will have the Shop open for orders a few weeks before Sausage Sizzle day to allow parents plenty of time to order.



SATURDAY 31st AUGUST - the Annual Gardens School Quiz Night. Held at TGS Hall. Start getting your teams ready. We would also like to ask if any parents at TGS who have goods or services and would like to donate to the PTA for us to Auction off on the night to raise funds for the school we would greatly appreciate them. You can email Richie Gray on Richie.Gray@burnsferrall.co.nz

Mark the date in your diaries for the School Photos - class / teams and individuals will be in Term 3 Monday 19th / Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON THE PTA TEAM...

We would really appreciate help for the following:-

Each year we do the Calendar Art / diaries / Cards. The students do Art work which gets transferred onto Calendars / diaries / cards etc. These are fantastic for Xmas Presents. Tracey who organised this each year for the PTA has moved on and we would really like someone or a couple of parents who could jump on board and take charge of this fundraiser for us.

If someone is a bit more computer savvy than ME lol – then would appreciate them to take over doing our once a term newsletter. Jazz it up a bit – be creative. The content will be given you would just need to put it together.

If you are up for any of these drop us an email on pta@thegardens.school.nz

For anything to do with the PTA - Sausage sizzles / lolly stall / Quizz Night / School Photos / Movie Nights / Discos / Entertainment books / Calendar Art / Chocolate Fundraiser etc PLEASE contact the PTA on pta@thegardens.school.nz. Please don't contact the school office as they are not able to help and have to refer you to back to the PTA - so for us to respond in a timely manner please come direct to us.

Our PTA meet the 2nd Monday of each month of the school term. Next meeting will be Monday 10th June at 7.30pm in the staff room. With all the events coming up we would really appreciate some more parents coming on board to help out. We welcome all parents to come along - see what PTA is all about 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, you can drop me an email on tnorth.nz@gmail.com I look forward to meeting you all then.



*Tania North
(Chair)*