



PTA Minutes of Meeting

14th September 2011 at The Stables 7p.m.

Present: Maria, Marie, Barbara, Maryann, Claire, Erris, Nicola

Apologies: Darrel, Helena, Sandra, Lisa

General Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting were read and accepted by all.

Matters Arising

- The iceblocks that the PTA provided were well received by all the children at the school Cross Country.
- The refreshment stall at the Interschool Cross Country was extremely successful and made \$1100 profit for the PTA.
- Clare brought along the new Jump Jam DVD and the 5 replacement DVD's that were purchased from the PTA funds. These are very expensive to buy but a huge hit with the children and well worth continuing to support.
- Maria has been recorded as the new signatory on the PTA bank account.
- The Treasurer's Report was read out by Barbara
- There was no Garden Club Report as Lisa was absent but the "Spud in a Bucket" Competition is underway.
- The Principal's Report was read out by Maryann.

Business

- The Interschool Netball Tournament is held around May each year and run by Claire. There are approximately 150 students who attend from the various schools, plus parents. It was decided that there is definitely potential for the PTA to be involved and run a refreshment stall such as the one we ran at the Interschool Cross Country. This is be diared in to next year's PTA events calendar. MM
- Nicola and Dan would like to offer the use of The Stables as a venue for a PTA fundraiser. Nicola suggested that the children could dress up as waiters and make pizzas and serve the parents. This was discussed at length and It was agreed that this would be an excellent networking opportunity for new parents. There is no time left on the school calendar to run this before the end of the year, and Term 1 next year will be completely taken up with the Fun Run and the school's 150th celebrations, so we will look at organising this in Term 2. Maria to liaise with Nicola. MM
- There is currently approximately \$4000 in the PTA bank accounts for discretionary spending. It was agreed that approximately \$900 of this would be earmarked for the School Leavers T shirts which were very well received last year. Claire will organize the T Shirts and the PTA will pay for them. CA



Other options for use of these funds were discussed.

The PTA will donate iceblocks and run a sausage sizzle at the School Athletics day and hand out iceblocks to the children at the Run/Jump/Throw day, all in Term 4.

The Kapa Haka group needs new tops. Maria is to meet with Dianne to discuss requirements and costs. Maria to check with Mike re the condition of the school Pool Toys and look at the possibility of the PTA providing some new ones. MM MM

- Apart from the sausage sizzle at the school Athletics Day, there is no other PTA fundraiser organised for the remainder of this year. Marie is visit Tracey in the bookshop in Matakana Village who organises the annual Village Christmas party. As our Kapa Haka group and choir perform there, there may be an opportunity for the PTA to run a food stall – perhaps with sausages and donated Christmas baking or cupcakes. ML
- There is to be a children’s festival called “Bloom” which will be a 3 day event held at the Country Park early next year. Nicola and Dan are currently in discussion with the organiser and there may be a stall available for the PTA to run as a fundraiser, and perhaps a stall for the children to sell something from, depending on whether this could tie in with an activity in the school curriculum. Maria is to liaise with Nicola on this. MM
- Plans are underway for the celebration of the school’s 150th Anniversary to be held in March next year. Maria and Marie to liaise with Helena re the PTA’s potential for involvement in this event. ML/MM
- More work needs to be done on updating and upgrading the PTA email tree. This is a work in progress and requires some networking with new parents by all PTA members.
- Maria will continue to do a monthly PTA newsletter advising parents of what’s on and calling for volunteers for various PTA events. This is in addition to the PTA Matters column in the school newsletter. A copy of Maria’s latest newsletter will be pinned up on the PTA noticeboard in the wind tunnel.
- Many new parents are congregating in the school grounds at school drop-off and forming new friendships and connections. While this is an excellent opportunity for people to liaise, it is also somewhat distracting for students and teachers who are trying to get on with their working day. The Travel Wise team has tried to encourage these parents to park away from the school and spend the time walking back together to where their cars are parked, or meeting up at a local café, but this has been met with little success. It was generally agreed that it would be proactive of the PTA to lend their voice to encouraging these parents to form groups or clubs outside of the school grounds, thus keeping more vehicles away from the school and allowing the children who are in the classrooms, particularly the new entrants, some independence and the space to concentrate on their schoolwork.
- The Business Directory needs to be updated. Maria is to discuss options with Helena. MM
- We have a number of leftover food and drink items from our various events throughout the year and Helena has offered to buy these off us to sell at Gala, which would be an excellent opportunity to clear out our stock before the end of the year. Marie to do a tally up and costing to pass on to Helena. ML



Next Meeting: Date yet to be established, some time in October/November.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.