

## Banks Avenue School PTA

### Chairpersons Report 2019

*The following report was presented at the Banks Avenue School PTA annual general meeting. It was presented by Marilyn Stewart, the PTA chairperson.*

Welcome to everyone to the Banks Avenue AGM. I am happy to present the Chairperson's report for the year ending March 2019. Banks Ave PTA is made up of a small group of goal orientated, hardworking, committed parents and I would like to start my report by thanking all of the committee for all of their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months. You have all helped in making this an extremely successful year for the PTA. Our goal always has been to provide as much as we can in terms of resources and experiences to the students and teachers of Banks Avenue.

2018 saw a few new members of the PTA who brought plenty of ideas and lots of enthusiasm.

Throughout the year Jo and Lynda ran two very successful pizza lunches through Hell's Pizza. Suz and Abby arranged a night of fun at Flip Out. Marilyn organised two discos and Cassie ran the Entertainment Book sales. Rachel sold Hot Cross Buns in time for Easter and these were very popular.

In October our Chairperson - Rachel Campbell and Treasurer - Wendy Preston handed in their resignations at the same meeting. Because I was the only long-term member who knew what the calendar was like at the end of the year, I stepped into the position of Chairperson, a role which I have enjoyed.

It was a busy end of year with a Christmas raffle being held at the Avebury Fair – organised with only 10 days notice, big thanks to Abby and Joanne! We had the annual celebration night with a sausage sizzle also selling Juicies and Lolly Snakes. Then came the Staff Morning Tea followed by end-of-year treats for the children – sausage sizzles for Teams Miro and Kahikatea at their HEART celebration days and popsicles for Team Totara.

The uniform shop is being run by Tracey assisted by her son Kaden and opens every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday afternoon. It is going well.

Lunch on-line is continuing on a Thursday run by Randi and her group of volunteers. There have been a few changes to the menu through the year and it is still popular with the children.

2019 started with a roar as we assisted Helen Stowers with a Mihi Whakatau to welcome new and returning children and staff. We had fruit for the children generously donated by Countdown and Vegeland and a morning Tea in the Library for parents after they had taken their children to their new classrooms. This was a successful event and we have discussed doing it again maybe each term.

Our first meeting of the year was a little longer than usual as we planned out events, dates and placing things throughout the year so as to not put too much pressure on families at any one time.

We already have a couple of events underway - selling bulbs and the Bottle Tombola at the Avebury House Gala – and many more are planned.

To close, I would like to again thank all you wonderful PTA Committee members and Teacher Representatives – Philippa and Rhonda, who turn up month after month to meetings, and who give up your time for the various PTA events. No matter how big or small, your contribution is greatly

appreciated. Thank you too to the Friends of the PTA who have responded to various calls for assistance.

Also a big Thank You to Colleen, Rebecca and Belinda in the office who assist with all our requests, print and hand out various notices and publish our news in the newsletter each week.

I'm looking forward to another successful year with the Banks Avenue PTA.

Note – Due to the events on 15/03/2019 it was decided that it was not appropriate to hold a *Bottle Tombola* at the Avebury House Gala. We will hold all the bottles already donated and use them at an event later in the year.