

## Mairangi Bay School PTA Inc.

Meeting: Tuesday 18 May, 7.30pm in the School Staffroom

### AGENDA

**7:30pm Administration Matters 5 Mins**

Welcome and Apologies: Julia, Nicky, Karen, Peter, Andrew, Amy, Claire, John Fowler, Keshala, Liliana, Grant, Jonathan

Apologies: Caley

Adoption of Agenda

Correspondence

Confirmation of Minutes

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Motion and Seconded: Nicky and Julia

**7:35pm Principal's Report 5 Mins**

(Peter Stoner)

Paul has been busy screwing down the boards on the senior playground as nails have been protruding - this often happens with weather changes causing the boards to swell and then shrink again.

The shade structure is finally finished - paint dings have been fixed - just one more small piece to be tied down.

Hero app roll out has been going well, the school are continuing to push this to parents and have been monitoring uptake.

Book week is currently underway and has had a great start. The kids are enthused and they had an author visit today. It has been a fantastic job by Louise to pull this all together.

For those who have read the school newsletter we are losing Clare Curtice soon as she is taking up an opportunity outside of the school. However, we are lucky to be gaining back Annette Haywood.

And finally, last week 18 students went to the Writers Festival and had an enlightening time.

**7:40pm Chairperson's Report 5 Mins**

(Nicky Rooksby)

Welcome, it is really nice to see some new faces. We try to make the PTA light-hearted, not serious. Our focus is to provide fun for the community.

I want to cover off the long awaited fun run that was finally held on the wettest day of the year! So much hard work went into this event - a huge shout out again to all those who volunteered to organise the event and on the day. Feedback was very positive - everyone seemed to love the event. Because we have spent the effort setting up the course (thanks Simon) it will be very easy to replicate. Overall, it was very successful. Big hats off to everyone who made it and who helped out.

I lost my mojo for the PTA a little recently, but this is slowly starting to turn around as hopefully we have a way forward to provide the ability to run fun events and help out a little with fundraising. We are trying a different approach with reaching out to get volunteers and every little bit helps, it is a great way to meet people, have fun and learn something. Team work makes the dream work. Rebecca, from the junior school, has asked if we have a flier to hand out to the kindergarten to help reach out to new parents of Year 0's to the school. It would also be something we could add to new joiners at a higher level. New blood is a great way of getting new ideas and stops things getting stale. Feedback from new parents is also very helpful to help us understand different ways of getting the information out to the community.

**7:45pm      Treasurer's Report      5 Mins**

(Andrew Plinston)

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Motion and Seconded: Karen and Amy

**7:50pm      Revisit Operating Funding Balance      5 Mins**

(Karen McLean)

Karen raised the point that the operating model has been to hold \$10,000 in reserve for operating costs and potential costs from events that either get charged before fundraising or come in after funds have been provided. This seems an excessive amount given the money going through the P&L over the past 4 years. It was agreed, that with careful management, ensuring all costs have been accounted for before funding is provided to the school, that this should be amended to \$3,000. This was agreed upon by all in attendance.

**7:55pm      Present Ideas for Funding      20 Mins**

(All)

Please come with any ideas you think we should be putting the money we currently have towards

Nicky reminded the meeting of the wizards hat spinning top idea that was suggested, and presented to the assembly, by Bruce Warren. Nicky said this doesn't have to necessarily be this particular object but we have communicated to the community that this was a fundraising goal.

Another idea Bruce floated was shade trees along the fence line (~\$6k) which now that we have a shade sale is a little redundant.

EPro8 runs an event annually encouraging engineering type creation with bolts, wheels, screws etc. Because the event couldn't run properly as a result of Covid last year the equipment was provided to the school for a few days to trial. After that, schools were offered a special deal which Peter took up last year (purchasing one kit). John has this in his room, and uses it as brain breaks to allow kids to have a reset. The senior school share this kit around. They can only have 4 kids working on 1 kit at a time so the senior school would like to request funding to get an additional 8 kits, to share down to the year 4 kids (potentially down to year 3) for \$14k.

Peter also presented an idea that could be offered to junior school relating to unplugged resources.

There was an additional request for Lego, which would encourage creativity and be something that would assist children who were not good at interacting with other children at breaks.

Nicky has an additional request relating to storage. Paul Loader has floated the idea of a new workshop which would free up storage in his old shed.

At this stage, with the funding available the PTA have agreed to fund 5 EPro8 kits. This was agreed upon by all in attendance.

Further fundraising ideas will be considered and prioritised at the next meeting.

**8:15pm      Term 2 Events      10 Mins**

(All)

Movie Night (years 5-6): Friday 11 June - has been moved to Term 3 to avoid clashing with values awards in the senior school

Disco (years 0-4): Friday 2 July

How do we get new volunteers?

It was discussed that rather than having a lead for the disco who would do all of the work we would trial a new concept. An email will go out calling for those interested in joining a Friday brainstorm session run by Karen. This will look to brainstorm a theme, food, sales etc and then hopefully create mini-groups to allocate tasks out.

**8:25pm      Friday Afternoon Meeting      5 Mins**

(All)

How will it work?

Who will be there?

What time works?

It was decided to push this idea out to term 3 dependent on the feedback received from the PTA survey.

**AOB**

Nicky raised team reach as the app we use outside of school as feedback - gives something that allows communication between parents in the class/year group. Keshala said Campbells Bay had parent co-ordinators and they set up What's App. Grant said the best part of Team Reach was the calendar that can add into your personal calendar. Julia and Peter to discuss what options would potentially work in conjunction with the hero app (and what functionality could be added to the hero app).

**Meeting Close**

**Next Meeting: 29 June**