

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR OPAHEKE SCHOOL AGM 26TH MARCH 2014

Hi, and welcome along to our AGM for 2014. 2013 was all of the current PTA's officeholders first year in office. We have been guided into our first year with the help of the previous office holders, Cameron, Josie and Viv, and also other PTA members who have been around for a while and know how things run. Thank-you to all those who have helped to make the transition a relatively smooth one for us.

We had a very successful year in 2013, managing to fundraise a lot of money (exact amount available in the Treasurers Report) and from that, provide our school and our children with opportunities and equipment that would not have been possible without the Opaheke School PTA.

Our main fundraising initiatives for 2013 included the Easter Raffle from which we made over \$3,000; our Discos and Movie night which the children always love; our Quiz night and a new initiative for 2013 was the Kaiaua night for our parents, from which both were highly successful and enjoyable; the end of term Hell Pizza and PTA run school lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays; the calendars that are organised by Lisa Ross; the Playstructure raffle, from which we made over \$6,000; and of course, our main fundraiser – the school carnival in November, from which we made over \$12,000 from! I'm sorry if I missed something off this list. What an awesome effort from so many people of our school community.

The PTA supported the school in 2013 with a focus on upgrading some of the dated technology within the school. We put new iPads into the junior school, provided a new set of Computers on Wheels (COWs), supported book week with the cartoonist which was extremely well received by the children at school, donated funds to help run the Year 8 camp and Year 6 camp. We provided \$1,000 towards wet weather games and a further \$1,000 to the library (from the book stall profits at the carnival), 10 new netball jackets the 2013 school councillors shirts. We feel extremely proud and privileged to have contributed to the school and the learning environment for our school in this way.

We have started 2014 with a hiss and a roar with supplementing a grant for the new Shade sails around the school; providing paint for and physically painting the junior school dragon and other concrete games; donating funds to the Year 8 camp; and also this year we supported the Year 7 education outside the classroom (EOTC) week aswell.

We are looking forward to another successful year and would personally like to thank all the people who have been involved in supporting the PTA this year. To name but a few who we are indebted to the office staff at school are always so helpful with ideas and collecting money etc – the list goes on! Without them, what we aim to achieve would be far less tangible. To the teachers and staff – you are the reason this fine school is what it is and we feel lucky to be able to support you and help our children to get those extras that enhance their learning experiences. Special thanks to Marilyn and Renae for attending all our meetings and being the voice between us and the staff. Another special thanks to all businesses who have donated to our cause throughout the year, without their support, again, what we are able to fundraise would be far less. And finally, and perhaps most importantly, thanks to PTA committee members and other parents of our school community who help in whatever capacity possible to support the PTA of Opaheke School. Without the help of all of these people, we would not be able to do much at all. So thanks again, on behalf of myself, Kirsty and Richard for everything!

Jenn Jury

Opaheke School PTA Chairperson