

# PTA Newsletter - March 2015

HELLO EVERYONE and welcome to our first newsletter of the year ☺.

An official PTA *Welcome to Sacred Heart School Petone* to all the new students and their families.

We're so sorry to have had to cancel the Pool Party at McKenzie Baths on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. – our second year in a row with exactly the same weather, you wouldn't read about it!

Thank you to parents, students, Mrs Whalen and Mr Solia for helping the PTA with car-parking on Petone Rotary Fair Day – it's always a really fun day (truly!). We made a fantastic \$557.50.

As mentioned in PTA newsletters last year, 4 out of 5 members are planning to retire either before or at the AGM next term. The PTA is a fun and constructive way of getting involved in your children's school, get to know other parents/caregivers, and work alongside and support our school staff. You may have new ideas for fundraising and/or the way the PTA is setup? What is known is there's a need for some sort of fundraising committee run by parents. No PTA = probable increase of donations.

## Invitation to Parents / Caregivers

Come along to a "meet and greet" on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the staffroom – babies and toddlers are most welcome ☺. Have a casual chat with the PTA over a cuppa and find out what we do and why.

**Please RSVP by Thursday 19 March to Karen (Chair): [kmaf@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kmaf@paradise.net.nz) or 021 2577781**

Look forward to hearing from you.

- **Entertainment Books:** we will once again be selling the popular Entertainment Books as a fundraiser. Please tell family and friends and if they are buying an Entertainment Book make sure you get them to buy one from Sacred Heart School Petone! Pre-sales will begin shortly...watch this space!
- **PTA Letterbox:** the PTA has recently purchased a letterbox so reply forms and order forms + money can be "posted" securely to us. This will be put up on the notice-board wall in the junior corridor just by the doors to the office.
- **Sausage Sizzles:** sausage sizzles are usually held every second or third Friday at lunchtime in Term 2, however next term we're making an exciting change – we're going to trial American hot-dogs! One Friday will be hot-dogs and the next time will be a sausage sizzle - we'll confirm dates and cost by the end of this term.  
To make life easier for Mrs Whalen and the PTA in the future, sausages/hotdogs will need to be pre ordered. Children will bring a form home and orders will need to be "posted" in the PTA's letterbox by Wednesday in order to get their sausage/hotdog on a Friday.
- **PTA Meeting:** next meeting will be held at school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm

- your friendly PTA Committee: Karen Arraj-Fisher (Chair), Anna Wilson (Secretary), Stephen Hilliard (Treasurer), Linda Reeves (Member), Anita Mahony (Member) & Liz Heatley (Teacher Rep) ☺