



St Heliers School

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

St Heliers School PTA.....working for our children's futures



UPCOMING EVENTS

FLIGHT CENTRE'S: STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN AT NIGHT

Saturday 27 October
7pm School Hall

PTA MEETING

Wednesday 7 November
7.30pm Staffroom

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September 2018

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings to all as we race to the end of Term 3. Not sure where this term has gone with all the activities happening in and around the school this term. The PTA are very proud and excited to support this year's school production on 26 & 27 September. The theme this year is 'The Arts Take Flight' and that was certainly the case with tickets, selling out for Wednesday and Thursday evenings in under 24 hours. The PTA host the pre-show ticket holders for drinks and nibbles each night in the staffroom and it is fantastic to see so many families supporting our wonderfully talented and entertaining children.

Next month, on Saturday 27 October is the BIG ONE for the PTA for 2018, with our biggest fund-raising event of the year. Hire a babysitter and glam up in your favourite fancy dress for an amazing night out, full of comedy, dancing, celebrating and ...hypnotism! Welcome to 'Flight Centre's: Strange Things Happen at Night!' This will be another sell-out event so make sure you purchase tickets now or you may miss out. We have taken all the hassle away, so you do not have to provide your own table decorations. There will be prizes for best costumes and dancing skills on the night.

We have been extremely fortunate to secure some amazing sponsorship for our fund-raising auction this year. We have OVER \$10,000 worth of donations, all from immensely generous LOCAL St Heliers' businesses. Please support these loyal donors as they are doing so much for our kids and the school!

- Flight Centre are putting up \$500 of travel, PLUS every school family who books a trip with Flight Centre from 1 November will automatically generate a \$25 donation to the school going forward.
- Barfoot & Thompson are sponsoring a \$1000 mystery item (to be revealed on the night), PLUS they are providing a \$5000 marketing package for anyone selling a home through their St Heliers office.
- Paper Plus in St Heliers has a new owner and Peter has very generously donated a \$1000 spending spree in store. Perfect for the ultimate Christmas shop!
- CLM Gym are providing a 6 month premium Gym, Swim and Fitness Class Membership worth over \$600.

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- Our ever generous Principal has offered TWO babysitting nights, so get your friends together and plan a big night out with the babysitter all taken care of!
- We have a GoPro camera and a high-tech drone kindly donated by ANZ bank (worth \$1000).
- Glendowie Boat Club have donated a \$400 holiday Learn-To-Sail package for the summer.
- Fine Young Artists are offering 2 x 8 week afterschool art classes, each worth \$250!
- Life Pharmacy have donated a \$400 pamper basket.
- One of our biggest donations will be a life-saver for any hard-working parent during the school year. Cigana café have donated 250 coffees (no time limit for redemption). That is \$1250 worth of morning 'Go-Juice' for the busy parent on the run.

There are still more sponsors to come.

Please come along on the night prepared to bid for some of these amazing offers in either the silent auction, or the excitement of the live auction for the big-ticket items.

The Board of Trustees has also been flat out this year and I have to echo Kathy Harding's newsletter, that there is just a small group of hard-working parents on the PTA who do a huge amount of hours behind the scenes, (mostly while working full-time) to allow us to raise funds to benefit all of our children. We always need more volunteers, and we only need a few hours per person for the many projects we run and support. Let the school secretary know at the office if you would like to help out or come along to our monthly planning meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

The date for next year's School Fair has been confirmed as Sunday 31 March 2019 and planning has already begun. We will shortly publish a Fair Projects list and we encourage parents to volunteer for a project. Each project only requires a few hours and in that way many hands make for a GREAT FAIR. In 2019 we are raising funds to create a multi-purpose outdoor area on the asphalt court between the back of the school hall and the junior classrooms. This will have an artificial turf all-weather surface and equipment for games such as futsal, netball and basketball as well as offering an area for outdoor learning on sunny days. Watch out for volunteer lists going out to classes and please contact your class co-ordinator if you would like to volunteer to manage a project or just help out on a stall for the day.

We look forward to your support over the next 6 months as we begin the planning that goes into this massive event and with everyone's help, we can make this the best fair ever! Have a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents' Night in October!

Regards,
Steve Sutherland
Chairman

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A night of comedy, hypnotism,
laughter and dancing

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

SCHOOL HALL 7PM – SHOW STARTS AT 7.30PM

Entertainment: Comedy Hypnotist **GERARD V**
Great comedy followed by a lot of dancing!

\$45
per person

Includes a glass of bubbles. Nibbles provided.
Fancy dress – the stranger, the funnier, the darker, the better!
ADULTS ONLY. Purchase through your child's Kindo account.

FLIGHT CENTRE'S

STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN AT NIGHT

This year's evening for parents on Saturday 27 October will take on an unusual theme.

Comedy hypnotist Gerard V will provide the entertainment with his polished, relaxed and hilarious take on hypnotist shows. He involves the audience only as much as they want to be. He will not do anything you would not show your children. Laughter however cannot be avoided. You can check his website on gerardv.com

During and after the show a DJ will provide music to dance to.

The hall will be set up with chairs and coffee tables. You do not need to buy a table or come as a group. Sit wherever you like and mingle as the night goes on.

A glass of bubbles and complementary nibbles will be provided but not a proper evening meal. We will be running a bar on the night. Card payments are preferred.

Fancy dress recommended – the stranger, the funnier, the darker, the better!

Entry is \$45 per person and reserved for adults. Tickets are available online through your child's Kindo account under PTA fundraiser. We do not issue tickets, you can print out your Kindo order and bring it along with you. We will also have a list on the night.

For questions, please email Jan Bliss on jan.marty@xtra.co.nz or call **021469478**.

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'Oh, the places you'll go'

Every year, Year 7 students participate in Challenges Week while Year 8 students go to camp. These events are a very important part of the middle school experience that all of our students will have the opportunity to attend. They help develop the confidence and leadership skills of our senior students.

Most of the fundraising focuses on the camp but transport costs for Challenges Week have increased significantly over the years and so has the expense for parents.

The PTA committed \$2500 annually towards transportation for Challenges Week so Year 7 students can go wherever challenges take them.

The amount will be reviewed every second year.

ART CALENDARS

ORDERS AVAILABLE IN TERM 4

Next term you will be able to purchase calendars, cards, diaries and unlined sketch pads featuring your child's artwork or photo. The order forms will go home with your child on **Monday 15 October**. You will get a 'shoot key' (the same process used for school photos) to preview your child's artwork or photo and order online. All family members can use the same shoot key as their order will come individually packaged.

Product samples will also be in the School Office from this time. Proceeds will go towards our technology and innovation funds.



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