



St Heliers School

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important DATE!
PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting
Wednesday 12 February
7:30pm



December 2019

From the Chairman:

End of another school year - 2019 has gone by in a flash it seems! We have had another successful fundraising year and I want to say a huge thank you to every single parent who has volunteered and contributed to our school this year.



The last couple of activities raised over \$1000 from our Senior Athletics BBQ and approximately \$3000 from our Christmas Market. These funds will be going towards our annual technology lease. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and to all those who dropped their delicious baking off for the Christmas Market – amazing! This was the first time I attended a Christmas Market and I absolutely loved the community spirit and feeling of belonging associated with it. The children of all ages were having a ball and the social aspect of this event was simply wonderful. The school choir sang their hearts out and sounded marvelous and really made the night. A very special thank you goes out to them.

We have some amazing new events lined up for next year – Easter Event, Dads' Craft Beer Night and Coffee Mornings to name a few. We also have some returning favorites – Back to School Picnic, Trivia Night and Movie Night. I am looking forward to working on these events with our PTA committee and seeing all of you there.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the wonderful PTA committee who have been incredibly supportive. Not only are they great to work with, but wonderful friends.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas, a wonderful New Year and a safe and happy school holiday.

Thank you again for all your support to the PTA.

Kind regards

Tarryn Crooks

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PTA Financial Summary 2019

It was a very busy year with fundraising events. The largest being our bi-annual School Fair.

Here is a short summary of some of the bigger events the PTA raised money in 2019:

- School Fair \$61,000
- Trivia Night \$18,000
- Art Calendars \$4,000
- Christmas Market \$3,000

In the next year, the PTA will continue to support school projects. The major items the donations are anticipated to help fund:

- \$45,000 to help fund the artificial turf in the Junior playground
- \$18,000 as part of on-going contribution towards the school's computer leases
- an estimated \$10,000 to help fund an outdoor/wet weather area for Rooms 4-6.

Thank you all once again for your support as the PTA could not make these contributions without your generosity and volunteer work.

St Heliers School Christmas Market 2019

A big thank you to Charlotte Horan, Amanda Henton and Kim Carruthers for their outstanding work organizing and pulling off the Christmas Market. They put together a festive event that brought in the Christmas spirit to our school hall.

We were fortunate with a warm early summer evening with many families coming to enjoy the cafe, ham rolls (while they lasted), food trucks, baked goods, all while browsing the many goods for sale.

We thank all the stall holders who participated in the market and especially those parents of the school who had stalls. Thank you to all the volunteers throughout the evening. We could not have done it without you.

The PTA wishes you all a festive season and a Happy New Year to come!

Face of the PTA: Victoria Harbinson (Treasurer)



Hi, I am Victoria Harbinson and this is my husband Gareth and our two children, Lucy (Year 1) and William who will be starting at St Heliers School in Year 0 next year.

I grew up in Wellington before going to university in the US for four years, before returning to Wellington. I have an Economics and Accounting background and gained my Chartered Accountancy before moving to London. I met Gareth when I first arrived in London and we lived there and travelled for two years before settling in Glendowie/St Heliers. Gareth grew up in this area and went to Churchill Park School, and I am not sure he will ever leave!! Being a proud Wellingtonian I certainly needed to be convinced that the Bays was the place to be. But, I have now lived here for 10 years and what a beautiful place to live! Most of all I love the people here, they are so friendly and I have met some great friends.

I am so enjoying being part of St Heliers School and when the Treasurer role for the PTA came up I thought it was a great chance to give back to the school that my family will be part of for the next 10 years. I enjoy meeting new people, using my skills, being part of the decision making process, and helping to raise funds to make our school even better. I recommend it for anyone who is thinking about joining and encourage you to come to a meeting to check it out (commitment free)! I hope you all have a great Christmas and a well-deserved break.

Victoria



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PTA Events for 2020
During our recent PTA planning meeting, a rough schedule of events was organized for the coming school year. More details and dates to come next year!

Term 1:
Back to School Picnic
Easter Event

Term 2:
Coffee Morning
Movie Night

Term 3:
Trivia Night

Term 4:
Dads' Event
Christmas Market

What has the PTA recently funded?

School Flags for Events!

Earlier in the year we agreed that the funds raised from the Entertainment Books this year would go towards new flags for the school to use at sporting events etc. The flags look great and Kathy Harding did a wonderful job organizing the Entertainment Book sales.



Join us in the PTA!

There are many opportunities to get involved with the PTA from volunteering for events, joining planning committees, and attending events.

Come join us for one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. We encourage everyone to attend and join the discussions.



Chilly Bins Needed

If you have a used (but in good condition) chilly bin that you would like to donate to the PTA, please contact us at sthelierspta1@gmail.com.

For many of the PTA events, chilly bins are used.

Sizes requested are medium to large that can still be carried when filled.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

CHRISTMAS HUNT

November 14 - December 20

Get ready to snap your fingers!

They're creepy. They're kooky. And they're moving into our neighbourhood.

To celebrate the release of THE ADDAMS FAMILY, in cinemas December 5, simply find all our new creepy and kooky neighbours who are hanging out in our St Heliers Stores to be in to win*.

All you have to do is write down the number attached to each character from the corresponding shop. All numbers must be found to enter*.

When complete, please place your entries in the collection box based in the St Heliers Library.

Have a very Merry Christmas from all the businesses in St Heliers.



Childs Name: _____

Childs Age: _____

Parents Contact Details: _____

*All correct entries go in the draw to win some amazing prizes drawn weekly, including family movie passes!

*Ts & Cs apply - Check StHeliers.com for details

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