Heliers School PTA working for our children's futures

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA meeting Wednesday 4 September 7:30pm









August 2019

Face of the PTA - Tarryn Crooks and from the Chairman:



My name is Tarryn Crooks and I am the new

Chairman of the PTA. Lance and I have two children, Allegra who started Year 0 in May, and a 3 year old son Grayson who will be joining the school in a couple of years. I moved here from Melbourne not so long ago, as Lance is a Kiwi and he managed to convince me this was the greatest place in the world to raise children! I come from an extensive HR background where my main discipline was 'learning and development', and so I have a passion for people, ethics and communication.

I joined the PTA to meet new people, become more involved in the school and community, and help out where I genuinely can. So far so good! I would love to meet some more of you though.

The function of a PTA is to support the school and help make it the best place it can be for the children, staff and parents, and we do this by organizing events and raising money.

My vision for the PTA is to evolve and create trends rather than follow them! I want our PTA to not only have the **best** events and raise good amounts of money for our school and children, but also be a place where you can meet friends, have a coffee, chat and bring ideas and, most importantly, be in a supportive and encouraging environment!

We have some really exciting events coming up – Trivia Night Gala (Bubbles & Bow Ties) and the Christmas Market are the ones you know about. However behind the scenes we are working hard to bring you some little social gatherings too. For example, we are in the process of organizing a free coffee morning at drop off. Due to the committee changes in the PTA, we would love to get to know some more parents in the community. But do not worry, you will not be asked to join or sign up to anything – it is simply a way of meeting others. Watch this space. Very exciting times ahead!

Before I sign off, I want to say a huge thank you to Steve Sutherland who has stood down from his role as PTA Chairman, for his unbelievable hard work! His contributions to the PTA are significant, particularly taking the school through the past fair – not an easy task on any level! A special mention also goes out to Amanda Henton who, even though not leaving the PTA, has decided to step down as Secretary. Thank you for your years of efficiency, productivity and commitment!

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What is it?

The Trivia Night is our second biggest fundraising event for our school. In the past, there has been a focus on the trivia part, this year, not so much. This year we are focusing on the social side!

When is it? Saturday 7 September 2019 from 7pm.

What is the programme for the event?

Doors officially open at 7pm with the Trivia starting at 8pm and running for around an hour. At around 9.15pm live auctions will be run and there will be dancing afterwards. The event finishes at midnight. An award for the best dressed couple will be given as well!

What catering is available on the night?

Canapes will be provided throughout the evening as well as glassware. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for pre-purchase from Monday 26 August through Kindo and on sale at the event. Tap water will be available free of charge.

What happens if I do not have enough people to form a table?

Tables can be booked for a group or seats sold individually. The idea of the event is to get people to connect! Contact Tarryn at sthelierspta1 @gmail.com with any questions.

How do I get tickets?

The event has <u>almost</u> sold out! **Only 8 tickets left!** Booking is available through Kindo https://shop.tgcl.co.nz PTA fundraising.

How does the auction work?

We expect there will be two types of auction: live auction and silent auction.

Live auction: this will be run on the night.

Silent auction: this will start during the Trivia Night and continue through the evening. Items will be on display in the hall for bidding.

How do we know what auction items are available?

We will publish the list at least a week before the Trivia Night. Watch this space!

What auction items are available?

We are still in the process of obtaining sponsorship from businesses and school parents. Very broadly we expect the following categories: children's activity classes, fun activities, sports and health, services, travel packages, experiences and hampers of goodies.

We are looking for supporters/donations for our silent and live auctions. Can you help? Please get in touch with us!

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Thank you for joining us at the recent Movie Night! It was a great success and some long overdue fun!

Thank you so much to Angela Welch-Peters and her helpers who kept you all fed and entertained through the night.

Next movie night we will use your great feedback on food and movie options.

We are planning more fun events and hope to see you again at our next movie night! *The PTA*



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Thank you to everyone who has either purchased the new Entertainment Book, or returned the book to the school office.

We have raised over \$2000 for PTA funds....some of which will be used to purchase new St Heliers School teardrop flags for our sports team to proudly display at events.

Many more families have purchased the Digital membership this year, and are enjoying the amazing function of having your phone tell you what Entertainment offers are close by, no matter where you are. I also really like the fact that my phone can tell me how much I have saved with the book so far.

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Any questions, please contact me: Kathy Harding 027 2818 007 kathy@theolympic.co.nz





What has the PTA recently funded?



Recently, a request came for funds to purchase an accessible shelving unit for the library. The photo shows the unit installed in the library and already in use.

Some non-fiction library books sought by younger children are on shelving that is too high for them to reach. The new accessible shelving unit allows for some of the more popular non-fiction books to be featured and accessible to all students. It also allows for students to search for their own library topic books.

Since the accessible shelving unit was installed, we received a lovely thank you letter which noted that the shelving was met with great excitement from the children. It is a great way to bring books to all levels of readers.

This was a great use of PTA funds that will support all students of St Heliers School.

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Fotoman Portrait Photography

Save the DateFotoman is coming

to St Heliers School Term 4, October 2019

Are your family portraits looking a little dated?

Whether it is individual photos or the whole family portrait you are after, the Fotoman can take it. It is the perfect gift for family and friends.

There is no sitting cost nor any obligation to buy. Following your shoot, you will receive a set of proofs in colour and black/white to order from. These are free and yours to keep.

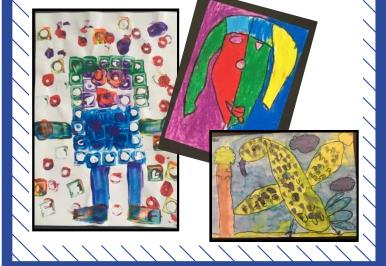
Sitting bookings will be taken in October.

ARI CALENDARS Next term you will be able to purchase products featuring your child's artwork or photo. As always, we will have

calendars, cards, diaries and unlined sketch pads.

This year you will be able to order online and view your child's artwork before buying. No orders will be taken at school. The order forms will go home with your child in Term 4 in October. Date will be announced soon.

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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St Heliers School's Christmas Market!

We are very excited about our annual St Heliers School Christmas Market which will take place on Wednesday 4 December between 5:30pm and 9:00pm.

We are planning an enjoyable evening of shopping and socialising, with over 30 stalls providing an array of lovely goodies including Christmas decorations, beautiful jewellery, clothing, food (Christmas cakes, slices, fresh strawberries, jams...), lovely homewares, stationery, fresh cut flowers and lots more.

Make sure you check out the PTA fundraising stalls with great goodies to help busy mums, including hams, crafts and more.

After all that hard work shopping, our Christmas themed café will be selling tea and coffee to refresh you while you listen to the school choir sing Christmas Carols.

Remember to bring cash with you as there are limited EFTPOS facilities available. Gold coin donation at the door will get you into the draw for spot prizes on the night. See you there!



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