

Chairperson's Report 2011

It is with pleasure I present the chairpersons report for 2011. Firstly a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA committee who have been an excellent group to work with and together we have achieved great things over the past year. It is with regret we must say goodbye to some of our members that no longer have children attending Tapanui School and here I would like to say a special thank you to the Hancox family who have been a part of the Tapanui School community for a long time. Fiona and Nelson Hancox would be one of the busiest couples I know and yet they have selflessly volunteered countless hours toward helping out the Tapanui School PTA over the past seventeen years and we wish them well.

Fundraising is always a large part of the PTA, and our efforts provide important funding for the school which includes subsidising parents to attend school camps, sports uniforms, year six dictionaries to name but a few. However, that is not all what we are about. We also provide an important link between parents and the school administration, with the idea of encouraging families to become involved with the schools social and fundraising activities and we accomplish this in different ways. This past year it was suggested the PTA have a stall at the 150th anniversary of the West Otago A&P show and we proved that while around the rest of the country baking maybe a dying art our parents can turn out some pretty amazing cakes, slices and biscuits! The stall showcased some great art the children had done which were turned into calendars and diaries and these together with raffles provided an opportunity to not only promote our school to the wider community but also to make a bit more money at the same time, thank you to Sarah Davies for coordinating this successful event.

While we did not have a single large fundraising event the PTA can congratulate itself on beavering away all year and attaining a great financial result. The 2nd "Are you smarter than a Tapanui School student" quiz was again successful with an incredible array of raffle prizes. The end of year school disco was a hit with the children allowing them to blow off a bit of steam on the eve of the summer holidays and shows no signs of declining in popularity. If anything the dance moves seem to get better every year and I'm sure if the parents keep practising this year we may just be able to keep up with the kids!

In closing I would like to quote Ralph Emerson (Poet, USA) who said "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" and I believe this applies to you all. Thank you.