

PTA News

29th July 2010

PTA is a dedicated group of people who are enthusiastic about providing the best opportunities we can for the children at West Melton School. Everyone is busy, but we enjoy working together to help support the school in providing those extras that the school budget doesn't always allow.

Where do PTA funds go?

In **2007**, PTA was able to provide **\$7,344** to lease some laptops and buy some literary resources.

2008 saw us provide **\$12,910**, for more computers, leadership training and literary resources.

In **2009** we stepped up again to support the school's strategic plan and provide even more computer power, along with Kapahaka tutors, reading resources and phonics training.

A total of **\$18,579** in **2009**.

So far in **2010**, PTA has been able to provide funding for the Mathletics programme (50%), dyslexia resources, some more reading resources AND just this week we've been able to fully fund the purchase of 16 brand new Toshiba Pro laptops. A total so far this year of **\$24, 114!**

Where does the money come from?

We concentrate on running a few high quality events, rather than the 'good old days' when parents just used to sell things like BBQ sausages.

At \$1 profit per sausage that would be *like selling 63,000 sausages* in the last 3½ years!

****Entertainment Books**** fantastic savings, a book that pays for itself after a night or two in town. Still a couple left in the school office – be quick before the last one goes out the door. You'll be glad you did. These make an excellent gift or Thank You present.

****Westie Shindig**** coming up on **Saturday 28th August**.

Dust off your boots and round up your possie for a night to remember. Also includes a silent auction, with the proceeds going to help Maddie Collins. Want to know more? Contact **Kellie Coakley** hamishcoakley@yahoo.com

****Quiz Night** Friday 17th September**. Any good at Trivial Pursuit? Need the practice? Or just looking for a good fun night out? Join us at the West Melton Rugby Club Rooms, with childminding being available right next door at the West Melton Scout Den

****Fathers Day Raffle**** Go on – you need to be in to win and Dad will love the prizes

**** Christmas Country Fete ** Sunday 5th December**

at The Horsburgh Estate. Contact **Donna Scarlett** c.d.scarlett@xtra.co.nz

It's not always about the money!

Not everything we do is fundraising. And not everything has to cost parents money.

Sometimes the best thing parents can do is offer a few hours of their time to help out with other projects.



give me five is a programme designed to help find ways for parents to get even more involved in our childrens' education – both at home and at school. This is about us as parents volunteering at least 5 hours per year to help out in some way. Obviously, there are some who will do more than 5, however we want to make it easy for everyone of us to contribute in some way.

**** Help clean up after the hedges are trimmed** Saturday 31st July**

****BMX Track**** Are you, or anyone you know, a keen BMX Rider? We've got a great opportunity to use some of the topsoil from the building site, and we need a person or 2 to help us coordinate this. We need to act fast, as the soil will be being moved soon and we thought a small track in the unused corner of the grounds might be viable.

A great way to provide an outlet for children to burn some excess energy during lunchtime!

Perhaps this is your chance to:

- impress your kids
- *give me five!* And
- build something that children will be able to enjoy for years

Next PTA meeting date: **Tuesday 31st August, 7.30PM**

Remaining Meetings for the Year:

Tuesday 12th October

Tuesday 30th November

On behalf of PTA, we look forward to meeting you...

Please contact us at any time

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