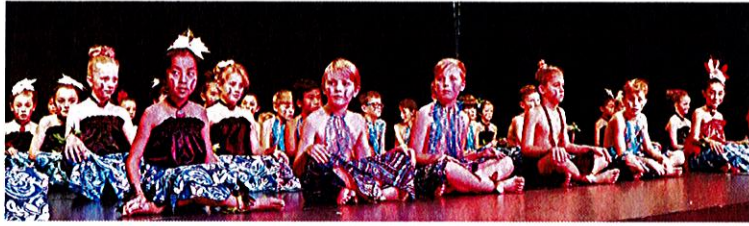


Stella Maris BOT Term 2 Newsletter July 2019

I have to say I have lost count of the number of times I have heard, “where has the first half of the year gone?” But here we are at the end of Term 2 already. I’m not sure if it’s a function of age, but it does seem to go by faster and faster. The term that has rushed by was full of so many wonderful Stella Maris activities that showcase the spirit of the students attending our fantastic school. The many sports events,



the Sport-a-thon, the Catholic Schools Cultural Festival to name a few. I constantly hear talk of how proud we should be of the children in our care, and what great examples of behaviour they exhibit.

Another thing I hear constantly is from the children themselves. If I am ever at the school, doing some sort of job, or playing around in the greenhouse etc, I have a constant stream of young folk enthusiastically saying “can I help?” The eagerness these children show in throwing themselves into helping or volunteering around the school, showing out for any sports teams, bus monitoring, library duty, or Green Team, Pasifika or Kapa Haka to name a few, is a constant source of amazement and pride. This eagerness to help is fostered by the sense of Marian spirit the teachers, volunteers, parent helpers and senior management of the school foster as a key value. We could all learn a lot from this generation of Stella Maris pupils because it is not something I see everywhere in our society.

Another group of people who have stood up and said “can I help” is our fantastic Board of Trustees team. I find myself, after 3 years on the team, suddenly one of the longer serving folk, due to the departure of a great deal of experience and long serving BOT members. Our previous board members have left our BOT in fantastic shape and have done an amazing job in setting up procedural systems and special mention must go to Sarah Porter’s untiring degree of professionalism and devotion to the role and the school. The current members of the team are all “can I help” types, with new skills and areas of expertise. After the elections, we must welcome Richard Bayly, a newly elected parent representative, who will be another valued asset to our team. Our other parent elected representatives, Kerri Tait and Bronwyn Hudson continue to forge ahead with establishing themselves as honest, enthusiastic and professionally committed BOT members. John Walker has bravely stepped in taking over the important role of Chair of the Special Character sub-committee during the absence of Nicole Lawson.

If you ever feel that you wish to step up to assist the school in any way there are many opportunities, either on the PTFA, the Board, around the school grounds, sports groups and a myriad of other opportunities. Please always feel welcome to approach the BOT or the PTFA and be assured the BOT appreciates all of the fantastic effort that goes on around the school. Your support is valued immensely.

Kind Regards

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Term 2, 2019

A “STELLA” EFFORT!

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the recent Sportathon. Your efforts (and those of the teachers and parents) have helped us to raise over \$10,000 towards the new bike track! This is a huge achievement, and one that we can all be extremely proud of. Special thanks to Mr Hobman for all his hard work putting the event together. We're so grateful to you all for helping us raise funds towards our current goal.



Some of the team at our last PTFA meeting

Dad's with one of the two fun lunches scheduled for the term. Keep an eye on the calendar posted on the board outside the school office for what's coming up.

WELCOME TO THE NEW TEAM

2019 has seen a number of position holder changes on the PTFA committee.

Roxy Pringle was elected to the position of Chairperson.

Sheena Lu was elected to the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Michelle Wyatt was re-elected to the position of Secretary.

Michelle Arnott has been elected to the position of Treasurer, taking over from Tina McKee-Wright who very graciously filled the position while we looked for our new Treasurer.

Our non-elected position holders are:

Kelly McColl – Fundraising, Pastoral Care, and Playgroup

Nicole Bayley – Special Services

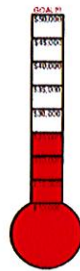
Teacher Liaison – Kathie Bodle

End of Year Event – Tasha Maloney

There are plenty of ways you can help. If you can spare a little time to support our fundraising initiatives get in touch – stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz – we'd love to have you on the team. PTFA meetings are scheduled each month and alternate between a 9:00am morning meeting in the school staffroom, or a 7:15pm meeting at The Wade Tavern in Silverdale. Everyone is welcome to come along!

HOW ARE WE DOING?

We're working hard to raise funds for the bike track which is planned for the outside edge of the main sports field. We're halfway! Officially we have \$25,000 in the "bike track account" with this set to increase significantly following the sportathon.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Term 3 is set to be the FUN term with both the kids disco (20 September) and parents 80's night (24 August) set to take place. We're also recognising our very important