



Merry Christmas

Pukekawa School PTA Annual Report 2020

While most years are filled with PTA fundraisers, school events and trips, 2020 looked a little different. Instead 2020 became a year of reflection, health, lots of family time and a change to our children's education. This year we all became more involved in our children's schooling, from home-schooling due to covid-19 to returning to a new normal school normal. I want to encourage you to continue to be as involved in your children's school life. If 2020 has shown us anything it is that our children are resilient but also need our support more than ever.

As a PTA, 2020 AGM brought a change to two main roles, Gemma Shorter remaining president, Rebecca Muir becoming Treasurer and Toni Harris becoming Secretary. We also grew our PTA with new committee members who are always willing to help out, Many thanks to Toni Harris, Rebecca Muir, Elyse Price, Carolyn Walker, Maria Morgan, Margaret McCarrick, Sarah and Nathaniel McLean, Raymin and Allice Turner, Vicky Payet and Karen McCulloch your hard work and determination throughout this year has been much appreciated.

This year around the disruptions from covid-19, our PTA held fundraising events such as a school disco, oxford pies, The food tent at our annual Agricultural Day, Friday pie's and a few school lunch days. These fundraisers enable us to provide critical funds to our school for school upgrades and to help ease the burden of huge trip costs, benefiting all school families. Without funds from the PTA to support our school there may be larger trip costs or may have an impact on what the school is able to offer our children.

This year we have been able to help cover costs for classroom consumables for teachers to be able to continue to provide awesome classroom projects, stickers and extra resources within our classrooms, a power upgrade to our hall kitchen and a brand-new heat pump for our school library.

All of these would not be possible without the many hours and huge effort from our PTA and the support from the whole school community. Thank-you for your ongoing support, please continue to support our events and initiatives so we can continue to offer these amazing opportunities to our children and support both our current and future families.

Once again, we wish to thank all our leaving students and families – Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the years and we wish you the best as you move on to new chapters in your lives, thank-you to Vivien Anderson and Vicki Kemp for all your hard work collecting orders and money throughout 2020.

To our Principal, Karen McCulloch. Thank-you for your hard work, dedication and determination towards our PTA over the years. You have been an amazing part of our PTA and always supportive of whatever our PTA has wanted to do, we wish you the very best for your retirement and will always remember the legacy you leave behind.

To our teachers and support staff, thank you for the many experiences, opportunities and your dedication to learning and growth of our children, despite Covid-19 disruptions you all supported not only our children but also us as families as we ventured into new territory by home-schooling, your hard work has been much appreciated.

As we farewell our leaving principal and families in 2020, we also welcome our new principal and all new families who joined us this year. We invite any new families to join our PTA to contribute to new ideas and initiatives going into 2021. We look forward to being able to continue to offer this support to our amazing little school.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Gemma Shorter

President Pukekawa School PTA 2020