

PTA END OF YEAR NEWS...

The PTA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your support at the various fundraising events this we've held this year. Without your contributions, time volunteering and expertise, these events wouldn't be successful.

We are pleased to inform you that this year, funds raised have enabled us to purchase or contribute towards the following:

- The Senior Hall Kitchen has had a much need upgrade and new appliances installed.
- Warkworth School's Historical Documentary was filmed over many months and will be available to view and purchase in 2019.
- The Book Fair Week provided the school library with over \$2,500 of new books and resources.
- Each learning community was allocated \$500 to purchase wet weather games, for the benefit of all children.
- We have purchased new sports jackets and tops - these will also be used for non-sport interschool events such as spelling bees etc.
- The Kaipara Festival funds have been ear-marked to purchase new Kapa Haka uniforms.
- Recently, we paid for the design of landscape concept plans for the junior campus outdoor environment, which we are very excited to share with you (see attached). Now that we have approved plans, we can work on breaking these areas down and completing individual projects throughout 2019 and beyond!!
- This year's Walkathon raised over \$10,000, which will go towards new iPads for each Community.
- During the summer break, the area behind Communities 1,2 and 3 will be concreted and a giant, outdoor chess board will be laid. The PTA will contribute to these works as it is a huge cost to the school. We are sure the children will be delighted with the results!
- Funding has also allowed us to go ahead with some amazing and exciting new artwork to cover the boardwalk from the entrance to the Junior campus. The management and art teachers have chosen a very talented local artist, Anna Evans. Anna works alongside students to help them create a series of concept sketches which she incorporates into a mural design, working with them to see the project through to completion. The ideas are all the students, with Anna's guidance of course, to create something that will tell our school story and represents our Kura.

Overall, we are very proud of our achievements this year, and are looking forward to working alongside the Board of Trustees and teaching staff on exciting new developments in 2019.

The PTA are a very small group of friendly parents and we would gladly welcome new members next year. We meet just twice per term in a very relaxed environment. Please get in touch if you'd like to join us. Alternatively, if you'd rather help with events without joining the PTA, we are currently building a 'Friends of the PTA' list - those we are able to call on when we need extra hands.

We need gardeners, bakers, artists, those who are great organisers, volunteers for fundraising events and even paper folders!

So please keep a look out for newsletters and Facebook posts throughout the year. We can be contacted by email if you think your skills, manpower and energy can help us with specific fundraising events and projects as they happen. We also encourage you to put any suggestions you have in an email and send it to: pta@warkworth.co.nz

Once again, our sincere thanks from us to you for all your contributions in 2018. Enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the new year!

Warkwoth School PTA