**Chairpersons Annual Report – AGM – 21 June 2017**

First of all I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort put in by all of the active members of the PTA over the past 12 months. I would also like to acknowledge the great foundation that we inherited from the hard work put in by previous PTA’s that have come before us. The opening amount contributed by previous PTA’s was a significant amount that will go towards the major project that we have been working on this year.

A special thank you must go to my executive committee being Anna Smart, Nalina Dheda, Jasmine Cobby, Vicki Jordan and Liz Gordon. We set ourselves some good goals, some of them challenging and for the most part we are happy to report that we were successful in our accomplishments.

There were of course many hours put in by the wider school community and it was really pleasing to see how much the school community continues to pull together, ultimately to benefit our children.

We were elected last year on the 15th June and we soon started work together by first of all creating a draft annual plan which reflected the three key objectives of the PTA from our constitution being:

1. To plan and organise fundraising ventures to raise funds to purchase equipment, materials and improve facilities that benefit the whole school and all pupils;
2. To organise social events for the parents/caregivers of the school community; and
3. To provide a link between the pupils, their families and the School.

The goal therefore of our annual plan was to regularly incorporate a social element for the children and parents of Te Totara, to provide opportunities for parents to interact with the school, and of course to offer events to raise funds, with the key objective being to support the schools major project to cover the sports courts.

After creating a draft annual plan, we presented this at the next PTA general meeting which was met with approval from those present, so we started in earnest to implement the plan, and now reflecting over the past 12 months I feel that we have realised most of the goals which we set out to achieve.

So what do our achievements look like? To name a few –mufti days, lots of cheesecake consumed (nearly killed me), a couple of Pop Up PTA’s, 4,000 Ice Blocks sold, a handful of Discos, thousands of raffle tickets sold, some very expensive post colour run hairdressing appointments (thanks Liz), hundreds of entertainment books sold, and lots of smiles from lots of children watching Mr Sheedy taking one for the team yet again at the Gala’s dunk tank (thanks again Liz).

Our annual plan also had a budget running along side each of our events to give us a financial goal per event, and therefore for a goal for an annual surplus of approx. $43,000. Nalina will present her treasurers report next which will show that not only did we have a bit of fun, but also that the events did achieve our desired surplus.

So yes we have all put in some hard work and some long hours, but we have also had a good number of laughs along the way, and after 12 months we were thrilled to have achieved our financial goal being a $80,000 contribution to the schools major project.

Once again I’d like to acknowledge all the hard work put in over the past 12 months – this is a great school with super teachers and a great leadership team so our children are very lucky that get to attend here.

Later this evening we will hold our election and I wish the new incoming committee the best of luck for the next 12 months.

Thank you all once again,

Scott Mehrtens

2016-17 Chairperson