

SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL PTA

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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Wow, with two terms down, and the weeks quickly going by in this third term, we thought it was time to catch you up on some PTA happenings.

Updates on Old News:

New sports equipment – We were granted over \$300 by Pelorus Trust, to buy a sports trolley and new sports equipment. Thank you to Nicola Bradley for filling out the forms, and to Libby Bloomfield for doing the research and future purchase of the equipment.

Of course with our recent Shop for Schools win, (a huge thank you to Tania Jolly for driving this), we have inherited a large number of new balls – netballs, soccer balls and rugby balls. This will help free up some of the dollars from the Pelorus Trust which were targeted towards the purchase of new balls, to go towards other needed sports gear.

Quiz Night – The quiz night proved to be a successful event on many fronts. We had about one hundred people attend the quiz night, and according to feedback, it seemed that many enjoyed the evening – (even if they did realise there is a lot of gaps in their knowledge bank). The PTA would also like to thank all the sponsors who helped make our event a financial success, and helped us raise over \$1700, which has gone directly towards the purchase of new computers for the school.

New Computers – The PTA have agreed to substantially fund the purchase of eight desperately needed new computers for the school. The funds for this event were derived from not only the quiz night, but the recent chocolate sales, as well as from past events such as last year's ball. The computers will no doubt add great value to the ICT programme, and assist our children's enjoyment in their exploration and use of the computers.

Upcoming Events to be aware of:

Women's Drinks Night – a women's drinks night is long overdue, and so we are aiming to hold one on **Thursday 6 September**. Invitation is open to all present and past San Antonio women (staff included), and a warm welcome to any friends you may like to bring along. The night will be held from **7.30pm at Susan's house at 56 Oroua Street** (just down from the school), and it will be **BYO drinks**. Local t-shirt and card designer, Pippa, will be there on the night, displaying her goods, which will be available for purchase. A percentage of all sales will be given to the school as a donation. We hope we can encourage (alright, with a tad of twisting people's arms here and there) to come and join us for a purely fun night.

Children's Movie day – we also thought it was time we did something special for the little people in our lives. This year, we are exploring a Sunday movie afternoon, at the Petone Light House Cinemas. A date has not yet been set, but we are looking at **Sunday 21 October as being a possibility**. Details will be circulated as soon as known.

Vivid Photography – We have been approached by Vivid Photography of Petone, offering families of our school the chance to have family sittings with a free print for the mere value of \$25.00. The bonus for us is that Vivid Photography will then donate that \$25.00 back to the school. It sounds like a winner to us, and what a great chance to perhaps get prepared for a special father's day gift.

We are in the process of organizing the vouchers, and will make them available as soon as we receive them. There is no reason we cannot extend the offer to our family and friends who may also like to take advantage of this offer – so perhaps get out there and start spreading the word. The more people we can get to do it, the more dollars for the school, which means the more resources that our children can benefit from.

The Annual Ball – a date has not yet been confirmed, but we are looking at **term four**. This year we are looking to make some changes (including a reduction in ticket prices), and shall keep you informed as details become confirmed.

So there you have it. We have a busy couple of terms ahead, and we hope we have whetted your appetite. We look forward to having some fun with you in the upcoming months,

Susan, Nicola and Helen