

## **Chairperson Report**

The Home and School (HandS) Committee is made up of parent volunteers from our Titahi Bay School community. The group of parents and school representative's main purpose is to support the school's teachers, BoT and principal, raise funds for school resources and activities, help build school spirit, and organise fun social activities for the school's children, families and staff. 2017/18 has brought another lot of exciting and fun fundraises along with the associated challenges for the HandS committee.

The HandS committee had a productive year and with at least one event per term. Money raised from the Christmas raffle, kids art work, Show stall, entertainment books, and disco went towards the school leaver's gifts and our school environment fund.

In March 2018 HandS held the 10th annual triathlon and raised \$20K to go towards a sport container. This was only made possible by the amazing donations and sponsorship from our local and wider community. It truly is the people that make this event such a success and we are so grateful to the school, parents, kids and everyone involved for their continuing support. A special thank you to the tri-committee for all their behind scene preparation. I would also like make a special acknowledgement to Carryn Poki and her family who has been involved in all 10 Triathlons and her amazing effort and commitment to organising this event.

Over the last year Rachel successfully obtained a \$2000 grant through Hutt Mana Trust for children's gardening equipment. It has been great to see our children looking after our garden at school and getting to cook what they have grown. So thank you Leah and Rachel for making this happen.

I would like to acknowledge all the HandS committee by recognising their contribution and support. I am so grateful and appreciative of the time, effort and commitment each of them gives to this as well as the diverse skill set and knowledge everyone brings to the group. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful group of people so thank you for your continued support as I would not be able to do this role without you. Also a huge shout out to your partners who by association end up helping out at events, behind the scenes or just allow you get on with what needs to be done.

On behalf of the committee I would like to personally acknowledge our committee members who are standing down or have stood down since our last AGM Lauren Jones, Miranda McMahon and Alex MacDonald  
Your contributions to the committee will be truly missed and I want to thank you for your time and the roles you have played in making this committee work so well.

Thank you to the teachers, staff and BoT of Titahi Bay School, for your continued support, help and encouragement. We are truly blessed to have teachers and a BoT who are enthusiastic and devoted to our children, are truly passionate about our school and wider community. A special thanks to the amazing office staff who do so much behind the scenes for our committee year in and year out.

HandS is very dependent on families supporting events and fundraising initiatives. I would like to thank all the parents who constantly back HandS events by sending their children along, buying tickets, inviting friends and family to events and supporting our initiatives.

To the parents who have volunteered their time at the different events in the last year, thank you so very much, these events cannot happen without you. HandS needs your help and a very appreciative of this support.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the parents, who donate many of the required items for each event every year whether it is money, items to sell and or raffle. These contributions play a vital part in the success of each event, this decreases the outgoing expensive which in turns increases the funds raised.

### **Many HandS makes light work**

HandS are always looking for ways in which we can advance and spread our fundraising ability to meet the demands on our school, so if you have any fantastic ideas of fundraising events that you would like to put forward and/or lead, please feel free to approach the committee in person or through our email address. We are always on the lookout for trustworthy volunteers to help in many different ways, so if you are reliable and would like to make yourself available for such events please put your name forward. You do not have to be a committee member to lend a hand, however if you feel that HandS could be for you please get in contact or you're always very welcome to come along to a meeting.

## **Communication**

Our aim is to keep the school and parents update and we do this by

*Meeting minutes* up on (as they are passed at the following meeting) the school's website under 'Get involved' so every parent has the chance to view the direction of HandS's fundraising events in a clear and straight forward way.

*Social Media* -Facebook, school web page, phone app, newsletter ads and email

*How to contact us*-The HandS email address is checked regularly and event organisers, so that sponsors have a contact pathway and if parents have questions, concerns or ideas they can be addressed in an appropriate forum.

*Email:* [homeschool@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@titahibay.school.nz)

### **Meetings**

HandS has 4 meeting a year. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each term

3 Triathlon Planning meetings are also held by a sub-committee.

### **Planned Events for the rest of 2018:**

Term 2

- Disco
- Entertainment books (continuing from term 1)

Term 3/4

- Roti fundraiser
- Movie night
- Calendar/Card/Diary (photo/art) thru Abacus calendars
- Christmas Raffle

Long-term promotions currently underway include Easyswim, Pak'n' Save receipts and Warehouse Stationery

HandS is looking forward to the continued collaboration between the school and the BoT with any projects/resources required for our children in 2018. This includes the continued improvement of our school supplies and the year 6 leaving gifts for 2018.

Thank you,

Michelle Sutton