

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PTA 2015

This year has been an extremely busy year for the Sheffield school PTA fundraising for the Students of Sheffield School. We catered at all our usual and various events including the Malvern Hills Trail bike ride, the Malvern Collie club, a moto X event at the Wright Family farm, Bell Hill Challenge, Pet day and Athletics day and our weekly Friday sausage sizzle. Along with all this catering we also held a guess the time bike raffle and Christmas raffle and our first ever biannual Ball.

The catering and fundraising events the PTA have held this year have contributed towards helping the students of Sheffield School reach their PEAK in many ways. This year we decided to make contributions to the school as a whole, and so we purchased nearly \$7000 worth of Modern Learning furniture. We also contributed \$10000 towards the new Library to help pay for decking, furniture and ICT equipment that was needed to set the library up. We also continued on with tradition of the PTA purchasing and presenting our year 6 leavers with Dictionaries, 18 in total. Our mum's night in term 3, was another successful event with the Sheffield Hotel catering for us this time, and putting on a fantastic array of various platters, the night was a huge success and every one enjoyed themselves.

The PTA joined the facebook craze this year and have launched our own group. Here you can find updates on what we are up to, how events are going or if there has been any changes to an event and just generally keep in touch with the PTA. To find us on facebook, search for Sheffield School PTA. There was also changes made to the PTAs page on the schools website with a link to the facebook page and an event calendar added.

This year our disco was held in term 4, with the theme princesses and heroes the children all had a really fun night with Mr Pratt leading the show with a number of fun games and a very popular air guitar competition..... who knew we had so many amazing air guitarists in our school!!!!

At the AGM this year, office bearers stayed the same with myself (Sally Banks) as Chairperson, Kerri Booth as Secretary and Nancy Wright as Treasurer. Our committee members are Steph Wason, Helene Kelly, Leeza Vandersalm, Rhonda Molloy and Nick Pratt. I would like to thank all of you for your support this year. We have had an amazing year of fundraising and I hope that you enjoy the coming holidays with your families.

At next year's AGM Steph Wason, Nancy Wright and myself will be stepping down from our positions on the PTA as our youngest children will be leaving Sheffield School. I urge everyone in the Sheffield School community to consider joining the PTA. We have a lot of laughs and fun at our meetings and fundraising events, you don't have to wait until the AGM to join in on this fun, all parents are welcome to attend any meeting throughout the year. Our meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month, excluding school holidays. Dates are added to the PTA events calendar in the school newsletter.

To our families that are leaving Sheffield School, thank you for your contributions to the PTA over the years, we are very grateful for the help and time you have given us.

I would like to thank all parents, staff and students for your contributions to the PTA this year, be it through helping out at our fundraising events, baking, picking up items in town for us, fundraising ideas, selling raffle tickets, flipping sausages, making sandwiches in the freezing cold or boiling hot weather, or giving of your time in any way. All of this helps the PTA continue to contribute to Sheffield School in very significant ways.

The Committee would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a restful and relaxing holidays and please be safe in your activities and travels. We look forward to seeing you all back at Sheffield School in 2016.

Sally Banks and Team