

# Sheffield School PTA Chairperson Report for AGM 2016

Welcome to everyone both past and new PTA members to tonight's Sheffield School PTA AGM. I am happy to present the Chairperson's report for the year ending July 2016. Sheffield Schools PTA is made up of goal orientated, hardworking, committed parents.

I would like to start my report by thanking all of the committee for all of their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months. You have all helped in making this an extremely successful year for the PTA. Our goal like always has been to provide as much as we can in terms of resources, experiences, and service to the students and teachers of Sheffield School. This year has been no exception with over \$20,000 being put back in to the school.

Our year of fundraising has been as follows:

**July:** We set up a PTA face book page, this is another avenue of communication with our parents and school community. Val Edwards ran a Tupperware evening with all funds raised benefiting the children of Sheffield school.

**August:** Due to a major snow event in June 2015 we had to postpone our Ball date to August the 1<sup>st</sup>. The very first Sheffield School PTA fundraising ball was a huge success, all tickets were sold out prior to the event. Local band Pig Saddle Road was an absolute hit with the crowd. To help us make the night run more smoothly and to take pressure off the PTA committee we asked the Tara Marshall Showcase fundraising team to help out in the kitchen and the bar, for their efforts we donated \$100 per person that helped on the night. A number of people have since asked when we will be holding another ball. We were also asked by the Sheffield Fire Brigade to cater to the crowds at their fundraising event the Mud Plug. Unfortunately due to a clashing of events for us due to the postponement of the mud plug we were unable to cater at the event. In August we also catered to the crowds at the Dalethorpe trail ride. Due to it being cold and wet the day was slow but steady.

**September:** We hosted mums night at the local Sheffield Hotel. This was a hugely successful night with approximately 25 mums attending.

**October:** We catered at the Bell Hill Challenge held on the Ferguson family farm. Pet day was also catered at.

**November:** We hosted the Sheffield School Disco at the Sheffield Hall. This isn't a fundraising event as such, however we do ask for a gold coin donation from each child attending to help cover costs of running the event. A raffle donated by Colin Edwards was run from October to the end of November. The raffle was a guess the time raffle, where participants had to guess the time of Colin completing the Lake Taupo Challenge. This was a successful raffle with over \$700 being raised. We also catered at Athletics day. Discussions were also started on the purchase of a

marquee for the school and PTA use. The PTA also donated \$10,000 towards the costs of the new Learning Centre.

**December:** We ran our annual Christmas raffle at the end of year performance. We donated dictionaries to all of our year 6 leavers, this has been tradition in the PTA for many years now.

**January:** We catered at the Malvern Hills trail bike ride. This event is always a huge success for the PTA and we thank Grenville Button for having us there and the Robertson family for allowing us to set up in their paddock, we also thank the local farmers who allow the trail bike ride to be run on their properties.

**February:** The PTA provided support to the BOT fundraising at Klondyke Corner at the Coast to Coast, as always it was a busy start to the year with the PTA also fundraising at the Malvern Collie club dog trials at the end of February. In comparison to the Coast to Coast this is a small event, however it provides us with a great boost to our fundraising efforts at the beginning of the year. We also purchased new toys for the Sandpit, this provided much delight for the children to start the year back with shiny new trucks and diggers. The PTA also purchased more furniture for the start of the new school year.

**March/April/May:** We paid the full amount due for swimming lessons, meaning parents did not have to contribute to the cost of the learn to swim program. We also finally received our new marquee. The PTA also purchased 4 trestle tables to deck out the new marquee with.

**June:** We catered to the crowds at the Malvern Cross country event. This ended up being a huge sell out day for the PTA, and was wonderful to see the new marquee in action. We again hosted parents evening at the Sheffield Hotel, while not a large event, those who did attend very much enjoyed themselves.

**July:** With the growing numbers at Sheffield School the PTA agreed to purchase some more much needed furniture at a cost of \$4000.

We have also had our ongoing Friday Sausage sizzle, that gives us a small but necessary boost to our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the committee Nancy Wright (treasurer) Kerri Booth (secretary) Steph Wason, Sarah Wright, Rhonda Molloy, Helene Kelly, Leeza Van Der Salm, Keiren Strouger, Tash Jones for all your help during my term as Chairperson of the PTA. Your help, dedication and can do attitudes have made my job extremely enjoyable.

I would also like to thank Nick Pratt, Karen, the staff and the BOT for all your help, support and guidance over the years.

As I am stepping down tonight, I wish the best of luck to the new chairperson and treasurer and the rest of the committee. You have a number of exciting events coming up over the next 12 months.