

Te Ara Koropiko West Spreydon School Friends & Whanau Chairperson's Report 2023/24 Year



Hello everyone, its been a great year!

The year got off to a great start with the annual school Hangi and our F&W providing the ever-popular puddings as usual. From there we kept the momentum going; with fresh blood on the committee and a healthy bank account we pursued a good balance of fundraising and spending activities - Art racks..... Easter Egg Hunts.... Lego..... Wet Weather Activities.... Pink Shirt Day Prizes.... It was wonderful to spend the first few months celebrating and encouraging our children.



After 3 years in the planning the Friendship seats finally off the ground – even if not yet *in* the ground! Thank you to the longstanding & former members who fundraised this project. We look forward to seeing the benefits in the coming weeks.

Our fundraising efforts remained strong this year. In addition to non-uniform days and holiday raffles, our cheese roll fundraiser and quiz night were amazing. With almost 520 dozen orders..... we made 6,500 cheese rolls!

The quiz was a great opportunity to foster community whilst also raising money for the school. It was wonderful to see everyones hardwork bring around \$4,500 into the Committee coffers. Feedback has been extremely positive, with strong support for future quiz events. The Corporate sponsorship we received was remarkable, with the silent auctions going very well.





We have two ongoing projects. As many of you will be aware, the Group purchased 7 large sets of Climbing frames in late 2023. These require some minor remedial work due to being excavated, and are currently being brought up to scratch. The final location for these is a work in progress. The hope is to install at least 2 or 3 in the coming months, but the school is hesitant to confirm a final location until the location of the new school hall is approved.

Concrete art is also a work in process, which we have ear-marked finances toward over the past 12 months. With so much on the go this past year, it's had to take a back seat. The teachers are currently putting their ideas together, so if there is someone keen to see this happen, a project lead would be appreciated.

As the nights grew darker, it was time to celebrate with a Disco – or two! Another well run event with the committee and teaching staff sharing the load on the night. Whaea Tam on the tunes, enough glow toys to make you radioactive and Erin Dooley providing a multitude of confectionery options to cater for all diets; what more could our kids ask for! At the request of the school, several members of the committee also provided a daytime disco & BBQ. A big thank you to thw eather gods for such a wonderful day..



On the committee front, we have had a couple of members retire. A big thank you to Aaron Mooney who has given many years of service to the committee. We wish you and Genevieve all the best with the transition to Hillmorton. And to Fiona Nicholl, thank you for your dedicated input into the committee.

The Office position of Treasurer remains available. A huge thank you to Cathy who continues in this role whilst a replacement is sought; this is Kathy's final year at TAKWSS so an 'intern' would be highly appreciated to learn the role alongside her.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members for their valued input this year. Your commitment and energy to see the school and our children flourish is commendable. We would welcome any new ideas or initiatives for the Group.

Regards

Oliva Megarry, for the Te Ara Koropiko, West Spreydon School Friends and Whanau Group.

