

2018 President's Report – Dunsandel School PTA

Welcome everyone and thank you all for being here tonight.

It's been a great year for the school and the PTA and I am proud to be part of such a great team.

This year we had catering fundraisers, pea straw sales, quiz night, calf fundraiser, Country Day cake Auction, Subway lunches, school discos and cookbook sales.

It was a busy year with catering and a big thank you Katharine Sheppard for her outstanding organisation. We had 2 Lincoln University Focus days, the Year 6 Conference and several other larger events throughout the year and raised well over our anticipated \$5k target (actual money details to come from Susie's Treasurer report soon). It was great to have such wonderful support from the bakers in the school and a big thank you to anyone who baked or volunteered their time this last year.

Our annual quiz night was a successful event again this year in a fantastic new location. The additional size made for a great event and also more people! We had 25 teams so the community hall was buzzing with over 110 people. We quizzed, we played heads or tails, there were raffles and great prizes and raised just under \$3k. Thank you again to our fantastic community and incredibly generous businesses and supporters.

The annual bake a cake fundraiser on Country Day was once again an amazing occasion and another reason why this small but mighty community is so special. With the school kids tallying up the totals it was exciting to see such success. With incredible designs and yummy cakes we raised almost \$8k. Hazlett Rural Limited once again did a fantastic job pitting family against family and friend against friend, all for the benefit of the school.

With things looking a little unsure at the start of the year I was blown away by the generosity of our dairy farming community and the success of the Calf Fundraiser. We had 30 weaned calves donated which were sold in December raising approx \$13k. This money will go towards 2019 EOTC and the COWs lease. Thank you so much to Susie Woodward and Chris Norton. The 2017 calf fundraiser funds were donated back to the school in 2018/2019 for EOTC and COWs.

The total donated back to the school in 2018 was around approximately \$23,500 for classroom resources, computers, educational experiences and more!

This year has been very inspiring to me and as a first time President I have been so encouraged by the consistent and unending support for the PTA and for the school.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the PTA this year. Every little bit has helped. Even if it was just asking me what you can do, there is ALWAYS something to be done. I truly appreciate your support, initiative, determination and willingness to support making Dunsandel School the best place it can be.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, to Don and to Dave and to all the teachers who have helped guide, advise and support the PTA in its endeavours and who give such warm recognition to all that we do.

Thank you to the committee who have been absolute legends this year from the long meeting where I won't stop talking, to the hastily pulled together cookbook deliveries. You all do what you do with style and passion and absolute altruism. You are always ready to roll up your sleeves with whatever begging or unprepared email I send out.

I have absolutely loved being your 2018 Dunsandel School PTA President. Nothing gives me more PRIDE than saying that to complete strangers.

THANK YOU

Emily McIntyre
PTA President
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