



CHURTON PARK SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Tēnā koutou e kura whānau mā,

We had our Home and School AGM on Monday night followed by a monthly meeting. What a night!



Highlights – we thanked Mary Beckford for her stunning service as Treasurer and welcomed Nirmala Wevita as our incoming Treasurer. Mary has been a committee member for four years now and Treasurer for the last year and we have been so lucky to have her attention to detail and thoughtfulness in this pivotal role. That said, all good things must come to an end, and we feel so lucky that Mary can stay on the committee at least. Nirmala has kindly offered to step up and

this is so awesome for us. Nirmala has two sons at CPS, Viran in year 5 and Keshan in year 1. Nirmala, we look forward to having you on the committee. It was also our good fortune to keep Rachel Cripps on the committee as Secretary. I have watched Rachel work so tirelessly for us – she is always on top of things, has a good eye for pretty much anything and is always positive. Rachel also has fantastic fundraising ideas which is a key part of the job for us!

I volunteered to stay on as Chair and this was accepted by the committee (mwah ha ha!).

Key things we talked about for 2020: most importantly, we can't have a beautiful new school without a beautiful new playground and this will be the focus of our fundraising this year and possibly even into 2021.

An important start to fundraising well, is to find the things we can rally around not just as a school but also a wider community, and particularly the things that can bring in money for us as a school without all having to do too much work. A great example of this is the **Entertainment Book**. A newsletter will go home today also with this info in it, but key things to note are that this year, there are NO books – it's all electronic, and that this year, the deals cover all of NZ. Or, there are deals for NZ, Australia and Bali if any of you are brave enough to travel. The nice fellow from Entertainment Books reminded me that generally, you've paid for your book by using just two vouchers... As a dry cleaning fanatic I can attest to this!

Finally, we need some more help. Not necessarily to sit on the committee (although you're very welcome to join us) but to give back up support as we go into events. I've talked to a number of people who want to help but not lead events and I can understand this. we have started an email called friendsofcpschool@gmail.com please email us if you're able to help at all through the year and we will start contacting you when we need a bit of help. A great example of this is pizzas at the end of term, or some of the things we do that need a bit of emailing or organising after hours. This will stop everything falling to the committee and keep us all a bit fresh!

Ngā mihi,
Nashwa Boys

