

Parentlink Executive Committee Report 2022

Mā tini mā mano ka rapa te whai.

Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.

2022 started off with Omicron running havoc in our communities and meant that Term 1 was more subdued in terms of Parentlink events. However, as the year progressed things returned more to our 'new normal' and many of our treasured events were both well attended and a huge success. Yet again we are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers who put their hands up to help, whether it be running an event or making a meal for a family having a tough time. Ōwhiro Bay sure is one special community.

In addition to raising funds to provide improved facilities and opportunities for members of the school community, our objectives are to:

- Provide a link between the young person, parents / caregivers, whānau members and the school;
- Bring parents / caregivers, whānau members and teachers together in social or informative activities;
- Encourage greater family / whānau involvement at the school;
- Carry out other activities consistent with the charitable objects of the organisation – this is the pastoral care aspect.

Throughout the year we ran our ever popular disco and movie night and also watched our talented bunch of children in their Kupe and Te Wheke Production. The talented raffle team pulled together another amazing raffle and we ended the year with an incredible Fair that had been missed due to a 2 year covid hiatus. And who will ever forget the amazing yoga demonstration at Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent. We also cooked and baked kai for families having a tough time and delivered countless care packages bringing aroha and awahi with each delivery. Like the above whakatauki says "Many hands make light work and that unity is strength" and our little community certainly knows how to pull together for the betterment of each other.

A highlight last year was further strengthening our relationship with the Kindergarten and working together more for fundraising, planning events and pastoral care. We all really enjoyed the Kindy children and their whānau joining us for the disco and some of the amazing outfits they turned up in. Thank you to Che and her team for all the hard work you have contributed to our One Learning Community.

2022 also saw the return of the iconic Ōwhiro Bay t-shirts. This year we were lucky to have Maz design the t-shirts and the wheke was awesome. The t-shirts and tote bags were a huge success and pretty much sold out at the Fair. Due to popular demand we will do a second run of t-shirts in 2023.

Overall our efforts resulted in a fundraising total of \$32,273. The breakdown of funds raised is as follows:

Fair	\$31,444
Calendar art	\$ 464
T-shirts and pencils	\$ 214
Disco	\$ 151

In accordance with the 'One Learning Community' Documentation, we donated to Kindy one third of the proceeds from the One Learning Community Fair and from the Disco. They received as well the profit of the Calendar arts kindy orders. The total amount donated to the Kindy in 2022 was \$10,500.

In term 1 of 2022, we were very pleased to donate \$9,000 to the school from the 2021 fundraising activities. This was used to purchase:

Outdoor shed*	\$8,633
Remaining to be used in 2023	\$7,331

**\$6,964 from carried over funds from the previous years were used*

The remaining \$7,331 will be used in 2023 for outdoor spaces.

What an amazing year and like always it comes down to the collective efforts everyone puts in. We would like to thank everyone who contributed throughout the year and your efforts are always noticed and appreciated. From the team of keen meal makers and bakers to the raffle ticket sellers to the sausage sizzle crew to the garage sorting team and the rubbish sorters.

We are especially grateful for the huge efforts of Linda and Nicole, for coordinating the Fair. This was a mammoth task and you both put your heart and soul into it. The financial result was incredible but equally important was the lovely community 'feel good' vibes that were happening throughout the entire Fair day. Thank you.

We would also like to acknowledge all the hard work that Diane puts in as the Treasurer and Rose as the Secretary. You both put in long hours to make these roles happen smoothly and it doesn't go unnoticed. Not only that but you two yet again pulled together an amazing and popular raffle. Rose, Diane and the whole community would like to thank Amie, our much loved Chair for driving Parentlink so well, liaising with the School, the Kindy and the whole community with an energy and positive attitude that seem never to fade. All the work you are doing for pastoral care is truly amazing and would not happen at this scale without you. We are very grateful you came back as the official Chair this year and for all the work you are putting into Parentlink and organising the successful clothing sale every year.

The Parentlink Committee also wanted to thank Maz for the many hours she puts into designing poster and advertising material (and of course our beautiful t-shirts) and Pearl for yet again running the Calendar art fundraiser for us. A special mention has to also go to Bonnie and Chris who work tirelessly and always with a smile on their faces in the garage sorting all the donations for the Fair - this is a HUGE job and you both always do it so well.

And last but by no means least a heartfelt thank you to the team at Ōwhiro Bay school for being supportive, involved and always bending over backwards to make things work. Your support is invaluable and appreciated.

Another year in which to reflect and feel immensely proud of what we have achieved and the ways in which we have looked out for each other. There was a heap of laughter and lovely memories created for our tamariki and also ourselves as we danced, watched movies, sold candyfloss and sizzled many sausages!

Ngā mihi,
Your Parentlink Committee - Amie, Rose and Diane