St Martins School
Parent Teacher Association

St Martins School PTA

Chairperson Report 2025

We started 2025 knowing it was a year focussed on fundraising for the junior playground with an initial commitment of $30,000, and a final donation in December of $60,000. As always, we are committed to providing a balance of fundraising and school community support and events. 2025 was an exceptional year on this front and I am truly grateful to all those that contributed and pull together for what turned into a very busy and productive year.

We started with another very successful Back to School BBQ strongly supported by the school families. As always, we are grateful to the Yr 8 leaders for providing great entertainment for the children and to the parent and teacher helpers for assisting us make this event fun and successful year on year.

Even with our playground fundraising focus, we are committed to supporting school funding requests and proudly continue to support the Garden to Table programme with a $4,000 donation and a donation of $5,000 towards Structured Literacy. In addition, we continue to fund the Year 8 Yearbooks at a cost of $1,290, we fulfilled a literacy funding request for mini whiteboards for $716 and a request from the Kaitiaki Crew to provide plant protectors for the school forest at a cost of $818. A popular and much appreciated area of funding support were the staff jackets, a smart addition to the senior teaching team at a cost of $1,325. With all this in mind, having over $90,000 in the bank prior to our playground donation, is a massive achievement from a small but dedicated group of volunteers that is our PTA.

Over the last few years, the popularity of the second-hand uniform sales has made it a solid fundraiser for the PTA. Thank you to Sarah for taking over as lead of this group and for all the behind-the-scenes work washing, sorting and mending as you go.

Providing a variety of opportunities for both fundraising and community events is key for keeping the interest of families. Our regular events in 2025 were extremely well supported once again by our school community from another sold out Move X night, a great cartoon themed disco, a well-attended Karma Keg, a well-received ice block sale on an unseasonal warm Friday and a popular family photo session with Green Melon Photography. Touch Rugby had a different vibe in 2025 with a reduction in numbers from a local school but still a strong number of teams overall. The junior coaches and referees do an amazing job and the willingness to take on both these roles is to be commended. After years of settled weather, the weather played a big part of this season including some down branches. Thank you to everyone who contributes and participates in this popular event. The new regular event of the rogaine proved even more popular this year with 210 people participating, it is a great addition to our event calendar, and we are grateful for the support of the New Zealand Rogaine Association.















In addition to the regular events, we tried a new product fundraiser in 2025 through Go Raise It Fundraising – Cookie Dough & Croissants. This was a well-received fundraiser giving 30% back, a total of $2,516 raised.

June was dedicated to the month-long raffle having spent May selling $10 tickets. A prize a day was a big achievement and my gratitude to Alison for your unwavering willingness to source so many prizes for us. This resulted in our largest fundraiser for the year at $11,090, a great result.

On the back of a rather spicy and energetic bingo night, a good dose of wholesomeness was achieved with a Mid-Winter Christmas quiz night particularly with the presence of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the Wise Men and some angelic angels. Santa was forgivably naughty, and the festive costumes were sensational. The catering was top notch, carved ham on the bone, Christmas cake and homemade made Christmas mince pies topped off with some festive mulled wine rounding out the night perfectly. Thank you to the team that made this brilliant sold-out evening happen. I know how much work is required and your strong desire to always make this large fundraiser a truly memorable event is appreciated not to mention the $9,118 made.

We had the opportunity through the Extravaganza production to provide supper catering to the children. Not quite the standard of the quiz catering but volumes speak, and the children thorough enjoyed the hundreds of cheerios, fish bites, hotdogs and chicken nuggets served up over the three nights. Not intending this to be a fundraising event, the popularity resulted in a tidy $944 profit.

Thank you to everyone involved with organising these events. It genuinely takes a team to make it all happen. Thank you to Joce and Sarah for all your support, I appreciated your commitment and the hours you put in behind the scenes. To the Committee, it is a pleasure to work alongside you all as a dedicated group of parents willing to volunteer to support the staff and students at St Martins School. My thanks to Leanne and Charlotte for your ongoing encouragement and unwavering support.

Our success comes from the collaboration of the team that we are, the planning that goes into every event and the debriefing and learning. I am grateful for the energy and purpose you all bring to the PTA. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Emma Riley, Chairperson



























