

# PTA Newsletter

October 31, 2011

The 4<sup>th</sup> and final term of school is upon us already and with lots to do before the end of the year, the PTA had another fun and successful meeting on Monday night.

One of the first points of conversation was the **Tauwhare Calf Club Days and the Group Day** which we hosted this year.

**An enormous Thank You has to go out to Rachel Gordon who did an amazing job organizing the calf -club and group days.** – It is a huge undertaking and very time consuming, and it couldn't have happened without her!

A fantastic time was had by all, with photos even making it into one of the October editions of the STRAIGHT FURROW newspaper!!

It is still early days to be able to say what funds were raised by the two days, but over the next couple of months we should be able to finalise that.

An idea was raised about next year's calf club day, having its own separate ring for kids. This would be a huge help to keep the day flowing along steadily. We will be discussing that in the future.

Also a great big thank you to all those parents/helpers who turned up on the Sunday prior to calf club day, to help assemble pens, mow lawns, erect marquees and gazebos etc. It was a great turnout and proved many hands make light work.

Next on the agenda was the **1/2 Pig and Grocery Raffle:**

**Thanks to Trevor and Leonie Brunton** from Tauwhare Home Kills for once again supporting Tauwhare School by doing the processing of the ½ pig won in the raffle **FREE** of charge. They both do so much for the school and PTA and it is much appreciated.

**The results were:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Chris Bendall

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Alyse Dombroski

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Garth Anderson

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PRIZEWINNERS!!**

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The PTA have been able to be part of some **substantial money raising ventures** this year including working on the Ravensdown stand at the fieldays, and working the bars at the V8's and the Rugby world cup. The monies earned from Ravensdown and the V8's has been paid to the BOT to go into the pool fundraising account, with the money raised from the RWC still to come in. **Thanks for all those who gave up there time to help with those 3 fundraisers.**

Over the past 2 years, the PTA has been able to transfer some substantial amounts of money to the BOT to help with the pool fundraising. We will be able to report an exact figure shortly, but it is in the high 5 figures. The PTA thanks all the parents/caregivers and donation givers who have supported this hugely worthwhile cause!

The pavers for the pool project are in the process of being ordered and will look fantastic when all done.

**General Business** was next on the agenda with talks focusing on the upcoming Tee Ball tournaments Tauwhare School are hosting, the fun day the PTA are organising for the children on the 12 December, and the Leavers night and sports prizegiving nights on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. More information on these will come out in due course.

As you know, the **school BBQ** was stolen a few weeks ago; Jim Bradley (Fiona's brother) has kindly donated a BBQ to the school. Graham Mayall also lent us the gas bottle to use. These are very kind gestures and much appreciated and will be used quite a bit over the next 6 or so weeks!

**Finally**, it was decided to trial moving the PTA meetings to the Multi Purpose Room, so we can make them a bit more "social" and allow those who would like to stay for a coffee, tea, wine (byo) to be able to do so. This is an ideal time to catch up with other members, to have a drink and chat and for those who are new to the Tauwhare School PTA to get to know others.

Newcomers are welcome at any time to any meeting, so jot down Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm on your calendars for the next PTA meeting.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**