

Ellerslie School PTA Newsletter

February 2011

Welcome back everyone to 2011, and to a busy start to the year. Conscious of letting everyone know what is happening over the next term, we thought we would get our PTA news out nice and early for you.

Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle is back up and running – every Friday for \$1.50. However, in term 1 while swimming is on – **please check** with the classroom teacher due to the timing of the swimming classes whether it is available to your child and their class.

Orders are taken in the classroom in the morning and sausages delivered at lunchtime.

This sausage sizzle is the primary fundraiser for the PTA, to allow us to put on events such as the disco, fish n chip nights and to purchase school and sports gear for our children at Ellerslie School.

You can also support the sausage sizzle by volunteering some time to it – volunteers are only required from about 11.15 until 12.30 on a Friday morning (maybe twice a term) – if you can help the lovely team of “sausage sizzlers”, please contact Mandy on carlandmandy@xtra.co.nz.

Car Rally event

The PTA are currently looking at running some new events in 2011, the first potentially being a Car Rally – a weekend afternoon event for the family, involving quiz questions and some common sense with an after event at the School.

As there is a considerable amount of work involved in organising this, we are keen to get expressions of interest as to potential numbers.

Please can you email ellersliepta@gmail.com with **CAR RALLY YES** in the subject line if you may be keen to participate (please note: by replying, you will not be obligated to attend!)

Fish n Chip Night

23rd February

This will be held on the school sports grounds, starting at 6pm. Bring along your children and your dinner and enjoy an hour or so mingling with others.

We will have a raffle (one for adults, and one for children) - \$2 per ticket (of 3 for \$5) and will be selling ice blocks for \$1 each too, so make sure you bring along a few coins!

We will also have a lolly scramble at the end of the evening, if your child does have allergies, then please be aware that we are unable to guarantee that the lollies are free of allergens and you might like to bring some of your own along.

Class reps

Following two successful years of gently implementing class parent reps, we are this year keen to make sure that each class has a contact parent so we can help communicate to other parents in that class. You may be asked at the Meet the Teacher evening to provide your email details for this purpose. Alternatively, if you are keen to be a class rep, please email ellersliepta@gmail.com, and let us know what room number you are free to help.

Class reps have been very successful especially in the more junior classes where we utilise them to distribute reminders about upcoming events, what students need, and even arrange class “Mums and Dads” dinners.

Parent Information Session – 15 March, 2pm and 7pm, School Hall

We will be holding another of our parent information sessions in the school hall on Tuesday 15th March. This session is a very informal gathering of parents who have questions that they would like answered. The PTA, along with Chris Magner and the Fundraising committee will be on hand to help answer those burning questions like:

- How do we find out what sports Ellerslie School provides?
- How does the afterschool care work?
- What is the uniform policy?
- What's the difference between Fundraising and PTA and the Board?

Come along and meet others who have questions too – and we can help you answer them! There are two sessions – one at 2pm, the other at 7pm, and they are expected to run for about 45 minutes. You do not need to RSVP – just turn up!