



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL PTA

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## TERM 1 – PTA NEWSLETTER

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**Do you wonder what the PTA does for the school? Who are the PTA...? You can find out more!**

Coffee Afternoon: On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March you can meet up with some of the PTA members for an informal coffee from 2:30p.m until school home time. If the weather is good we will be on the patio area outside the staff room, and if the weather isn't so great, we will be in the staff room.

PTA AGM: If you are interested in an elected Committee position or are keen to be involved in the selection of a new Committee, the election will take place at PTA AGM at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March. If you would like more information about the PTA, or the roles and responsibilities, please visit our website - <http://ashgroveschoolpta.wikispaces.com>.

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### **This Term Fundraisers**

Last week, order forms were sent out for Couplands Easter Buns. This is a fantastic fundraiser managed by Pauline, and we look forward to receiving your orders. The monthly Subway sandwiches will also be returning shortly; watch this space!

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### **PTA Chair Summary Report for 2013**

2013 has been another busy year for the Ashgrove School PTA; once again we have been active generating funds to ensure our continued support for the children, parents and teachers at our school.

A number of fundraising events have been undertaken this year including but not limited to Subway lunches, second hand uniform sales, Cadburys chocolate sales, Santa's Grotto, Entertainment books, Kerry Ferigo photos, Couplands Pies, and the annual Calendar / Diary orders. The PTA have run a number of other events which have provided little or no funding but have been undertaken for the enjoyment of Ashgrove School children, such as the school disco's and Big Wheelie Day.

With the funding we have generated we have been able to support the school in a number of ways including assisting teachers improve their classroom environment with the quarterly Wish List submissions and, in 2013, providing the Board of Trustees with an additional \$15,000 towards Information Technology development.

The PTA at Ashgrove School is a hard-working but small representation of the school community. Obtaining support is sadly a constant struggle and moving forward the PTA will require more involvement otherwise some fund raisers and events may be unable to proceed and much needed funding for the school will consequently be lost. You can support the PTA in a number of ways – by participating in the monthly PTA meetings or providing even just half an hour's assistance for one of our fund-raising events.

This year we will be keen to collect names of parents who are interested in acting as a 'Touch Point' for their child's class. The class representatives will be able to assist us with ensuring communication reaches all parents, and with obtaining support for our various fund raising activities.

I thank all members of the PTA, parents, teachers and members of the Board of Trustees for their continued support in 2013, and look forward to meeting new parents in 2014.

Gaynor Smith

*Ashgrove School PTA Chair*