



## **Congratulations everyone – together we have raised \$70,000 profit from Carnival 2018 with money still coming in.**

Thank you to everyone to help us to reach this fantastic outcome. The Carnival team is thrilled with this result and realize once again what an amazing school community we belong to. We are very grateful to all the families that committed their time and effort on Saturday and in the lead-up to the big day, to make our Carnival such a fun experience, not only for our children, but for our wider Royal Oak community.

The money raised this year will help to pay for additional teaching staff above our school allocation. Specifically, to provide specialist music programmes, an environmental science focus (such as the work within our school gardens, eco warriors, creative play areas, ROPStville etc.), Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. It will support a full time ESOL programme, mathematics intervention programmes, reading intervention programmes and gifted and talented programmes. The money will also assist in the provision of a full-time school librarian and numerous support staff to work in classes in addition to the Ministry's Education allocation.

There is a huge number of people and businesses that we need to thank—the list is long, but it takes a special team of people to make this Carnival happen, and we simply couldn't have done what we did without the help of the following amazing people:

There is a lot of organisation that goes on behind the scenes to get ready to receive all of the money we raised on Carnival day and finance team are brilliant at it. A huge thank you to **Rachael Kum, Julie Hurdle** and **Sweetha Sheety** who headed up the team. Between them there is a huge amount of knowledge and wisdom, we couldn't have done it without them! A big thanks also to all of the money runners and counters and the EFTPOS ladies as well.

We want to acknowledge **Rebecca Ruttley** and **Vanessa Collins** for overseeing the food stalls! This included co-ordinating and arranging the purchase and delivery of the food items to the stallholders so that they could make all of those yummy dishes for us to enjoy, liaising with suppliers and working out who needs what. This is an enormous undertaking and we truly appreciate all of your hard work.

Thank you also to **Sam McSkimming** for overseeing all of our field entertainment for the first time – you did a fantastic job!!.. and thanks also to **Tania Gordon-Glassford** who worked alongside Sam, handing it over and showing him the ropes. We want to acknowledge all of Tania's support and commitment over the years to the Carnival. It's Tania's family final year at the school and we will miss them.

Thanks also to **Mila Gorokhova** for her outstanding management of the marketing side of things again and also for her sponsorship coordination. For arranging all the signs, posters and flyers so that people came from near and far on the day. Thank you also to all of the families that allowed us to put up Carnival signage on their properties— that advertising really does make a difference and also for the parents who volunteered their time to erect some signs for us. On the day, the signage at the Carnival was wonderfully overseen by **Claire Gooder**. Thank you Claire for making sure we had the signs we needed beforehand, that they were in the right place and at the right time!

A special thank you as well to **Gerald Bethell** for co-ordinating the site set up in the days leading up to the Carnival, on the big day and early this week in the final tidy-up. Gerald has great leadership skills and we all enjoy working with him. Thank you Gerald! Also thanks to **Bryce Leckie** from Leck Electrical for hooking us up – excuse the pun! And for the team of Dads who helped to set up and pack down.



**Janet Parker** it was great to have you on board coordinating our Carnival volunteers this year and setting up some great systems for us to move ahead with. Thanks also for taking on the coordination of the volunteer t-shirts as well. We look forward to working with you again next year. Hint hint.... Also a huge thank you to **Michael Berry** who has once again done a fabulous job of liaising with over 80 external volunteers who came to lend a hand on the day – thank you, we know it's a busy but vital job!

**Megan Webster** – thank you for sourcing all of those prizes and auction / quick fire raffle items for the Carnival from your many contacts.

A huge thanks to **Kirsty Hardie-Boys** and **Wendy Binns** for putting together a wonderful entertainment programme on the mainstage. Thanks also to our DJ and side of stage guru on the day, **David Carroll**, who worked alongside **John Henderson** (who did a great job as our MC), to present the wonderful stage performances and make announcements between performances. We want to acknowledge the hard work that the following teaching staff put in to create the wonderful performances from our children on stage this year: **Kirsty Hardie-Boys, Amanda Bradley, Vicky Stewart, Aimee Shortt, Megan Flint, Suhail Ali, Sharmin Mistry and Wendy Binns**. Didn't our children shine like stars on the main stage!

A huge thank you to **Linley Myers** and **all of the staff at school** for your support in the lead up to and during the 2018 Carnival. The Carnival asks a lot of the school admin staff, so a big thank you to **Pam Waugh** who did so much behind the scenes: copying Carnival newsletters and the Carnival programme, email requests (sometimes after hours) and preparing last minute signs for us. **Leonie Thode** who had to field all sorts of calls, enquiries and deliveries with additional postage and auction items to manage, all beyond her normal duties. **Nick Dowden** has done a fabulous job again building the Smash Palace, the dunk machine and the setting up the Quick Fire Raffle. He also liaised with outside businesses for drop offs and pick ups and nothing was ever too hard or a problem. Nick we hope we have returned the school to it's normal tip-top condition?!!

A special thank you to **Uwe Duesing** who kept our Carnival website up to date with the latest information and spent hours updating our many sponsors logos, and to **Sarah Hawk** for keeping everyone up to date on Facebook with the latest information and requests for help. You both did an amazing job!

A massive thank you must go to the Pre-loved ladies again this year – **Fiona Grainger, Jenny Slyfield, Ruby Hsu, Nadia Azmi, Liddy Sanders, Shirley Chang** and all of your helpers who cleaned, folded, organised, sorted and priced the thousands of donated items over many hours, for the days and weeks and months leading up to Carnival Day. It's an enormous task and it all looked amazing. Thanks also to **Donna Outram** who has spent many hours listing, responding to queries and managing all of the Pre-loved TradeMe listings – actually she has been working on this quietly in the background since the last Carnival! A special mention also for the Carnival book team – the 3 musketeers: **Megan Matuschka, Susan Bethell & Tracey Bradshaw** – who spent many hours sorting, categorising and boxing all of the donated books. We also wanted to single out one of our amazing grandparents who spent many many hours over the weeks working alongside Jenny Slyfield with the pre-loved clothes – **Denise Fisher** it was once again a pleasure having you with us!

Big thanks to **Vanessa Collins** who oversaw the raffle collections for us in Term 4 – which was the pre-cursor to this year's Carnival.

A huge thank you to **Tracy Camp, Mel Headland** and **Jill Allan** who oversaw the Silent Auction and the Quick Fire Raffle for the first time this year. They did an amazing job on running this whole area. They managed to accumulate an amazing selection of items and vouchers for the Silent Auction and the Quick Fire Raffle. Thank you also to their team of callers who took time out of their day to make calls to local businesses and collect the donated items. You did a superb job of acquiring donated goods for the Carnival.



We would also like to thank all the wonderful businesses who donated items for our Silent and Live Auctions and our Quick Fire Raffle. There is a full list of them on our Carnival website.

We also want to thank **Wendy & Richard Binns, Lynne Gibson & Anne Falconer** for running the Quick Fire Raffle on the day, you all worked really hard again this year to sell those tickets. Well done!

A big thank you goes to **Robyn McConnell** for over-seeing our sorted and recycling rubbish collections this year and for staying on top of this enormous task and for organising the lovely signs around the school reminding people to look after our environment as a part of the EcoWarrior Programme.

To **Toni Lucas** and all of **our wonderful bakers**, thank you so much for all of the yummy cakes, slices, cupcakes, scones, old fashioned sweets, desserts and preserves you prepared for the Carnival. They all looked amazing!

Special thanks also to all the other businesses that gave us special discounts for food and products for the festival, including Andrew who donated the patties for Bruce Gourmet Burgers, Carlton Party Hire, Coolit Ice, Warwick Fabrics, Vivoce Royal Oak, Jolly Jumps, Lampire Mart, Auckland Sound Hire, Khyber Spice Royal Oak, Shivani Arora from India Gate, Gavin Blackwell from Nationwide Eftpos for a special deal on the mobile Eftpos machines and Security Express for getting our money to the bank.

And how about our wonderful **STALL HOLDERS** and their family and friends? Thank you for the huge effort you put in every year to make the stalls such a success— we just couldn't do this without you! Below is a list of our fabulous parents who took on the running and oversight of the stalls detailed below.

### Food

**Rebecca Ruttley** (ROPS Candy Stop), **Sean Kelly** (BBQ), **Toni Lucas** (Cakes), **Hazel Dunn** (Children's & Adults Desserts), **Jane Siong** (Chinese), **Charley Endean** (Drinks), **Michelle & David Bowen** (Ham Rolls), **Megan Webster** (Chill Out Cafe), **Tonya & Gary Forman** (Hot Dogs), **Renee von Huben** (Ice creams), **Kanwal & Rupinder Kaur** (Indian), **Helen Jordan** (Philippines), **Roberta Po** (Pasifika), **The Bruce/Myers Family** (Bruce Gourmet Burgers). Thank you to the parents and teachers who also looked after the Shaved Ice and the Candy Floss machines. We hope you got all the pink candy floss out of your hair and clothes!!

### Entertainment

**Chrissy Hopkinson** (Bouncy Castles), **Jane Rodger** (Dent the Wreck), **Mel Headland** (Dunk Machine), **Nikki Hartnett-Clarke** (Smash Palace) and **Rebecca Verhulst** (Treasure Hunt). Thank you also to all the parents, teachers and RTLB staff who also helped on the following stalls: Pony Rides, Horizontal Bungee, Nerf Wars, Dunk The Teacher and Animal Cycles and to Kelly Club for running the Shoot The Hoop Stall.

### Stalls

**Julie Wong** (Bag the Toys), **Tracey Bradshaw, Megan Matuschka & Susan Bethell** (Books), **Jude Walter** (Bottle Bank), **Hayley Mitchell** (Haberdashery), **Patricia Santos & Leena Arora**, (Hair- styling & Henna Tattoos), **Kelly Flux** (Inflatables & Balloons), **Sarah Hawk** (Jolly Jars), **Avinder Kaur** (Lucky Dip), **Amanda Maoate** (Plants, Preserves and Produce), **Fiona Grainger, Ruby Hsu** and **Jenny Slyfield** (Pre-loved) and **Julie Wong** (Teddy Tombola). Also a huge thank you to **Gardner Rd Kindy** and their staff for running the Facepainting stall for us on the day. The kids looked fantastic!

There were many other parents and family members who also helped on the day on a stall. If we haven't named you specifically please forgive us but know that every pair of helping hands was hugely appreciated!



**We also had some help from St Peters, Girl Guides, Onehunga High and Epsom Girls Grammar. Thanks so much everybody!**

As well as all of the fabulous businesses and families that donate prizes for our Silent Auction and Quick Fire Raffle, we have other amazing businesses and families that provide items and services to us for no charge and this supports us in running the Carnival. Below is a list of them and we would not raise as much as we do without their support. So a huge huge thank you to them as well.

There are so many people and businesses to thank for providing items and services to us for no charge:

- Pak N Save Royal Oak who year after year support us with food and sponsorship
- Rohan Thompson from Ray White for his sponsorship
- Don Matheson at ABC Photosigns who printed our raffle tickets and all the signage and posters that make such a difference to our Carnival
- Bobby MacDonald from Party Starters who did all of the design work on the signage
- Franklin Foods for the beautiful hamburger patties in Bruce's Burgers
- Choice Catering for lending us their candy floss machines for the day
- Mrs Myers' family who organised and ran the Bruce Gourmet Burgers stall
- Carr Haslam Transport who supplied the truck for the stage
- Colin Haines at Ollies for the delicious ice-cream and displaying our signs in his shop windows
- DHL for the 40ft container that housed all our pre-loved items; and
- Paper Plus and the Stardome for donating prizes
- Leannes Kitchen for donating dumplings for our Chinese stall
- India Gate for donating delicious Samosas
- Wendy & Richard Binns for donating the use of the RT's for the day through their business.

### **House-Keeping**

Just a few final housekeeping matters...

Please bring your Carnival T-shirts back in and drop them into the school office, they do not need to be washed, but we need them ALL back in so we can use them again next year.

We have a number of items of lost property left behind on Carnival day. If you are missing something, please call in to the office and see Leonie.

Don't forget to remove your car bumper stickers now. If you leave them on for long periods they may prove difficult to remove.

We will also be having a **Carnival de-brief meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the staffroom**. We encourage you to join us and share any feedback, suggestions or ideas you may have for us for improvements for next year.

Thank you all so much again!

Angela Thompson