



# Marsden Parents & Friends

*News for our community*

September, 2018

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## From the President

We're well into the second half of the year already and term three is just about over. It seems to be rushing by. This year we have welcomed Mrs Narelle Umbers to our school. She has settled in well and has been exceptionally busy getting her head around how to gently introduce her vision to us. She has been instrumental in the development of Marsden's new strategy, including organising the community consultation that you took part in earlier in the year.

Narelle has recently ushered in a Chief Operating Officer to manage non-teaching activities. This has freed her up to spend more time with our girls, parents, Old Girls and to focus on other activities that will benefit the school directly.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped with MPA activities this year. We have had a highly successfully dance 'season', and parents have also assisted at various other events including the Sunday Open Day. Without your help these events would not be possible. The year is not over, we still need help to organise the Bierfest and the Year 13 Leavers Supper. If you are a Year 12 parent, you will be asked to help at the Year 13 Leavers Ball at Te Papa (a great introduction to what next year holds for your Year 12).

Kath Heather and Kalyani Wevita have already started to organise the Gala for next year. They welcome any suggestions for new stalls and ways of doing things. I'm looking forward to a highly successful Gala next year – a fun day with a good community vibe.



Megan Lloyd-Evans  
President  
Marsden Parents'  
Association

## Bierfest is back!

Friday, 26 October 2018, 7pm



After the success of the past two events, Bierfest is back! This is an evening for Marsden Dads and their mates and will again be held at the Wellington Club. So start talking to other parents and your mates and put a table together.

Tickets \$50.00  
Available from:  
[marsdenparents@gmail.com](mailto:marsdenparents@gmail.com)



### 2018 Bierfest

Wellington Club

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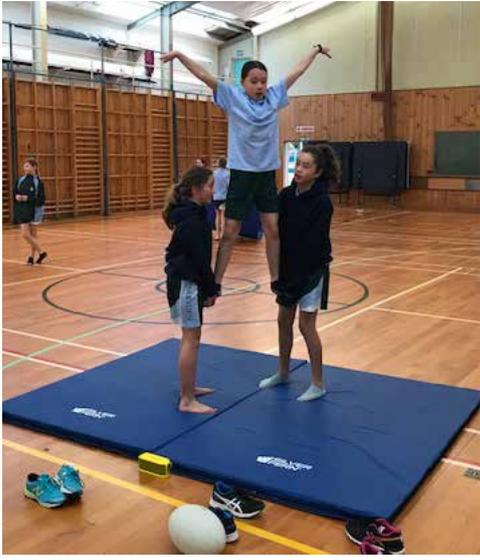
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# Where your donations went

Each year, funds raised by the MPA are spent on wish list items to enhance the learning of the students. This year, we donated around \$20,000 worth of items to the school - at the request of the staff. This is where some of the donations went.



New gym mats, choir robes and Makey Makey kits.



Thank you to Marsden Whanau and friends for your support and generosity.



## Primary sphero balls

The MPA purchased a set of sphero balls and a charging box for the primary school.

Sphero fuses physical robotic toys, digital apps, and entertainment experiences to unlock the potential of play and inspire tomorrow's scientists. Such a great way to develop the talents of the primary school students.





# Marsden Gala 2019

3 March 2019 - Marsden's Gala Day!

Our bi-annual Gala is world famous in Karori and a highlight of the Marsden calendar but it only happens with the support of our terrific Marsden parents. And If you're reading this, then that's you!

Planning and preparation has begun and so we begin to ask for help. You might like to do a shift on a stall, collect fruit, bake cakes, grow plants, donate items, offer sponsorship... However you do it, we look forward to you being involved and spreading the word.

There'll be lots of fun to be had at the gala (and along the way). All the old favourites will be back including; Designer Clothing, the Deli, Cake stall, White Elephant, BBQ's, 'Spiders' and more. Most of you will have helped before so if you are keen to work on a particular stall, please let us know and we will add your name to our list. We still have a number of coordinator vacancies to fill yet – Craft, Garden, Cakes, Café, Entertainment, Tombola, Toys...

We also need a qualified electrician to inspect any electrical goods and a Trade Me Specialist who would be willing and able to list 'big ticket' items. Please let us know if you can help.

And remember to start putting aside glass jars, pre-loved clothes, toys, books... Spring finally here; it's a great time for a clear out - please remember us! All items will be gratefully received.

Look out for gala notices - you will find them in your email box, Marsden's weekly newsletters, the MPA newsletter and the MPA Facebook page (if you haven't joined yet, please do!).

You're a talented bunch, so do share your ideas and time with us. We can't do it without you!

Gala Convenors

**Kath Heather and Kalyani Wevita**

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# MARSDEN GALA

3 MARCH 2019 11AM - 2PM



## Dance, dance, dance!

This term the MPA hosted the Year 7-8 dance, the Year 12-13 Semi-Formal and the Year 11 Boatshed dance. All were great nights out for the girls and their partners, school staff and parents.

Next term, the Year 5-6 Disco (including the ever-popular Dance of the Dads) will be held in the Cultural Centre.

Then, in December, our formal Leavers Ball will be held at beautiful Te Papa. Organised by a dedicated committee of year 13 MPA parents, this family event is always an evening to remember.



The festivities begin with a cocktail function that can be enjoyed by family and friends. Those with cocktail tickets can stay to view the presentation of the girls to the Bishop. Following the presentation the formal dinner and dance will commence. This year the Leavers' Ball will be held on Saturday 8th December at Te Papa Tongarewa. If you have special friends or extended family who would like to attend the cocktail/viewing part of the evening contact:

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## Dates for the Diary

### Dances

Year 5-6 Disco 16th November

Leavers Ball 8th December, Te Papa

### Events to attend and/or help out

Carol Service 30th November

Prize giving primary 3rd December

Prize giving Karori 5th December and

Year 13 prize giving supper

### Last MPA Committee Meeting of the year

**22 November 6pm in I-Centre**



Followed by the annual MPA Christmas party at 7pm - all volunteers who have helped out during the year in any capacity are warmly invited to attend.

## Carol Service and Prizegiving



The MPA will host a supper at the Michael Fowler Centre after the Karori Prizegiving on **Wednesday 5th December** for Year 13 girls and their families. There will be no supper after the Carol Service on December 4th due to space pressures.

Thank you, Martine, for making sure the venue works well for all involved.

We would love to have more volunteers to help at the supper. Contact us at:

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