

- Carol brought up the continuing issue of devices at school. She wondered if it was concerning that children weren't encouraged to do something physical outside of the classroom in their morning tea and lunch times. That the continued and unsupervised exposure to too much screen time, is putting our kids at risk of developing an addiction harder to kick than drugs.
- **Ball** – For the first time the senior school ball will be held on the last Friday of the Term 2 school holidays (21st July). This has been done in an attempt to eliminate student absences from valuable class time for tanning, hair and makeup. The ball is opened around 7.30pm to 8pm, and runs to 12 midnight. Once students arrive, they must stay until the end. The reason being that they can then almost go directly to any 'after ball' function, allowing no time for them to consume alcohol beforehand. Wayne reiterated that the school does not approve any 'after balls' and would prefer them not to happen.
6 or 7 parents are required to act as security for the night, and the volunteers so far are...
Nigel Bradley, John Kramer, Maree Wright, Yvonne Boakes, Lynda Swanson, Jette de Jong, Pam Bartlet and Travis Worthington.
- **Auditorium Hireage** - The school has increased the cost to hire the auditorium. The new fees are based on various factors - whether for fundraising or not, whether lighting and sound, or the kitchen is required, and to cover cleaning fees. Some people in the community have questioned whether the huge jump should not have been advertised sooner, as a warning period might have allowed them to book elsewhere. Their concern was that they feel the school is not encouraging their students to showcase any extracurricular activities in the community.
- Wayne is communicating with Kathryn Berkett, endeavouring to entice her to the college as a guest speaker next term. Kathryn's last evening held at the college, centred on neuropsychological changes and challenges of the adolescent stage, and how we make a difference to those negotiating this intense stage. She was amazing last time and it would be wonderful if we have the opportunity again to listen to her give us a better understanding of the learning and behavioural challenges ahead of our youth.
- Maree suggested Dr Tony Fernando as an alternative. Tony is a psychiatrist and senior lecturer in Psyc Medicine at Auckland University, who focuses on the science of happiness, compassion, mindfulness, anxiety and stress. He has just completed a series of lectures at Huanui College.
- **Working Bee** date will be set for Term 3, as Matthew thinks the gardens will be fine until then.
- Shaz discussed whether the after school tutorials might benefit from anyone's excess fruit supplies and some PTA bought biscuits, to keep their brains functioning for another hour of school. Shaz has offered to get the ball rolling with her excess mandarins, and the PTA purchase of a box of biscuits.
 - M: Shaz S: Yette
- **Fun Run** organising has begun, and the monetary sponsors have all been approached. Ideas are being sought for alternative fundraising events for 2018, and discussion to be held on whether the Fun Run has 'run its course'.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 02 August.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm (if you don't include the yacking afterwards!!!).