

ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

TE KURA O HĀTO WERAHIKO TE HERA



Principals Report to the PSL AGM 16 June 2021

Firstly and most importantly, on behalf of our St Francis de Sales School whanau and community, I would like to thank our PSL for all of the activities undertaken during the 2020 year. Your fundraising and social activities were vital to our school community – it brought us together as a community during COVID. In particular, I'd like to sincerely thank Sarina as our chair, Clare/Fran as our secretary, Veena as treasurer and Jayne our pastoral care team as well as our small but loyal group who have made up the core PSL group for the last 12 months.

As a team you really pulled together and fundraised for something extraordinary.

In 2020 our PSL, supported by our school community, banded together to raise funds for a new play area. Our community worked hard to meet our set goals. This helped us re-build our community after covid for our common good -we had something to look forward to and work towards for our tamariki/our community. This had an amazing effect and created a real buzz amongst our learners, and whanau.

We had some very generous whanau and community sponsors as well as some significant donors (LTMcGuinness Ltd and Placemakers Lyall Bay) who donated items and time which meant that we were able to take action and produce an immediate outcome...this equaled fun! There were working bees that involved many learners, their whanau and community and it was just what our SFDS community needed after a challenging year.

We would like to thank those incredibly generous whanau and community members for their gifts, resource and time to make our outdoor spaces at SFDS AMAZING!



Due to 2020 circumstances we did not apply for grants in the community.

Our fantastic PSL have supported our kura by donating approx. \$22,550.13. From the bottom of our hearts thank you so much for all of your hard work. More and more, the work of PSL is vital to the school. As has often been noted, the government operations grant which funds schools is only just sufficient to run the school at a simple level. Schools have to rely on their fundraising groups to fund the extras which most of us would regard as the basics.

PSL Priority List

Each year the Board presents a priority list of items for fundraising. This year the list is:

ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL PSL WISHLIST 2021-2022

Each year our BOT presents a list of items for fundraising to our PSL.

To note:

- While this list is in a priority order, some of these projects can be run in parallel as the sources of funding could come from grants
- SFDS acknowledges that this is a large priority list – an active and productive PSL is essential for our school to support our learners to have those extras not covered by MOE directed funding or parent donations

PRIORITY	ITEM	WHERE	REASON	ESTIMATED COST/QUOTE
1	Basketball court turfing	Top court	This is an area prone to flooding, high traffic area and is a very hard surface. It would be great to soften this for our learners.	30,000.
1	Turfed triangle area outside top block by basketball court,	Top Court area.	Big potholes and not a usable space. We would like to create a chill out area here for learners to sit and connect.	7,000.
1	Slide from top turf to behind room 10 including a climbing wall	From turf to bottom of room 10	Will add interest and another space for learners to play. The slide provides excitement and fun as well as adding a sensory/tactile area to support learners gross motor skills. It will also make use of current unused space.	\$72,500.00
1	15 I-pads	I-pads for Digital technology	This is to support our robotic kits and the digital technology curriculum	\$13,700.00

1	Cricut machine	for Digital technology	Cutting machine - several different materials for the arts.	750.00.
1	New Junior playground Behind junior playground	Behind rooms 2-6	Will add interest and another space for learners to play. The slide provides excitement and fun as well as adding a sensory/tactile area to support learners gross motor skills. It will also make use of current unused space.	70,000.
1	Senior Playground Equipment: badminton set \$199.98, badminton net \$60. football nets \$299.98, table tennis equipment Table \$1199.99, balls 29.95 bats \$79.90 Climbing wall outside room 12	Bottom Court	More activities for break times. This will encourage positive relationships and collaboration with our learners.	\$11,969.79
1	Garden to Table	Across our school	Learners to experience gardening. Add a new gardening bed and encourage a healthy lifestyle by teaching food prep.	\$1,107.
1	Shed for Play based learning equipment Shed: \$1,400. Floor: \$300 Foundations \$200.	By middle toilet block	Storage for PBL resources as they are currently jammed into the PE shed.	\$1,950.
2	Sunshade for middle courtyard	Middle courtyard	Provide shaded areas to support sun smart education.	\$20,000.
1	Large chess set pieces 2x queen \$300, 2x king \$300., pawn x 16 \$720., rooks x4	Middle courtyard	To support the new playground markings and positive play.	\$2,598.43

	\$380, knights x4 \$380., bishops x4 \$380. Indoor sets x5 \$70. with timers \$68.43			
2	Large Balls 30 soccer balls \$735 30 basketballs \$435 30 netballs \$370 30 touch rugby balls \$564 30 soft dodge balls \$885	Across our school	To support the fundamental movement and ball skill development of learners.	\$2989
1	13 I pads	1 iPad per class	This is to support our robotic kits and seesaw learning tool to communicate with whanau.	\$11,700.00
1	42 Chromebooks	Middle and Senior school 6 more per class	More and more work learning opportunities are on line. To make the most of this it would be great to have 1:2 devices per middle and senior class.	\$19,000.00
2	Blinds	Junior and middle teams classrooms	This is to shade learners from the sun and also keep warmth in during winter. This would also assist us in a lock down situation. This could be done in stages	\$24,000.00
1	Play-based learning tools	Junior team	To support play based learning across the team with equipment	\$8,000.00
2	Portable Hose and Taps	Gardening Club	So that the gardening club can move a hose around to various gardens.	\$261.00
3	Musical Instruments	Whole School	To update and add to our musical instruments. This will allow more learners to experience music.	\$2,000.00

3	New book cases for each class	Junior and middle	To update our storage spaces in classrooms.	\$10,000.
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- The sunshade over the middle courtyard is a complex project so will need careful investigation

I acknowledge that this priority list is large. However it highlights out my earlier comments that having an active and successful PSL is essential for the school.

In closing, I would like to reflect on the following. Living in modern society is busy, there are strong demands from employers, there are family priorities, and many people are time poor. We are aware of the reduced support for PSL in the last few years which could have been caused, at least in part by these factors. However last year we saw how a big child centred project got our community engaged and also created a climate of 'true community'. As a way of rejuvenating PSL, some skilful whanau could be recruited to continue to help with a refresh of the image of PSL and a drive to establish a much stronger membership base going forward. This could include an enhanced way of communicating with new whanau and a personal invitation when they enrol their tamariki. Let's get another 'BIG' project happening.

I wish our PSL every success in its fundraising and social endeavours this coming year and, as always, assure you of every assistance from us in the school.

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