

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 2012

ST LEO'S PTFA

As you can see we finished the year with **\$37,960.63** in the Bank compared \$25,098.65 at the same date last year. We raised \$ 33,724.03 in total over the year. This is significantly up on previous years. In 2010 we raised a total of \$25,745.54.

The PTA contributed a total of \$21,425.00 to the Board in 2012. Of this \$1,425.00 was used by the school for a marquee and the remaining \$20,000.00 will be used to assist with purchase of furnishings and equipment for the new library and administration building when completed.

As usual the fair was the main Fundraiser for the year. The St Leo's Fair was again blessed with good weather. The net return this year was just short of \$30,000.00 at a spectacular **\$29,918.21**. This is a significant increase on previous years and in particular last year at only \$17,700.00. It remains to be seen if this was an aberration or if results at this level can be maintained.

A number of factors contributed to the success of this fair:

- Fair costs were kept firmly in hand at \$7,880.00. By contrast in the previous year 2010 costs were \$12,000.00 and the year before in 2009 costs were \$8500.00.
- The Quick fire raffle, as usual, returned the most at just over \$4000.00.
- The reintroduction of the white elephant store clearly made a difference as did the raising of some \$2300.00 in sponsorships.
- It is essential that the raffle is presold at New World, as in 2011, as this maximizes the return on this item and achieved over \$2000.00.
- Prices charged for items at the fair had not been adjusted for some years notwithstanding inflation. They were increased in 2011.

The PTFA had a number of other fund raisers. The art books and entertainment books returned \$635.00 and \$839.00 respectively. Mothers and father day events raised \$393.10 and \$300.52 each. The movie night was combined with drinks for the parents which was very successful and raised \$ 604.10. An Easter egg hunt and social was a new event that was enjoyed by all and raised \$654.00. The kids always love the winter disco and this raised some \$379.60. I record there was no cake stall or mid year raffle. Whilst these various other fundraisers brought in much smaller amounts than the fair they are more correctly social occasions with income attached.

Last year I remarked that it was hard to be certain of the level of fundraising that can be expected. The PTA then excelled itself with this phenomenal result. The PTA will be able to contribute \$30,000.00 to the Board this year. I caution though that it is too soon to indicate if that will be maintained over the following years.

Fundraising, particularly the Fair, involved many parents whose support and hard work paid off. Every year we hope to involve more parents. The emphasis must continue to be that parents get to know each other before the big fundraiser of the year (the Fair). The fair in 2011 was managed very much by a committee of volunteers each taking responsibility for some part (rather than one or two people trying to do it all). Hopefully that will make the prospect of joining the PTA less daunting than before.

Finally, this is my last year at the school. I hope to pass the role of treasurer over this year so I can assist in the transition to a new treasurer.

Mary Anne Shanahan