



St Teresa's School
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**ST TERESA'S PTA NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2017**

Dear girls, parents and staff.

Please diarise the following dates in your 2018 calendar:

19 January: New parents and staff cocktail party, Rosebank

19 February: PTA AGM, Rosebank

24 February: Mums and Daughters' High Tea, Rosebank Hall, Grades 6 – 12, **BOOK NOW!!!**

6 April: Dads and Daughters' Dance, Rosebank Hall

27 July: Quiz Night, Rosebank Hall

5 October: Family Fun Night, FP field

It has been a wonderful and productive year for the St Teresa's PTA – we have been able to execute a variety of events that have all contributed to a coming together with our school community and the funds raised have enabled us to fulfil many of the items on the wish-list. We thank you, our school community, for contributing and supporting all our events.

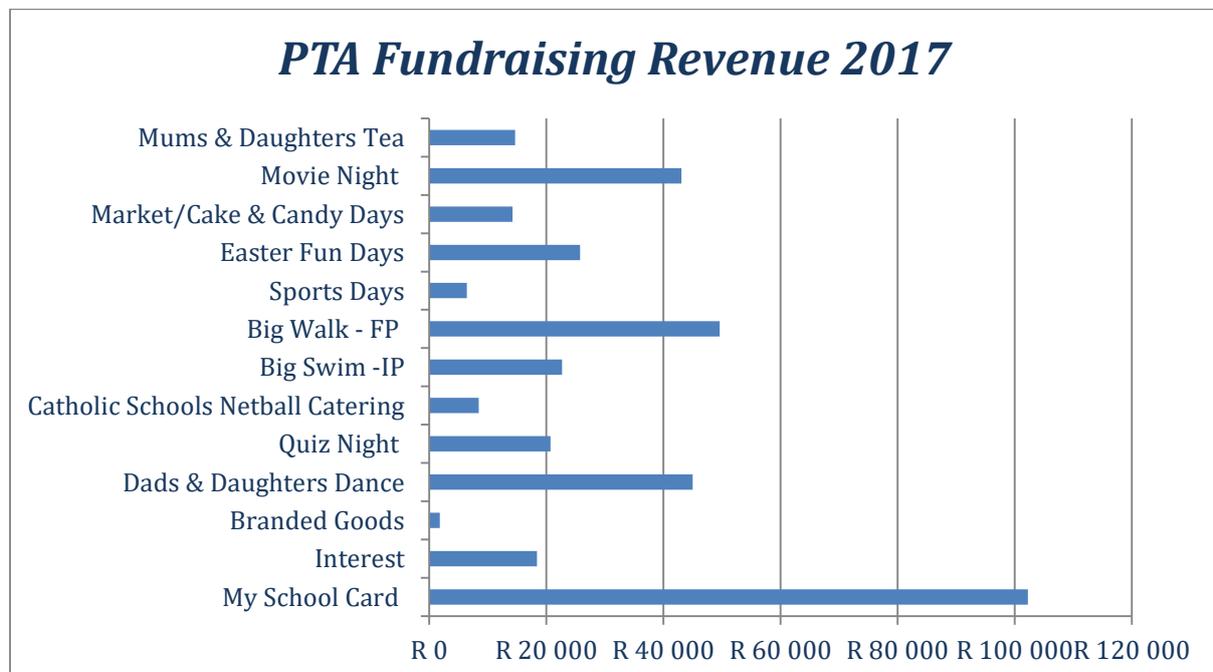
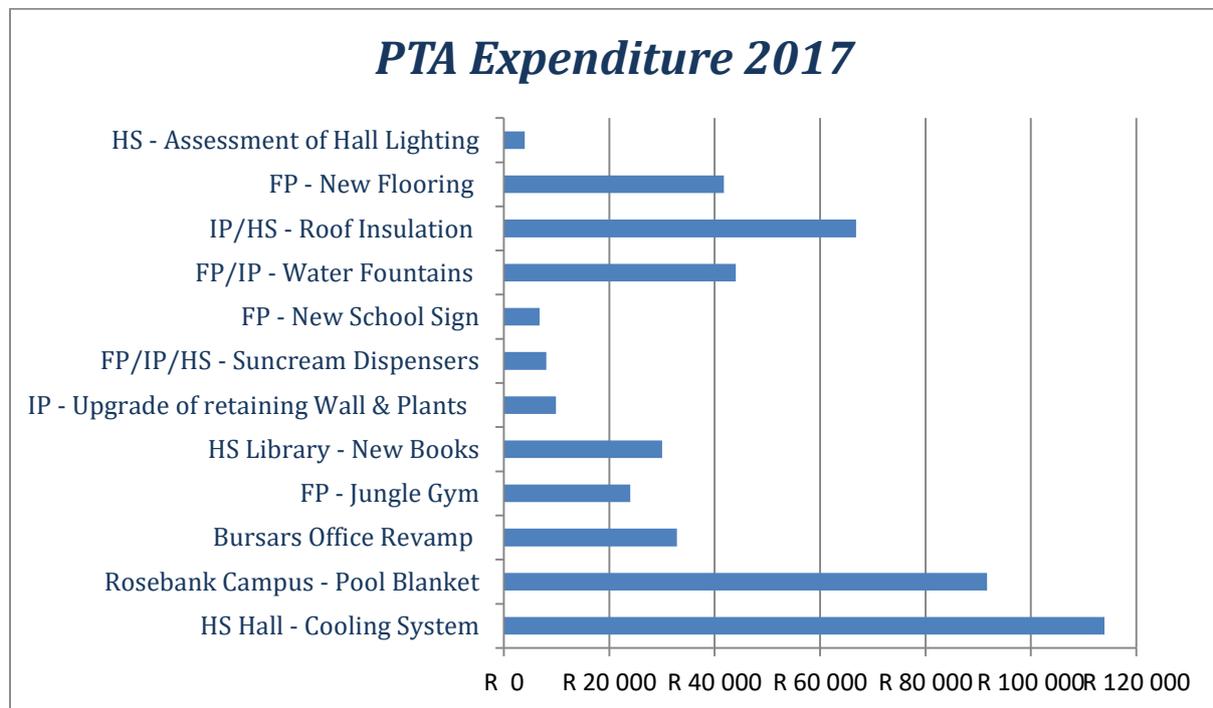
I am also immensely proud that we have been able to swell our committee substantially this year – we now have an excellent representation across the whole school with very skilled and enthusiastic members. We believe that there has been an upswing in positive energy and a sense of goodwill. Special thanks to Martina Geoghegan (FP Class rep chair; Treasurer) and Jacqui van den Handel (IP Class rep chair) for planning and implementing many of the events with aplomb and enthusiasm and for their energy in encouraging many parents to be involved in set-up and activities on the day of each event.

Ian Spencer, who served as Treasurer for 4 years, resigned and we thank him for his contribution to the PTA and for managing our financials. Martina Geoghegan was appointed in this position until our next AGM when the role will come under review.

Our website presence has been greatly improved since Mrs Osterloh has taken over all the information-gathering, distribution of news and uploading of fun photos from all our events.

Our goals are to continue providing functions and events that build spirit and vibrancy within our school community and help to foster a positive energy as well as to provide financial support to vital projects. We thank you for your continued support and input this year.

Thank you also to the Board and SMT for their continued input and encouragement, advice and support and to Bridget and the support staff for logistical assistance and set-up for events.



Here is a quick summary of our events this year:

- 15 February – PTA AGM, Rosebank hall

This went off very well; attendance was small but enthusiastic. Our report can be found posted on the website.

- 18 February – Mums and Daughters High Tea – “A Touch of Red”

This year’s event was again absolutely wonderful: Hlengiwe Madlala Lushaba was our guest speaker and our theme was “A Touch of Red”. The tables were outstanding as was the food and we had lots of wonderful prizes and give-aways. -The St David’s band and chamber choir were delightful.

- 24 March – Dads and Daughters’ Dance, Rosebank hall: this was once again a major highlight

of the year and 450 tickets were sold. -The food was prepared by the mums on big braais and all our little Rosies enjoyed the DJ, Ryan Mills, who delighted them with fun lighting and a bubble machine. The theme was “An Enchanted Evening” with beautiful woodland décor supplied by the FP mums.

- Easter Fun days at FP (5 April) and IP (6 April) – these two days were exceptional with Martina coordinating FP and Jacqui managing IP. The FP had the most beautiful garden display, a petting zoo, a super puppet show and crafts and treats. The IP event had a range of activities including biscuit decorating; basket making; an obstacle course; a treasure hunt and a team exercise involving collaboration and some engineering skills.

- 6 May – catering for the Catholic Netball Festival: once again this was managed by the PTA committee. The food was excellent and the atmosphere was wonderful. The area looked festive and welcoming with all the gazebos up and we had very positive feedback from visiting parents and coaches from other schools.

- 14 July – Quiz night, Rosebank hall

Quiz Night was sold out this year. The evening went off extremely well with a wine tasting, delicious butternut and roast tomatoes soups as starters; Tutto Foods arrived and set up their huge paellas in the courtyard and we hired braziers which worked brilliantly in terms of ambience and warmth; our Quiz Master ran the evening efficiently and Jacqui van den Handel sourced an amazing variety of prizes; Churros provided the dessert. We also held a raffle on the night with two prizes of nights away at two different resorts.

- 15 September –A Taste of Italy (Family Fun Night), FP Field

We had a photographer and an art zone, where the children could paint their own masterpiece. The food was Italian themed with pizzas sponsored by Andiccio's and two types of pasta. The red carpet entrance was super, with bean bags for hire and music playing to add to the atmosphere. The movie SING was screened.

The FP Big Walk, IP Big Swim, FP Cake and Candy days and IP Market days continued to be PTA events in 2017.

Please contact us via sttpta@gmail.com should you wish to raise any concerns or volunteer to assist with any of our events.

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