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The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/

It's Fiesta Time!!

Except . . . it isn't!

Mainly due to the rebuild, our wonderful community Fiesta won't be happening this year. Since the Fiesta usually raises around \$30,000 for the school, that leaves us with a rather large, gaping financial hole for the S'Mart Community Team. This parent/teacher group contributes to the school funds for things like:

- Garden to Table
- Technology
- Sports Equipment
- Hall Refurbishment
- The Jubilee Trust
- ...and much more.

So, we're moving onto Plan B! It's simpler, it's easier, it's fast, it's a \$2 wonder...

We're HAVING A RAFFLE!

But in order for this to work we would love the school community to come on board and help us with any prizes you could possibly donate.

- Do you have a bach we could have for a weekend?
- Could your business offer a service we could use?
- Does your work have an item they could donate?
- And if none of these apply to you, would you consider helping the Fundraising Team for an hour or two?

Together we can make it happen. The need is there and we're committed to providing extra support for the needs of our children and school.

Please let us know if you can help. Contact fundraising@smartcommunity.org.nz We'd love to hear from you.

Disco

Lose anything at Disco? There were a few things found during Disco. If you are missing items, head to the school Office to see if they're there.

Thank You... The Student Council and the Parent group members organising the disco would like to extend thanks so much to:

All the wonderful parents/caregivers, student council and senior students who contributed their time putting the event together, on the day & night helping set up, run it and those staying to help with the cleaning at the end of each disco.

Thank you to parents for your patience and understanding that there are queues we need wait in to follow processes in order to hold the disco.

Thanks to all the Teachers (including the Student teachers) and school personnel for your support, attendance, and great dance moves.

Thanks to John Cowie for his ongoing creation of our fabulous Disco posters.

Extra thanks to Mike the caretaker for all his input and help!

Thanks also to Ms. Anita McGowan for her instigation of this event (years ago) and continuing dedication in leading the Student Council & Senior Students to make it happen.

Thanks also to the following businesses who supported us:

- Cookie Time
- Stephanie Nixon at FabFaces (training and supporting our face painters)
- Fava cafe

Upcoming S'Mart Community Survey

We want to know what you think.....

about S'Mart Community activities and being involved, so we're running a survey! To encourage your response, every survey that's completed (online or paper copy) will be in the draw for a \$25 Fava voucher AND the class with the most surveys returned will receive a \$30 voucher for the purchase of class games - so be sure to include your contact details and your children's room numbers at the end of the survey! An email with a link to the survey will be circulated early next week, and paper copies will also be available from the Office, and can be returned to the Office. Surveys must be completed by 3pm, 22nd June (Friday) to be in the draw to win!

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books are well on their way now so hopefully you've had an opportunity to see a copy. If you're not wanting to purchase then absolutely no problem, just put the book in the drop box in the Office. If you're wanting to buy one, there are instructions on the envelope to follow - the digital copy can be ordered following these instructions too. Feel free to spread the word via your social media etc, as each book sold is \$13 towards School funds. If you're wanting to share, use this link so your friends go directly to our order page! Thanks.

The 2018 edition expires today so if you use your vouchers regularly and haven't yet renewed you've just got time to sort out a new copy before the long weekend!