

Dear parents,

As we come to the end of another school year the PTA 2014-2015 finalizes its activities and wishes all the best to the recently elected representatives for the next academic year.

This has been a transition year for the PTA. The arrival of Ms Simpson prompted us to think through how we could best accomplish the role we would like to see the PTA play and careful consideration has been given to how the group can better adapt to present needs. The working relationship with the school has been very positive and a number of issues and questions have been addressed and resolved speedily. The individual school meetings with the PTA have been the forum for channeling parental concerns and all three schools' meetings proved to be effective and collaborative.

On the fund raising side the PTA was happy to organise the used book sale, the used uniform sale, sponsor lectures, to support the Biathlon and coordinate the International Day, a flagship community and fundraising event, as well as promote special talks for children and parents. The current PTA believes that it has a role in building community and the charity projects, the fund raising events and the overall communication with the parents are all a crucial part of this.

As per the school's request, the PTA also led a group of volunteers who dedicated time and effort to discussing traffic concerns. We have fed back our insights and lessons learnt through this experience to the school and the governors and give our sincere thanks to all those who helped by volunteering and by respecting the code.

The current working dynamics also gave us a chance to focus on thinking through other ideas of how we can put the PTA resources, both human and financial, to other uses, particularly examining the purpose and objectives we have for our fundraising. Whilst we are happy to fund school charities, the current PTA believes that we should also consider providing activities that are close to the heart of parents at the school but which do not always fall within the school's budget or remit.

The PTA has a strong bias to support areas where we clearly see that the cost or investment is "on top of" rather than "instead of" the school's annual budget and development fund. That leads us to favour items such as non-routine equipment for classrooms, sport or cultural activities and further educational development complementing the school's budget.

That being said, with your help the PTA managed to raise R\$254,054 this year. Of this, R\$158,000 will be distributed equally between the

three Charities of the Year: Acer, Tucça and Liga Solidária and will certainly be very much appreciated, and R\$1,338 was given to Teto, a charity supported by Form 6. Educational programmes, such as the Educational Conference and the Sex Awareness programme were benefited with R\$15,000 each and R\$55,020 will go towards the purchase of many items of non-routine equipment that will enhance our children's experience in areas such as IT, art, maths and English.

REVENUES

Uniform sale	11,242
Book sale	7,641
Staff bazaar	4,619
International Day	246,566
<i>stalls</i>	134,266
<i>others</i>	27,300
<i>sponsors</i>	85,000
Total	270,069

EXPENSES

Teacher's day gifts	2,302
Staff Christmas gifts	850
Various	2,192
International Day	56,320
Total	61,664

FINAL BALANCE

Initial amount	15,000
Saldo PTA 2013-14	30,649
Total revenues	270,069
Total expenses	-61,664
Final Balance	254,054

DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES

Initial amount 2015-2016	9,696
Sex awareness program	15,000
Education Conference	15,000
Tecnology equipment	55,020
Charities	159,338 *
Total	254,054

This includes 100% of the money raised by the stalls on International Day, plus additional funds raised by the PTA.

We were also thrilled by the school's presentation of the Strategic Plan which we saw as ambitious and exciting, very much in line with PTA thinking, especially considering academic and holistic aspects.

The inauguration of the Sports Centre and the new Academic Centre play an integral part in the evolution of the school and we were pleased to see them become a reality.

The PTA is keen to be supportive where appropriate and possible, adding to the school's own effort in continuously providing the best for our community. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this new chapter in the history of St. Paul's School.

Thank you for your help and support throughout the year,
PTA 2014-2015