

### Discovery School PTA - DSPTA Newsletter 1, 2026

The DSPTA brings together whānau and staff to raise funds, support school activities, and help provide extra opportunities and resources for our tamariki. With your support last year, **we raised over \$32,000!**

Last year our major contributions were:

- Classroom donations: **\$800 per class**, used for EOTC, buses & class resources
  - National Young Leaders Day
  - Digital Safety resources
  - Teacher appreciation and Mihi Whakataua
  - Swimming Lessons and Buses
  - Contributions to the Y8 Leavers Dinner
  - Indoor games and resources for learning

### Upcoming Events

#### **Sausage Sizzle: Tuesday 3 March (Week 5)**

This year we're trying a slightly different approach to our lunchtime sausage sizzles, with the aim of **sharing the workload more evenly across our school community**. Each classroom will be assigned to one sausage sizzle during the year, for which we'd love support from the parents and whānau from those classes to run.

For Term 1, the sausage sizzle will be supported by **Room 1, 2, 11 and 16. Here is the sign up sheet, so please, if you can sign up to help. [Sausage Sizzle Lunch Helpers 03.03.26](#)**.

We don't need a big time commitment - an extra 30 minutes after school drop-off to help collate orders and count money, or an hour around lunchtime to help on the BBQ (especially if you work from home), makes a huge difference. If you can help, please sign up!



**Sausage Sizzle Lunch**  
Tuesday, 3rd March  
**\$2.50**  
Orders in the hall between 8:30-9:00

  

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## Future sausage sizzle dates & Class Parent Help Allocation

Tuesday 5th May - Room 3, 12, 17 parent helpers

Tuesday 23rd June - Room 4, 13, 18 parent helpers

Tuesday 8th July - Room 5, 14, 23 parent helpers

Tuesday 8th September - Room 6 , 9, 20 parent helpers

Tuesday 20th October - Room 10, 21, 22 parent helpers

Tuesday 17th November - Room 7, 8, 23 parent helpers

Sign up sheets for help will be sent out closer to the date of each BBQ - please make a note of which BBQ your child's class is helping with. Many hands make light work! Thanks in advance.

Please join our [DSPTA Helpers](#) Facebook page and keep an eye out for our events and how you can help. If you can help, please sign up!

Junior School Athletics - Friday 20th March - **Refreshing Ice Blocks for sale after school on Friday.**

### **School Disco: Friday 27 March (week 8)**

Our first disco this year is **Let's Dance & Dress to Impress** - come along in your best dress and be ready to dance. Junior Team parents are welcome to stay and dance along with your tamariki. Please enter through the hall door, and leave/collection is through the doors out to the pool side. **We need parent help to run these events, so if you can donate 1 hour of your time, please sign up here.** [Disco Helpers - 27 March 26](#)

**DSPTA Readathon** - We will be celebrating a love of reading and asking our tamariki to get sponsorships for reading lots of books/pages and minutes! Keep an eye out for the information at the end of this term. The readathon will be happening in the first two weeks of term 2, with a Book Week parade and Book Character Disco happening on **Friday 1st May.**



### **Keen to be involved?**

If you'd like to be involved in the PTA and help decide what fundraisers we run and where our contributions go, please get in touch by emailing [dspta@discovery.school.nz](mailto:dspta@discovery.school.nz) for more details, or come along to one of our meetings. Our Chairperson and Treasurer are moving on this year, so we'd love to hear from anyone interested in joining! Check our [Facebook page](#) for our events.

### **A cool new fundraiser**

Pepper & Me is a local NZ company that believe food should be bold, exciting and never a chore. Their salts, sauces, and seasonings are designed to bring big flavour to every dish. Whether you're whipping up a weeknight winner or showing off on a weekend, we've got your back with products that make it easy to impress.

Start Date: 01/03/26

End Date: 25/03/26

Fundraiser link is: [pepperandme.co.nz/FUNDDISCOVERY3/26](https://pepperandme.co.nz/FUNDDISCOVERY3/26)

Fundraiser code is: FUNDDISCOVERY3/26

Use the above link and code during checkout to unlock a discount, and allocate your purchase to our fundraiser.

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### **DSPTA Website**

Check out the new DSPTA page on the Discovery School webpage

<https://www.discovery.school.nz/dspta/#gsc.tab=0>

There are a few ongoing fundraisers you may be interested in or that you purchase already but the school can get a kick back including entertainment books and labels.

### **School Apparel**

Discovery Hoodies and house t-shirts are available from CUS.

<https://www.cus.kiwi.nz/discovery-school/>

A huge thank you to **New World Whitby** who have again confirmed their support for Discovery School PTA. They provide kai for our school lunches, allowing us to raise valuable funds for our school. Support local and those who support us!

**Our next meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 17th March, 7pm in the staffroom**. All welcome, new members are really encouraged. Or just come along to a meeting to see what we are all about and if you can help.

