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We desperately need volunteers for Friday Lunches!!!

It has been a while since I penned a PTA update (I usually pop news and 'calls to volunteer' in the weekly newsletter) but we have had some news which has brought about this particular issue.

As you should all know, the PTA runs the Friday lunches;

Valarie Benson and Shiella Churton took over the role of running the lunches from Annaliesl Stent- one doing the shopping and the other co-ordinating the roster. With taking on these roles, they have been doing a very worthwhile job for school fundraising.

Unfortunately Shiella can no longer do this role as she his moving away.

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN.

We need someone to co-ordinate the Friday lunch roster.

Valarie does all the shopping for this, so we need someone to put volunteer's names against the Friday lunch they want to do, and decide on what is being served each term (look to previous years for menu!). You will also need to fill in maybe once or twice a term if a volunteer can't be found. Annaliesl and Judi are more than willing to help the new person settle in and show them exactly what needs to be done.

We also NEED more hands for the actual Friday lunchtime itself – One person can prepare the Friday lunches (they are easy to prepare and serve). If you have the time but are feeling a bit daunted, then find a buddy although either Judi or Annaliesl can help guide you through preparing and serving a lunch for the first time and having a laugh at the same time!

If we don't have anyone to step up for these vital PTA roles, then Friday lunches will not be able to go ahead in the future. We currently have only 4-5 people volunteering and some people preparing the lunches 2 or 3 times a term. This isn't fair on them and is untenable.

To put into perspective how important Friday lunches are to the school; last year as a PTA we raised in the region of \$15000 through our various events. Of that amount, approximately \$4000 of that was from Friday lunches. So as you can see it is a significant fundraising tool in our calendar.

At the beginning of the year, in the newsletter, I put out the nationwide PTA goal that every parent/caregiver should aim to give 5 hours A YEAR to their school's PTA fundraising efforts. So if you take on the role of coordinator – your hours are done....if you endeavour to serve 1 Friday lunch a term, your time is done. Doesn't take a lot does it?

The kids love Friday lunches and as a parent; it is great on a Friday not to have to think about packing a lunch. Oh and remember the Friday lunch you volunteer for – your children get to eat for free that week!

SO THE REST IS UP TO YOU – can you spare an hour a term to prepare Friday morning to serve out an easy hot lunch?

If you can please contact Judi in the office and find out more, we need to know by the end of term please, if you can help. If not the PTA will have no choice but to stop the lunches until new volunteers come forward to help.

Thank you for reading and supporting OUR school PTA.

Sarah Crook

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