St Francis Xavier Catholic School

Gala Update 5

11 March, 2013

2 Weeks to go...

Can you help?...

Did you know there is a very small group of people who have been working on the Gala since last year? These people put hours and hours of time into making OUR SCHOOL GALA the success it is each year.

It's time to step up and give some of your time!! We are desperate for help, both on the day and in the next two weeks to get sorted. If you arrive at school early for pickup, there are instructions in the hall for sorters.

We have only had approx. 30 people come forward to help on the day.

We don't send home raffle books each term, or chocolate bars to sell, or sponsor forms to fill out for spelling or math's.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALA, I know I'm doing my bit, can you say the same???

Please fill in the form attached to this newsletter, or ring one of the contact co-ordinators and give an hour. Lets practice what we preach to children and help out. Thank you.

Aynslie - Gala Co-ordinator.

Dropping off Goods…

The **last day** for dropping off any White Elephant goods is **Wednesday 20 March** (other than large items). We really appreciate your respect of this request, as our volunteers need this time to sort through the goods so they are ready for sale on gala day.

Please, absolutely NO drop offs on Saturday morning!

Large items / furniture

We would appreciate these items being dropped off on the Friday before gala day. This is because storage is always at a premium!

If you have any large items or furniture to donate (e.g. beds, outdoor furniture) that you are unable to deliver to us, then we are more than happy to collect it from you. Just give Katy a call on 459 1263 and the items will be collected from you on the Friday before the gala (22nd).

Gala Day
Sat 23 March

Room by room...

We have had such a fantastic response to our requests, so thank you to everyone! We rely on your help for the gala each week with the requests below:

Please send to school with your child(ren) before **Friday 15 March**

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4	Vegetable cooking oil
Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 11	Grocery hamper items
Rooms 12 to 21	Items suitable as lucky dip prizes (e.g. Little notepads, pencils, hairties, packets of balloons, marbles, erasers etc)

Sales of ride tickets…

We are having pre-gala sales of ride tickets again this year - a special for our children!

You can buy 12 tickets for $10.00 (please note we are only selling in $10.00 lots). On gala day tickets will be the usual price of $1.00 per ticket.

Sales will be on Tuesday and Thursday of the week before the gala, from 8.15am - 8.45am and 2.50pm - 3.30pm each day outside the school hall.

Sorting

We need lots of help prior to the gala to help with sorting all of the donated items in the school hall. If you can spare even half an hour before, during, or after school please pop in.

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Remember to keep checking out our Facebook page, it is regularly updated with lots of information about the PTFA and gala activities!

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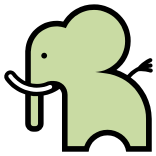
White Elephant



Thank you for all the fantastic goods that have been dropped off to the school hall already.

Electrical Goods - Please make sure that any Electrical Goods are in safe working order. If you know they are working can you please place a sticker on them stating that.

We are **not** accepting any TV's, computers or printers. Thank you.

Website...

Our website has lots of fantastic up-to-date information on gala happenings, photos, auction lists, recipes, sponsor information, entertainment line-up & more! Make sure you stay up-to-date by having a look:

www.sfx.school.nz (Click on PTFA, then "Our Gala")

Cake Boxes Reminder…

Your child(ren) will be sent home with some empty cake boxes on Friday 15th. Please send them back the following Friday 22nd (drop off in Room 17) filled with delicious **home baking**!

Youngs Four Square will take pre-orders to make cakes for you to pop in your box! Great idea for those who are too busy to bake (or if you are not much of a baker)!!

And remember, if you want to make cupcakes to put in the box, these are always welcome as they sell really well at the morning tea stall!

Hangi

This year preparation for the hangi will be done at school on Friday afternoon, outside the front of the staffroom, in the courtyard. We will be making a start on the veges at 2.00pm, so we invite people to come along with a peeler and/or sharp knife to give us a hand. Many hands make light work!

The hangi includes chicken, pork, mutton chop, kumara, potato, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing AND frybread.

Tickets are $10.00 and will be on sale at the school office from Monday 18th March. There are only 150 tickets, so be in quick to secure your hangi. Remaining tickets will be sold on the day from our hangi tent, between Rooms 17 & 18. Any queries, see Whaea Jacqui or Sharon Wendt.

Auction Action

We have some seriously GREAT Goodies in our Loud and SILENT auction this year…you will be pleasantly surprised!

Remember we have a **Free TV Draw**, that's right, something for nothing!! Thanks Chilltech. Open to everyone and free to enter! All you have to do is fill in your details and be present when they draw the winner at the end of the Auction.

And we can't forget the **Rule The Skool Raffle**! Kids - do you fancy being Principal and ruling the school for the whole day??!! You could have Mr McKernan as your PA... AWESOME!! Start saving your money now, what a cool prize that would be! Raffle tickets will be $1.00 and you can buy as many as you like! Anyone can buy them as long as the name on the ticket is for a current SFXCS pupil who wants the job.

Thanks to all those who have donated some fabulous items for the auction. Saint Francis Xavier has some special friends in fascinating places…

- **Dan Carter & Richie McCaw** have signed personalised boots. Yep, seriously! Brand new boots! Dan's Preditor Incurza, as well as some signed extras that will be included into the day!
- **Copthorne Waitangi & Fullers Cruises** have combined to offer a fab night for 2 adults at Waitangi and a trip for 2 to the World Famous Hole in the Rock!
- Thank you to our Gold sponsors **GJ Gardner, for the Mighty Playhouse** you have built - that kids of all ages will want!
- **Cook Costello Consultancy** offering $1000 voucher towards Engineers, Architects & Surveyors professional fees.
- Crusaders Playing Jersey from **Dental Services**! Blues Polo shirt from **Northland Rugby**!
- $250 vouchers from **Whangarei ITM**, $300 vouchers from **Bethells Uniforms**, Beauty vouchers including **Julies Advanced Skin Care** IPL voucher, **Bacio** lunches, **Trish Clarke** Art work.
- **Bloom Flowers** have donated some gorgeous flowers. **Villa Hairdressing** Products Basket.
- **Number Works 'n Words** have donated 2 vouchers of five sessions each, for tuition in Maths or English.

Check out our full list of auction items, which is growing daily, on our website:

http://sfxgala.weebly.com/auction-items-2013-so-far.html

Sweets

Thanks so much for the generous contributions of sweets ingredients. We now have enough for our makers to get boiling.
If you are having success with your batches and feel you could make a couple more, I have ingredients available, including coconut, so just let me know.

If you need freezer space I can arrange this also. There are ice cream containers if you would like to collect them and return to school on the Friday before the gala (filled with sweets of course!).

Thanks again for your support, it looks like we are well on target to match last year. Aynslie 021 105 7600

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Things we still need...

If you can help with any of the following please drop them off to the school hall:

- Any **spare banana boxes** we can use for sorting
- **Plastic grocery bags** (we go through thousands!)
- **Unused rolls of Christmas wrapping** (please drop to Room 7)
- **Plastic zip-lock or glad snap-lock bags** - these are great for putting puzzles and small toys in

We have an Electrician!

A great big thank you to the Team at **Cool Ray Airconditioning** - Heat Pump supply and install, providing all year round comfort - for offering to do our Electrical checks, you guys are awesome!!

Got some Potatoes?? ...

We have a request from our Curry makers, for bags of pre-washed small potatoes, suitable for boiling (not roasting or mashing potatoes please). If you can help, please send them along to your child's classroom. Thanks!

Café Latino

Thank you!!!!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Nicki and Rodolfo from Café Latino, who will once again be donating 100% of their coffee profits to the Gala.

They have done this for a number of years, and we are truly grateful for their time & continued support.

They will only be accepting cash on gala day (no eftpos), so make sure you bring plenty to get your caffeine fix!!

WANTED... Helpers for on the day

As you are all aware this is the only major fundraiser we do each year. For it to be a raging success, **we require assistance from every family.** We need:

☺ Helpers for the **food stalls**! Please call Nikki or Karl on 437 7148, or Reg on 437 5745.

☺ Helpers on **Friday evening** to make sandwiches for the morning tea stall. Call Nikki, Karl or Reg *(as above).*

☺ **6** more helpers for the **Morning Tea stall.** Call Nikki, Karl or Reg *(as above).*

☺ **2** more helpers for the **Toy stall.** Call Nikki, Karl or Reg *(as above).*

☺ **2** more helpers to price the cakes on Friday 22nd for the **Cake Stall.** Call Nikki, Karl or Reg *(as above).*

☺ **Sorters** are still needed daily in the school hall, but particularly on Friday 22nd

☺ **Set-up on Friday** - To set up classrooms. We also need a "Gazebo set-up person extraordinaire", a team that can set up our many gazebos and move equipment on Friday afternoon

☺ **Set-up on Saturday** - From 7am to move trestle tables and equipment

☺ **Packing up on Saturday** - From 2pm we need to put equipment away, take down tents and gazebos

☺ **Cleanup** - it will be all hands on deck for the big clean up from 2pm - if you are planning to stay and help it may be worth popping your vacuum cleaner in your car to help clean the classrooms - we have to vacuum them all!

Next meeting...

Wednesday 13 March @ 7.30pm in the staffroom

Contact us: Email: sfxgala@gmail.com

Please cut off, complete and give to your child to hand in at the Office (tick as many as you like):

Name: _____

After Hours Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

☐ I can help to sort prior to the Gala
☐ I can help with food prep the week before the Gala
☐ I can help set up on the Friday before the Gala (Fri 22 March)
☐ I can help to set up on the morning of the gala from 7.00am
☐ I can help on a stall or a ride on the day of the gala
☐ I can help with the clean-up on the day of the gala

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We are thrilled to be a Major Sponsor this year and we commend any local business for kindly offering their support to our community.

With six children passing through St Francis Xavier, Alan and I are no strangers to the annual Gala. From digging hangi pits (now that's going back a bit), sorting clothes and toys, to working on the fudge stall, there is something for everyone and friendships are made. The time and effort put in by parents, even grandparents, aunties and uncles, is so generous it reflects on just how special this school community is.

Keep your eye out for our end of roll remnants and deleted sample mats that so many of you enjoyed last year from the White Elephant.

If you or your friends are looking to carpet your home or office, pop on into our showroom in Commerce Street and say hello to our friendly staff. We have everything from Cavalier Bremworth quality wool carpet, Premium Solution Dyed Nylon, and of course our famous Rhino Carpet with the 25 year warranty.

What you probably don't know is that we also sell Timber flooring, including Bamboo, Porcelain Tiles and Luxaflex blinds.

We're sure you'll all enjoy the gala this year!

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