



This year's gala is on...

24 March, 2012

Welcome back to another great year at St Francis Xavier Catholic School!

It's hard to believe that it's just over **5 weeks to go** until the gala. The Gala Crew have had their first meeting and preparations are now in full swing. To make the event a success we need as much help as we can get from **every family** in our school community. This is our major fundraiser of the year and as the money raised benefits all our children, we hope all families will help in some way. We'll be sending home regular newsletters with your child to keep you up to date with where things are at and how you can help. ~ Thank you in advance for your support.

The gala has again been included in the Whangarei District Council's Endless Summer Festival promotions. You can pick up brochures for all the festival events being held in March & April at Forum North.



Dropping off goods

The school hall is open now for you to bring your goods to. We would really appreciate any second hand treasures you can donate for the White Elephant, book, toy, second hand clothing and shoe stalls. A couple of requests:



- **Clean Pre-loved Clothing** — Please sort into bags and write on the bag the type of clothing if you can eg: men's, women's, 4-7yr boy etc
- **Electrical goods** — Please ensure you only donate electrical goods in safe working order
- **No broken goods** please
- Any **spare banana boxes** we can use for sorting would be appreciated, just drop them off to the school hall
- **Plastic grocery bags**

For security reasons, the school hall is only open from 8.30am to 3.00pm for dropping off goods. It will be staffed on Monday's only. Please don't leave goods outside the door during the weekend or in the evening as it unfortunately seems to encourage the vandals.

If you have large items suitable for the White Elephant stall we would really appreciate these being dropped off as close to the gala day as possible as storage is always at a premium. Other goods are welcome as soon as possible so we can get them sorted. The last day for drop off of other items is Wednesday 21 March.

Contact us...

General queries:

Aynslie 436 1504
021 105 7600

Outdoor rides:

Janet 435 0710

Auction items:

Maygan 437 3797
Julie 435 1672

Food stalls:

Shadow 437 1841

Sweets:

Aynslie 436 1504

Entertainment:

Chris 021 073 6106

Sponsorship:

Kath 438 3246

White Elephant:

Katy 459 1263

Books:

Serena 435 6787

Clothes:

Anna 459 1304

Volunteers:

Reg 437 5475

Helpers on the day:

Nikki & Carl 437 7148

Next meeting...

Wed 29 Feb @ 7.00pm in the staffroom - All welcome!

Pre-gala sorting

Can you spare the odd hour before, during or after school? The generously donated goods in the school hall need to be sorted prior to the gala. If you can help please pop in to the school hall.

Auction...

Every year we have a fantastic auction of goods and services that have kindly been donated to us. It is one of our best fundraisers.

If you have skills or goods that we can auction, then we'd love to hear from you. Just to give you some ideas.....

Builders | Plumbers | Electricians | Hairdressers | Beauticians | Landscape designers | Architects
Chefs | Caterers | Lawyers | Accountants | Travel etc

But it's not all about us!

There's something in it for you too. If you donate your time or goods for auction then you will receive:

- Exposure and pre-auction promotion in the school newsletter, which is sent to 350 families.
- Your name and business promoted in the pre-auction flyer which is sent to over 500 local letterboxes.
- Acknowledgement and thanks in the school newsletter after the Gala.
- All that positive word of mouth about both your business and your generosity. We can't quantify it but we know just how much it can contribute to your business.
- Promotion during the Gala, both in the published Gala Auction list and of course during the auction itself.

If you can help by donating your time or services for us to auction, please call
Maygan on: 437 3797, or
Julie on: 435 1672.



Volunteers needed...

We need lots of helpers on gala day to man the stalls and rides. If you can help in any way, please complete the slip below:

Wanted: Marketing and PR Help

Our marketing and PR person is back to working full-time hours and is also struggling with RSI from too much time on the computer. Can you help?

If you have reasonable computer skills and a bit of spare time that you could help with updating posters/flyers and sorting the printing/distribution of them, we'd love to hear from you. If you have Publisher on your computer that would be great, as that is what our posters are created in.

We are also seeking someone who might like to help with updating our web and facebook pages.

If you can help with either of these, please contact Tracey Morris on: 459 4598 (A/H), 021 459 150 or email: sfxgala@gmail.com

Electrician needed

Our usual volunteer Electrician is not available this year. We need someone that can test electrical goods and make sure that any outdoor stalls requiring power are safely connected. Can you help? If so please contact Aynslie on: 436 1504, or 021 105 7600.

Hangi

We are looking for a new Hangi co-ordinator. Someone who can organise the preparation and cooking of the food, along with some helpers.

If this sounds like you, please contact Shadow on: 437 1841.

Signage installer wanted

We would love to hear from a Builder or Handyman that could erect our Gala advertising billboards prior to gala day, and then dismantle them afterwards. There are 6 in various locations around town.

If you, or someone you know, could help us out, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Aynslie on: 436 1504, or 021 105 7600.

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 23 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 trying out a new facebook page this year to keep you up to date with PTFA and gala activities. So if you are online, why not "like" us and share with all your friends as well!

➔ www.sfx.school.nz (Click on "Our Gala")

From there you can link to our Facebook page.

Sweets



We have sweet makers already gearing up to make our very popular sweets. So if you are not a sweet maker but are willing to donate some ingredients to keep them going, we would love the following:

- Icing sugar
- Sugar
- Condensed milk
- Butter
- Ice-cream containers

If you could help with any of these items please drop them off to Room 5. We will be doing our usual class by class donation system from the next newsletter.

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Kids-only Auction - Be Principal for a Day!



RULE THE SKOOL!! YEH, THAT'S RIGHT ... FANCY RULING THE SCHOOL FOR A WHOLE DAY?

WANT SOME RULZ OF YOUR OWN? HOW ABOUT MR McKERNAN AS YOUR P.A? WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE THE PRINCIPAL?

NOW YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN ! START SAVING NOW

WHAT A COOL GIFT THAT WOULD BE!!

(Note: This auction will be restricted to children only).

Classroom Requests ...

Feedback from our Parent Survey revealed that many families preferred to know from the first newsletter, all the items we would be requesting from each class, each week. So, here it is! Sometime over the coming weeks we will be asking for the following, so if butter is on special this week you can grab it, or if you see something good for the lucky dip you can get it now instead of waiting. The choice is yours!

There will still be reminders in each newsletter as usual. Thank you very much for your help with these donations.

WEEK BEGINNING

ROOM	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar
1	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	White rice	Lucky dip prizes	Grocery hamper items
2	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	White rice	Lucky dip prizes	Grocery hamper items
3	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	Grocery hamper items	Lucky dip prizes	Grocery hamper items
4	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	Grocery hamper items	Lucky dip prizes	Grocery hamper items
5	No class in this room				
6	No class in this room				
7	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	Butter or sugar	Rice or canned chillibean	Lucky dip prizes
8	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	Butter or sugar	Butter or serviettes	Lucky dip prizes
9	Sweet Making Ingredients	Bagged lollies	Condensed milk	Vegetable cooking oil	Lucky dip prizes
10	Sweet Making Ingredients	Giftbasket items	Condensed milk	Tinned tomatoes or tomato sauce	Lucky dip prizes
11	Sweet Making Ingredients	Giftbasket items	Condensed milk	Tinned tomatoes or tomato sauce	Lucky dip prizes
12	Sweet Making Ingredients	Giftbasket items	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Tinned tomatoes or tomato sauce	Lucky dip prizes
13	Sweet Making Ingredients	Lucky dip prizes	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Condensed milk or butter	Tinned tomatoes
14	Sweet Making Ingredients	Lucky dip prizes	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Condensed milk or butter	Tinned tomatoes
15	Sweet Making Ingredients	Lucky dip prizes	To be advised	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Tinned tomatoes
16	Sweet Making Ingredients	Sugar	To be advised	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Toiletries for raffle baskets
17	Sweet Making Ingredients	Condensed milk	Lucky dip prizes	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Toiletries for raffle baskets
18	Sweet Making Ingredients	Butter	Lucky dip prizes	Toiletries for raffle baskets	Serviettes
19	Sweet Making Ingredients	Grocery hamper items	Tinned tomatoes	Sugar	Serviettes
20	Sweet Making Ingredients	Grocery hamper items	Tinned tomatoes	Sugar	Serviettes