

St Francis Xavier Catholic School

Gala Update 4

5 March, 2012



3 Weeks to go...

Can you help?...

On the Day

We are still desperate for more helpers to set-up, pack up and man the food stalls and outdoor rides on Gala Day. Please complete the form (over page) and hand in to the Office.

Sandwich makers

Can you spare a couple of hours on the Friday night before the gala to help make sandwiches for the morning tea stall? Bread, butter and fillings can be supplied. Please call Shadow on 437 1841 if you can help.

Curry stall & Argentine Cooking Day

We need helpers for our curry cooking morning (Fri 16th, 9am, Marist Clubrooms) and our Argentine cooking day (Date and time TBC). Contact Shadow if you can join them 437 1841.

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 any amount of time at all, we would be very grateful! Please pop into the school hall, or contact Katy 459 1263.

WANTED

Trailers / utes: We would like to borrow some trailers for picking up large items on Friday morning and moving items to classrooms etc.. If you can help please phone Nikki or Carl 437 7148.

Horse: These rides are always very popular, and we need 1 more horse! Please phone Janet 435 0710.

BBQ's: Do you live close by? We are looking for some BBQ's to borrow to ease the load on our food stalls. If you have one with a full gas bottle and could deliver it to us, fantastic! Please call Nikki or Carl 437 7148.

Small tables with umbrellas: We are expecting a hot sunny day on Gala day! Therefore, we need to borrow some small tables with umbrellas for the ride and ticket takers. If you have one, please contact Nikki or Carl 437 7148.



Gala Day Sat 24 March

Room by room...

We would like say a BIG thank you to our families for their generous donations of items so far. We have had a great response to our requests, so much so that we don't need any more wrapped lollies, tinned tomatoes or sweets ingredients!

Therefore, you will notice that this week the requests may be different from what was originally advertised in Gala newsletter 1.

We would appreciate your help with the requests below:

Please send to school with your child(ren) before **Friday 9 March**

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4	Grocery hamper items
Rooms 7, 8 & 9	New hair ties, marbles
Rooms 10, 11 & 12	Serviettes (budget will do)
Rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16	Vegetable cooking oil
Rooms 17, 18, 19 & 20	Tomato sauce

Books

We have two rooms for books again this year, Rooms 9 and 10. Helpers are needed to sort and price books before gala day, and also to help on the day. If you can spare just one hour to help out, that would be great! Please phone Serena on 435 6787.

Also, if you can help with any of the following, please drop them into the school hall:

- **Plastic grocery bags needed** - we go through thousands!
- **Good quality pre-loved books still needed**
- Please, NO: Encyclopedias / reference sets
Cassettes or videos
Weekly gossip magazines (e.g. New Idea)

Thank you!

Thank you, we know there have been a lot of requests for help with the Gala. We really appreciate your help, and remember all the money raised benefits your children!

Dropping off Goods After Hours

For security reasons, the school hall is only available before, during and for a short time after school for dropping off goods. Please don't leave goods outside the door during the weekend as it unfortunately seems to encourage the vandals.

Plants and Produce

Potted plants, excess vegetables, jams etc can be brought into school on Friday 23rd.

White Elephant

Thanks to all those who have dropped off some great quality items into our hall over the past few weeks, for our stalls. Keep them coming, as we still need more to make this gala a real success.

We would like to let everyone know that we will not be accepting any old large TV's, computers or printers. Thank you.

Storytelling and magic tricks – free at this year's gala...

Two of the things we had feedback on from our Parents Survey last year, were that it would be great to have some more free entertainment at the gala.

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will have children's entertainer and storyteller **Kelly Belly Button** reading fairytales at 10.00am, 11.00am, 12noon and 1.00pm in the grassy area between the Church and the netball courts. Keep a lookout for Kelly and her fabulous assistants, all dressed up in their costumes (kindly loaned to us from Alter Ego Costume Hire – again thanks to Kelly Belly Button!).

We will also have a roving magician entertaining the crowds on the back field throughout the day.

The line-up for the Entertainment Arena, sponsored this year by Yovich, Hayward, Pevats, Johnston Accountants, will be available soon on our website. Posters in the classroom windows and next to the stage on gala day will keep you up to date with who's performing and when.



New signs

We have brand new signs for this years gala, which have been painted by our students, with the help of Mrs Webber!

A big thank you to the awesome team at **Palmer Canvas** for providing the banners for the signs.

You'll have to come along to the Gala to see how fantastic they are!

Next meeting...

Wednesday 14 March @ 7.00pm in the staffroom

Contact us: Email: sfxgala@gmail.com

To DO:

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

Sweets

Thanks to all those faithful people from last year who have agreed to make sweets for us again this year. If you are new to the school and fancy yourself as a fudge or coconut ice maker, then we would be glad to have you on board. There are ingredients available if you are able to make more than two batches, just give me a call and I will sort you out.

I will be making flax leis again this year with Mrs Hepi's room as they were so successful last year. I will also be coming in on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times to make extras, so if your child is interested then tell them to start looking out for us from next week.

Thanks to Huanui Orchards who will once again donate the apples to be toffee'd by the fabulous Matthews family!

Remember to come along on Saturday 24th to see your efforts displayed so beautifully by the sweet team... I wonder what this year's theme will be?!

Thanks, Aynslie 021 1057 600

Time to Get Baking...



Your child(ren) will be sent home with some empty **cake boxes** on Friday 16th. Please send them back the following Friday 23rd (drop off in Room 3) full with delicious home baking – it's a great fundraiser!

Don't forget they freeze well - if the weekend is the only time you have to bake.

Craft Stall...

If you have any good quality hand-made items you are willing to donate to the Craft stall, please drop them off to the school hall.

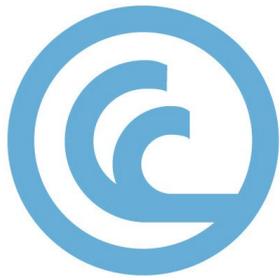
What's new on the Web??

Don't forget to check out our website and facebook sites to stay up to date with plans for the gala. We post copies of the weekly newsletter (in case you misplace the copy the kids bring home). We also have the latest information about our sponsors and we'd love you to support their businesses where you can. New information about auction items up for grabs and entertainment planned for the day is also online.

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/StFrancisXavierCatholicSchoolPTFA



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Continuing our excellent track record in Northland, we invite people to approach us should they have a project they are considering. It may be something as straight forward as a retaining wall or effluent report. It may be a site suitability report for a building, perhaps an extension on the house, or renovation of the Bach, we are happy to assist. Should you have something bigger in mind, we would again welcome the opportunity to be part of your success. We are locals who are part of the communities we live in, and enjoy the opportunity to constructively enhance the environment we all share.

We are pleased to be able to support St Francis Xavier Catholic School Gala as a Gold Sponsor in 2012.

Salt - Whangarei, voucher...

Awesome! Salt Surf in Whangarei have generously donated a \$500 clothing voucher for our auction.

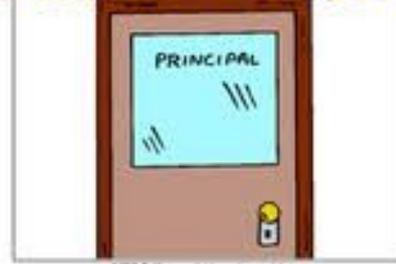
You can spend this in store and even have access to a personal stylist who will assist you with spending your voucher if you wish!

Silver Sponsor...

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ACCOUNTING SPECIALISTS

Kids-only Auction - Be Principal for a Day!

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



**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).



Free draw... Win an iPod!!

Hey, have you **Heard The Word**??? **100% Barrell's** have generously donated an iPod as the lucky draw prize at the end of the Gala Auction!

All you have to do is fill out your details and be present at the time of the draw. This is a **free** draw.... yes something for nothing!.... open to all.... **FREE** to enter!

(One entry per person and you need to be present for the draw).

Spread The Word.... nice one Pete and Paul, you Barrell's guys are the Bomb!!

Pit Stop