



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

# Gala Update 1

11 February, 2013



This year's gala is on...

## 23 March, 2013

Welcome to the first Gala Update for 2013. For those of you who've experienced a SFX Gala before, you'll know that this is a fantastic family day out and a great event for the whole community. If your family is new to the school, it's also a great way for you to get involved with the school, meet new people, help with fundraising and have a good time!

Every volunteer hour and every penny raised directly benefits our children by giving them more opportunities at St Francis Xavier. Over the past few years the funds raised have helped to subsidise swimming lessons for all the children, subsidise the Kawau Island camp for senior students and outdoor education days for junior students, build the senior playground, build the resource room, buy computers and ipads and fund security cameras, landscaping and murals. Last year's gala raised a staggering \$41,358.92 for our school! Can we match or better that outstanding amount this year?

## 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, as we have to pay for dumping items that do not work
- **Children's car seats** — Please check the date on the back of the seat to make sure it has not expired
- **No TV's, Video's or 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 20 March.



## Contact us...

### General queries:

Aynslie 436 1504  
021 105 7600

### Outdoor rides:

Janet 435 0710

### Auction items:

Maygan 437 3797  
Julie 435 1672

### Crafts:

Kerri 021 166 1248  
Tash 021 129 9570

### 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:

Murf 437 1114

### Volunteers:

Reg 437 5475  
Nikki & Carl 437 7148

### Newsletter items:

Kelli 459 1303

## 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.

**Next meeting... Wed 20 Feb @ 7.00pm in the staffroom - All welcome!**

Get more gala info on the website: [www.sfx.school.nz](http://www.sfx.school.nz)

## Auction Action Silent and LOUD

Our Auction Team are keen to hear from anyone who may have an item for us. This can be anything, eg: Quilting, Art Work, Sports Items, Power Tools, Clothing, Beauty Products, BBQ, Kitchenware, Plants, Food and Beverage vouchers, Massages, Meals, Sculpture, Boats, unwanted gifts or vouchers.



We need great quality items for the Auctions... Brand new or even if it has previously been used and in great condition, we are keen to give it a new owner!

Perhaps you have a service that you could give time or a value towards.

We can promote you through our Website and Facebook, as well as acknowledgement through promotion on the day. We are very keen to hear from you, please call Maygan: 0274 437 379, or Julie: 021 522 712.

## Donated items

Would you like to do something but haven't got the time?? We would very much appreciate the donation of 2 large whole cooked hams for our sell-out ham buns.



We will also be needing mussel meat for our popular fritters, and chicken for our curry... if someone has a contact, or perhaps is not a baker and would like to donate in a different way, we would very gratefully receive these items! Thanks!

## Chiller Truck/Trailer needed...



Do you have a chiller truck, or trailer, or have a friend who does? We would like to borrow one the night before gala, and on gala day, to keep all our goodies cold! If you can help, please contact Shadow on 437 1841.

## Vacancies:

With families moving on, or previous helpers organising other parts of Gala Day, we are looking for some dynamic people to help in some of our stalls this year. We can organise helpers for these stalls, but we need Co-ordinators to bring it all together. Could you help in one of the following:

- ◆ Toy Stall Co-ordinator
- ◆ Sweets Stall Co-ordinator
- ◆ Face Painting Co-ordinator

If you are willing to organise these stalls, please call Aynslie on: 436 1504, or 021 105 7600.

## 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.



We already have 74 friends on Facebook. We'd love you to join us and share with all your friends. You'll get the scoop on all the great goods and services we have up for auction on gala day. Share in the excitement and help us promote the gala to the community.

➔ [www.sfx.school.nz](http://www.sfx.school.nz) (Click on "Our Gala")

From there you can link to our Facebook page.

## 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:

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



# Thanks to our Gold sponsors...



**G.J. Gardner. HOMES**



## Sweets

We have sweet makers already making 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 6. We will be doing our usual class by class donation system from the next newsletter.

## Rule the Skool is back!



For 2013 we are again offering the opportunity for a current SFXCS pupil to win this job for the day.

**Rule the Skool... your rulz... your way...** (within reason).

This year it will be in the form of a Draw. Tickets can be purchased by anyone, but the name on the ticket must be a child from our school to be eligible for the draw. The lucky winner will be drawn on the day. Please encourage family and friends to buy tickets for this great prize.

Remember to check that the child whose name you write on the ticket wants the Job! What a great job....Ruling the Skool!!

## Succession Planning...

Now is a great time to think about stepping up and joining the Gala Crew. Learn the ropes now as we plan for people eventually moving on; future success builds on succession planning, even for Galas! Don't be shy, you don't have to attend meetings, there are other communication networks. Talk to our Gala Boss Aynsleie, or any of the crew, we would love to hear from you!

Volunteers warmly wanted, people at home making crafts or fudge, bottling produce and jams, growing plants, sorting donations... It's all part of being part of the SFXCS community!

## Sponsorship offers are a sell out

Wow - the sponsorship team have **SOLD OUT** all our packages!

We are delighted to welcome two new GOLD sponsors this year - GJ Gardner Homes and Carpet Court. A big thank you to the wonderful businesses who have snapped up our sponsorship packages. You will see more from these sponsors in our newsletters over the coming weeks.

- GOLD:** GJ Gardner Homes  
Carpet Court
- SILVER:** Elevate CA Ltd  
Yovich Hayward Pevats Johnston Chartered Accountants  
Pitstop
- BRONZE:** Chilltech  
Main 4 Architects  
Harrison King Architects & Town Planners Ltd  
Telfer Young  
100% Barrells  
Northland School Wear  
Marsden, Woods, Inskip & Smith

As well as our gold, silver and bronze sponsors, we have a huge number of businesses who donate items for our raffles and services in kind such as coffee making, waste disposal and printing. We'll be featuring more information about these businesses too in the coming weeks in our newsletters and on our Facebook page and website.

If you missed out, but would like to donate something, we'd love to hear from you as we are still looking for items for our raffles and auction.

## Classroom requests...

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! **This week we would appreciate any sweet making ingredients.** There will still be reminders in each newsletter as usual.

- Sweet making ingredients (Butter, sugar, condensed milk)
- Bags of Individually wrapped lollies for the lolly lei's (eg: Mcintosh, Minties, Fruit Bursts)
- Giftbasket items
- Lucky dip prizes
- Grocery hamper items
- Tinned tomatoes
- Hair ties and marbles
- Serviettes
- Vegetable cooking oil
- Tomato sauce

Thank you very much for your help with these donations!

