

St Francis Xavier Catholic School

Gala Update 4

4 March, 2013



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.

Morning Tea Helpers

Can you spare a couple of hours on the Friday night before the gala to help make sandwiches for the morning tea stall? Everything is supplied. Please call Shadow on 437 1841 if you can help.

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.

Cupcake Makers

Do you consider yourself an expert cupcake maker, who bakes beautifully light & moist cupcakes? These sell really well in our Morning Tea stall, so why not make some instead of cakes to pop into the cake boxes that come home? That would be awesome! Thanks!

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 Karl 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 Karl 437 7148.



Gala Day Sat 23 March

Room by room...

We would like say a BIG thank you to our families for their generous donations of items so far.

This week we would appreciate your help with the requests below:

Please send to school with your child(ren) before **Friday 8 March**

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4	Grocery hamper items
Rooms 8, 9 & 10	Items suitable for lucky dip
Rooms 11, 12 & 13	Serviettes (budget will do)
Rooms 14, 15, 16 & 17	Vegetable cooking oil
Rooms 18, 19, 20 & 21	Bags of individually wrapped lollies

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 22nd.



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.

Do you live on Kamo Road?

If anyone lives along Kamo Road, or knows someone who does, who might be happy to have one of our Gala signs on your fence or lawn, please contact Aynslie 436 1504.

Kelly Belly-Button is back again this year!

We are delighted that Kelly Belly Button will be back with us at the gala this year. She will be reading fairytales at 10.00am, 11.00am, 12noon and 1.00pm in the grassy area between the Church and the netball courts. In between these hours she will be having fairy fun with bubbles.

And it's ALL FREE, so when the kids (or you) need a break, pop on over and enjoy a sit down and a story with Kelly.

An all day line-up of entertainment ...

This year the auction will be moving to the front of Rooms 1 - 4. This means that we can have entertainment all day in the main Entertainment Arena (sponsored again this year by Yovich, Hayward, Pevats, Johnston Chartered Accountants).



The line-up will be available shortly on our website and a blackboard on gala day by the main performing area will keep you up to date with who's performing and when.

New Marketing & PR Co-ordinator wanted

After six years managing the marketing and PR for the gala, our co-ordinator is stepping down from the committee at the end of this year's gala. So we are on the hunt for someone with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for promoting the gala.

We have templates and systems already set-up and lots of support available. If you have a talent in this area and a few hours to spare, we'd love to have you involved. Contact Tracey Morris: sfxgala@gmail.com

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, Mrs Gunson's and Mrs Cash's rooms, as they were so successful last year.

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 23rd 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 15th. Please send them back the following Friday 22nd (drop off in Room 17) 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...

Do you enjoy sewing? Are you a bit of a dab hand at making crafts? If you have some spare time and would like to collect a pattern from our lovely craft stall ladies and help with some crafts, they would love to hear from you!



Or perhaps you have some good quality hand-made items you are willing to donate to the Craft stall?

If so, please contact Tash 021 129 9570, or Kerri 021 166 1248.

Next meeting...

Wednesday 6 March @ 7.30pm 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 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



91.6 More FM is on board...

We are stoked that MORE FM has come on board as our major radio promotions partner. We will have the MORE FM promotional car on site and one of their announcers with us for the whole day.

We also get a package of promotional trailers on MORE FM plus listings on their website and in the Community Notices on The Edge, The Rock and Radio Live in the 2 weeks leading up to the Gala.

This is over \$7000 in promotional support. WOW!!! Thank you so much MORE FM. We really appreciate your support.

Let's show our support for them - tune in to 91.6 MORE FM or join them on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/91.6MoreFM.

Auction

The Auction crew are rocking along, so it is best to follow them on:

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

as this is up to date with the amazingly generous contributions.

Fab Food and Beverage vouchers, Pampering and Polishing, Dental Hygienists and Teeth Whitening, \$250 ITM Whangarei Vouchers, 3 x 10 Les Mills Class Concessions for those aspiring fudge eaters... Gorgeous Necklaces, Autographed Blues Rugby Shirt - thank you Northland Rugby!, a Crusaders Autographed Jacket, Laser Hair Removal, Plants... It's going to be a blast!!

We are regularly posting confirmed items on our Facebook page, so this is a great way to share the interest and spread the word.



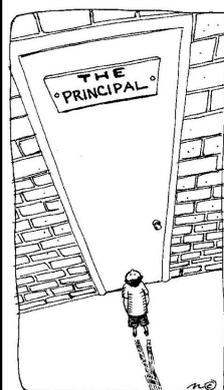
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Toy Stall

Our Toy Co-ordinator has a few requests. If you can help with the bags, please drop them into the school hall.



- **Plastic zip-lock or glad snap-lock bags** - these are great for putting puzzles and small toys in
- Please **do not** send any broken toys or games, or puzzles with missing pieces, as we can't sell these!



Principal for a Day!

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).

Mr McKernan is always smiling because Mrs Head lets him have chocolate biscuits for morning tea... what an awesome job! Have an aspiring Principal in your house!!

This year it is in the form of a raffle, with every child who wants the job having the opportunity to buy a ticket and being in to win this fantastic job for a day!! ... ANYONE can buy a ticket of course, as long as the name on the ticket is a current student from our school.

The lucky winner will be drawn on the day. Please encourage family and friends to buy tickets for this great prize.

Free prize draw Win a 24" flat screen TV!

There might not be a free lunch on offer, but one lucky visitor will win a free 24" flat screen TV on gala day – WOW!

Chilltech have generously donated the TV as this year's **FREE PRIZE DRAW**. It's free to enter for anyone that walks through the gate on gala day. The TV will be given away as the lucky draw prize at the end of the Gala Auction!

All you have to do is fill out your details on the entry form by the raffle stall and be present at the time of the draw.

This is a **free** draw.... yes something for nothing!.... open to all.... **FREE** to enter!

Free TV Gate Prize Draw Conditions

- Visitors must complete an entry form (these are free and no purchase is required)
- One entry per person
- Winner must be onsite to claim the prize at the end of the auction, otherwise it will be redrawn.

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 "PTFA" then "Our Gala")

Facebook:

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