



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

## Gala Update 6

18 March, 2013

# 4 Days to go...

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We want to say a HUGE **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped and supported this year's Gala, we truly have been blessed. This includes everything from giving time freely to help sort & price goods, organise stalls, donate items, goods & services for our auction and raffles to cash sponsorship to cover expenses such as hiring rides, goods, food and vegetables for our stalls, ingredients for our sweet makers, craft items to sell and the list goes on...

### Information sheets for stall helpers

For all our helpers, thank you! Please collect your information sheet from the office, from Tuesday morning onwards. It will let you know when and where to arrive on Saturday, and give you any other information you need.

### Presales

In past years we have had quite a few people wanting to buy some of the second hand goods that have been donated during the week leading up to the gala. This has caused a few complaints, so once again this year to make it fair for everyone there will be NO PRE-SALES before gala day. No exceptions. Please do not be offended if our stall holders refuse you a pre-sale.

### Sales of ride tickets

We are again having pre-gala sales of ride tickets - 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 this week, from 8.15am - 8.45am and 2.50pm - 3.30pm each day outside the school hall.



## Gala Day Sat 23 March

### 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. This way we ALL get to spend some time at the Gala with our families! We need:

- ☺ **15** more helpers for horse rides, face painting and to man the food stalls. Please call Nikki or Karl on 437 7148, or Reg on 437 5475.
- ☺ **Sorters** are still needed daily in the school hall, but particularly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ☺ **Set-up - Friday** to set up classrooms and help with putting up gazebos & trestles, and **Saturday** from 7am for more setting up and from 2pm putting away and taking down everything.
- ☺ **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!

### Dropping off Goods...

The **last day** for dropping off any White Elephant goods is **Wednesday 20 March** (other than large items). Please, **absolutely NO drop offs on Saturday morning!**

If you have any large items or furniture to donate, we would appreciate these being dropped off on Friday. If you need us to collect these items, just give Katy a call on 459 1263 and they will be collected from you on Friday.

### Start time.... All stalls open at 9.00am

**Gala Day Programme & Map**  
Will be available at the Ticket Tents on Gala Day - don't forget to pick up your copy!!



# G.J. Gardner. HOMES

# FINAL DROP OFFS

## Sweets

Fantastic effort by everybody! Please bring fudges/ coconut ice to Room 17 on **Friday morning** in ice cream containers or similar. Clearly label your container if you need it returned. Make sure you pop into Room 7 on Gala day to see your hard work looking fabulous and selling fast!

Thanks, Aynsle and the Sweets team

## Cakes

You will have received your cake boxes by now. We hope you find the time to put some yummy **home-made** cakes in the boxes!



Please label the **INSIDE LID** of the box with the type of cake (so buyers can see it when we have the cakes on display), and bring your cake boxes to Room 3 on Friday. We would also appreciate it if you do not pre-cut the cakes and slices. Thank you.

## Plants & Produce

Please bring on Friday and leave next to Room 1.

## Crock pots & rice cookers

We need to borrow some extra crock pots and rice cookers for cooking rice and keeping hot dogs warm on the day.

If you have one we could borrow, please drop it off to the office on Friday morning. Please make sure you **LABEL** all the bits (i.e. lids, inside, outside) with your **NAME** so we can return them.

## Gazebos

We would like to borrow a few more gazebos. If you have one you could lend us, please drop it off to Room 6 on Friday, making sure it is clearly labelled with your **NAME**.

# Entertainment

We have a great line up of Entertainment:

## 9.00am - 10.00am Kat Brown

Kat Brown, an established NZ singer songwriter, has performed locally, nationally and internationally. With her soulful dulcet tones she performs covers from then and now, as well as awesome original music, some of which has appeared on local albums and recording work featured overseas.

## 10.00am - 11.00am Morgan Edwards

Morgan Edwards has played music locally for the last 5 years. She performs acoustic songs in the genres of pop, alternative and rock of artists such as Brooke Fraser, Lana Del Rey, Maroon5 and Fleetwood Mac.

## 11.00am - 12.00pm Nicola Probert

Nicola Probert and Saraiah Tamihana are two of the many talented staff at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. When they're not playing duck, duck, goose or shakin' it at Jump Jam, they sing a wide variety of songs ranging from Lady Gaga and Crowded House, to Janis Joplin and Miley Cyrus. Two strong voices, some sweet, sweet harmonies and a dash of mischief is the best way to describe these two lovely ladies.

## 12.00pm - 1.00pm Chris Parry

Chris Parry, local actor and musician, most often found rocking with his band 5KPH, regales this year's gala with a solo act.

## 1.00pm - 2.00pm Cake n Eat It, featuring Kat Brown, Lyndon O'Hara & Bill Ruys

Cake n Eat It, combines the talents of Kat Brown along with those of the very well known Lyndon O'Hara and Bill Ruys. Together they play several venues in and around Northland, and have recently performed original work as supporting artists to the national band the De Sotos.

Don't forget **Kelly Belly Button** will be reading fairy tales at 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm on the grassy area between the Church and the netball courts.



Kat Brown



Chris Parry



Cake n Eat It

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## Auction

This year the **LIVE AUCTION** starts at 11am outside Room 1. Gary Younger will be there to auction our collection of amazingly generous donations. We have worked hard as a team to bring you some seriously great items, and would like to say thank you to the generous support of local businesses and friends of the school.

The signed Dan Carter and Ritchie McCaw rugby boots we are hoping will be a fabulous addition to the Auction (***we reserve the right to set reserves on some items***).

Be there to **avoid disappointment** as you will hear people have brought some fabulous items!

**Silent Auction** in Room 2 has seriously great gear, with some beautiful and generous donations of art work and items of quality, as well as collectables. Absent bids are welcome, so come early or look through the list and phone us through your bid.

## Lots of rides and slides

New this year are the Segways, Water Walkers and Animal Riders. All the old favourites like the Vertical bungee, mini hot rides, coconut shy and horse rides will be back too!



**Last minute info, please contact Gala Co-ordinator:**  
Aynslie 021 105 7600

**Contact us:** Email: [sfxgala@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgala@gmail.com)

## Hangi

Remember to get your tickets from the school office.

This year the hangi is \$10.00 and includes chicken, pork, mutton chop, kumara, potato, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing and frybread!

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.



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

So if you are online, why not "like" us and share with all your friends as well:

[www.facebook.com/StFrancisXavierCatholicSchoolPTFA](http://www.facebook.com/StFrancisXavierCatholicSchoolPTFA)

## SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

We hugely appreciate the contribution of each and every one of our sponsors & supporters.

We would like to encourage parents and caregivers to show your support where possible by using the services of these businesses (perhaps mention their support of the Gala when you are there, so they know it's working!).

You will have seen the logos and/or adverts of our major sponsors in these newsletters, on various flyers/posters and of course our Facebook page – if you are an online convert. You will see and hear more about these great local businesses on the big day.

For a full list of our sponsors and supporters please check out the Sponsors and Auction pages on the gala section of the school website: [www.sfx.school.nz](http://www.sfx.school.nz) (click on "Our Gala").



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## SEE YOU @ THE GALA

We would like a lovely sunny day this year, so everyone remember to pray to St Joseph for fine weather!

Don't forget to invite Grandma, Granddad, cousins and friends. There will be heaps to do for the whole family...

Parking may be busy so why not catch a bus... Check out the NRC website for details: [www.nrc.govt.nz/bus](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/bus)

PS: Mums and Dads - The **Café Latino Van** is operating again so you can get your caffeine fix! They will only be accepting cash on the day, so remember to bring plenty!

## Gala wrap-up meeting..

**Wednesday 10 April @ 7.30pm in the staffroom**

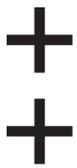
Do you have some suggestions for next year?

If you can't make it to the meeting and have some ideas/thoughts on the gala, please send an email to [sfxgala@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgala@gmail.com), or write them down and hand in to the Office.

All welcome!

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

# Once again, thank you to some of our Sponsors and Supporters of this year's Gala:



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