



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

Gala Update 1

10 February, 2014

This year's gala is on...

Saturday, 22 March

Welcome to the first Gala Update for 2014. 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! To make it a success, it takes support from our whole school community. Any help you have to offer in preparation and/or on the day will be most gratefully received.

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, subsidised the Kawau Island camp for senior students and outdoor education days for junior students, built the senior playground, built the resource room, brought computers and ipads and funded security cameras, landscaping and murals.

Last year's gala raised a staggering \$44,000 for our school! Can we match or better that outstanding amount this year?

Gala changes...

We would like to let everyone know that there will be **NO** White Elephant or Clothing/shoes stalls this year. Unfortunately we have had to make this difficult decision, mainly due to storage issues. But don't worry, all the rest of the old favourites will still be there!

Dropping off goods

We would really appreciate any second hand treasures you can donate for the Book and Toy stalls. Toys can be dropped off in Room 6 and books can be dropped off at the school hall. For security reasons, the school hall is only open from 8.30am to 3.00pm for dropping off goods. Please don't leave goods outside the door during the weekend or in the evening as it unfortunately seems to encourage the vandals.

Goods are welcome as soon as possible so we can get them sorted. The last day for drop off of items is **Wednesday 19 March**.

Also another couple of requests:

- Any **spare banana boxes** we can use for sorting would be appreciated, just drop them off to the school hall
- **Plastic grocery bags**



Contact us...

We are always looking for new "Gala Crew" members.

Gala meetings and crew contact details are advertised in our regular gala newsletters and on the website. All welcome.

If you can help in one of the areas below, here are our contact details...

General queries:

Aynslie 436 1504
021 105 7600

Outdoor rides:

Megan 437 7715
021 818 537

Auction items:

Pamela: 027 598 3222

Food stalls:

Lisa: 435 0090
021 185 4988

Sweets:

Aynslie 436 1504

Entertainment:

Chris 021 073 6106

Sponsorship:

Kath 438 3246
021 260 6966

Books:

Serena 435 6787

Toys:

Jenny 436 0009

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 contact Jenny or Serena (details above).



Get more gala info on the website: 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 Pamela on 027 598 3222.

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 Aynslie, 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 deals

All our sponsorship packages have sold out - you have to be quick! Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors this year.

Vacancies:

Gala Convener (aka "Gala Boss")

Aynslie has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this year's Gala, as we have had no response to the position at this stage. If you feel it may be something you are interested in doing in the future, NOW is a really great time to make yourself known to her. This way you can work alongside her and learn the ropes (so to speak) and see how well organised and planned the Gala is. If you are a parent perhaps in middle school, have become familiar with the school community and feel you are ready to give that little bit more, then Aynslie would love to hear from you. It really is a great event!

Volunteers Co-ordinator

If you are great at organising people, then please consider being our Volunteers Co-ordinator. We have lots of volunteers that need to be given jobs, so we need someone to oversee this. Please contact Aynslie on 436 1504.

Performers

Does your child have a talent? We are looking for performers for the main stage on gala day and we would love more of our school children to be involved this year.



Or perhaps you know of someone else that may want to perform? If so, Chris would love to hear from you. Tel: 021 073 6106.

Next meeting...

**Wednesday 12 February
6.30pm in the staffroom**

All welcome!

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 21 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

Gala Update !

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 the school hall. We will be doing our usual class by class donation system from the next newsletter.

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!



Food Stalls

Can you or your group of friends run a food stall that represents one of our many cultures? Ingredients and helpers can be supplied. Call Lisa if you can help on 435 0090 or 021 185 4988.

Scallop Shells

We have had a very generous offer from a local artist who is going to be making some exciting crafts out of scallop shells. Exactly what that is will be a surprise!

So, if you get any scallop shells, we would be grateful if you could wash and dry them and save them for us. We will let you know when to bring them into school. Thanks!

 Find us on
Facebook

We'd love you to join us and share our page 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 (Click on "Our Gala")

From there you can link to our Facebook page.

Rule the Skool is back!



Once more, we are 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 will again 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!!

Thank You... A big thank you to all those Gala Crew members who have already been beavering away on plans for Gala 2014 for the last few months.



Thanks to our 2014 Gold sponsors...

G.J. Gardner. HOMES



Check out some of the fun from last year's gala...



The many faces of
GALA DAY
2013