



# 2 Weeks to go...

## Can you help?...

There has been a great response from the junior and middle school for the Helper slips, thanks very much! You will notice however further on in the newsletter that we still require some helpers for specific tasks.

Come on senior school - for some of you this may be your last GALA!

Aynslie - Gala Co-ordinator.

### Samosa Makers

We are looking for volunteers to join us for a "Samosa" making evening, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**, from **6.00pm - 9.00pm**, in the school staffroom. No experience needed, just a genuine willingness to help! If you can help, please contact Sammy on 022 612 3321.

### 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 the Friday morning before gala day.

Please make sure you **LABEL** all the bits (i.e. lids, inside, outside) with your **NAME** so we can return them.

## Dropping off Goods...

The **last day** for dropping off any books or toys is **Wednesday 19 March**. We really appreciate your respect of this request, as our volunteers need this time to sort through these items so they are ready for sale on gala day. Please, absolutely **NO** drop offs on Saturday morning!



## Gala Day Sat 22 March

## Room by room...

We have had such a fantastic response to our requests, so thank you to everyone! We rely on your help for the gala each week with the requests below:

Please send to school with your child(ren) before **Friday 14 March**

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4	Vegetable cooking oil
Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	Grocery hamper items
Rooms 12 to 21	Items suitable as lucky dip prizes (e.g. Little notepads, pencils, hairties, packets of balloons, marbles, erasers etc)

## Sales of ride tickets...

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

## WANTED... 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 Lisa on 435 0090 or 021 185 4988.



**Remember - there is NO white elephant or clothing/shoe stalls this year!!**

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## Books, Books, Books

We are in desperate need for your good quality, pre-loved books to sell on Gala day! If you can give them a wipe before bringing them to the hall, it would be much appreciated - we spend **hours** cleaning books so that they are presented in the best possible way.

Last year we made a record profit on the book stall - with your help we can match it again this year!



Thanks for your support ☺

## Cake Box Reminder...

Your child(ren) will be sent home with an empty cake box on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Please send it back the following Friday 21<sup>st</sup> (drop off in Room 17) filled with delicious **home baking!** If you can make more than one cake, please see your child's teacher for extra boxes!!

Youngs Four Square will take pre-orders to make cakes for you to pop in your box! Great idea for those who are too busy to bake (or if you are not much of a baker)!!



And remember, if you want to make cupcakes to put in the box, these are always welcome as they sell really well at the morning tea stall!



## Curry making helpers..

The Curry making team are needing some helpers. We will be meeting at **9.00am on Friday morning (21<sup>st</sup> March)**, at the Marist Clubrooms to get this prepared.

Valerie is the Boss and she will give us guidance on the tasks to be done. Many hands make light work as they say, so we would welcome helpers for peeling, chopping etc... Please!

There will also be the job of cutting up mussels for the very popular mussel fritters.

Pop it in your diary now! If you hear of anyone looking for something to do, it's a great social gathering. If you can help, please call Lisa on 435 0090 or 021 185 4988 ..... awesome, thanks!

## Hangi

This year preparation for the hangi will be done at school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, outside the front of the staffroom, in the courtyard. We will be making a start on the veges at 2.00pm, so we invite people to come along with a peeler and/or sharp knife to give us a hand. Many hands make light work!

The hangi includes chicken, pork, mutton chop, kumara, potato, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing AND frybread.

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale at the school office from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. 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. Any queries, see Whaea Jacqui or Sharon Wendt.

## Auction Action



We have some seriously GREAT Goodies in our Loud and SILENT auction this year... you will be pleasantly surprised! But we need a bit more! So if you know someone who might want to donate something, or want to donate something yourself, then let us know.

Thanks to all those who have donated some fabulous items for the auction. Saint Francis Xavier has some special friends in fascinating places...

💰 **Dan Carter** signed Adidas Backpack. Yep, seriously!

💰 **GJ Gardner** have built a Mighty Playhouse - that kids of all ages will want!

💰 \$500 vouchers from **Whangarei ITM**, \$300 vouchers from **Bethells Uniforms** and a \$499 Tooth whitening package from **Lumino**.

💰 **Bloom Flowers** have donated some gorgeous flowers. **Villa Hairdressing** Products Basket.

💰 **Number Works 'n Words** have donated 2 vouchers of five sessions each, for tuition in Maths or English.

Check out our full list of auction items, which is growing daily, on our website or on Facebook:

<http://sfxgala.weebly.com/auction-items-2014.html>

## Rule the Skool Raffle & iPod Draw

Remember we have a **Free 16GB Apple iPod Touch Draw**, that's right, something for nothing!! Open to everyone and free to enter! All you have to do is fill in your details and be present when they draw the winner at the end of the Auction.

And we can't forget the **Rule The Skool Raffle!** Kids - do you fancy being Principal and ruling the school for the whole day??!! You could have Mr McKernan as your PA!! Raffle tickets are \$1.00 and you can buy as many as you like! Anyone can buy them as long as the name on the ticket is for a current SFXCS pupil who wants the job.

## Website...

Our website has lots of fantastic up-to-date information on gala happenings, photos, auction lists, recipes, sponsor information, entertainment line-up & more! Make sure you stay up-to-date by having a look:

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

## Sweets



Thanks so much for the generous contributions of sweets ingredients. We now have enough for our makers to get boiling. If you are having success with your batches and feel you could make a couple more, I have ingredients available, including coconut, so just let me know.

If you need freezer space I can arrange this also. There are ice cream containers if you would like to collect them and return to school on the Friday before the gala (filled with sweets of course!).

Thanks again for your support, it looks like we are well on target to match last year. Aynslie 021 105 7600

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## Things we still need...

If you can help with any of the following please drop them off to the school hall:

- **Any spare banana boxes - we are desperate!!**
- **Unused rolls of Christmas wrapping**
- **Plastic zip-lock or glad snap-lock bags** - these are great for putting puzzles and small toys in

## Gala Day Posters

If you have a business in town, or have friends that do, and would be happy to display one of our Gala Day posters in the window, please pop into the school office and grab a few copies. Thanks ☺

## Got some Potatoes?? ...



We have a request from our Curry makers, for bags of pre-washed small potatoes, suitable for boiling (not roasting or mashing potatoes please).

If you can help, please send them along to your child's classroom. Thanks!



## Thank you!!!!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Nicki and Rodolfo from Café Latino, who will once again be donating 100% of their coffee profits to the Gala.

They have done this for a number of years, and we are truly grateful for their time & continued support.

They will only be accepting cash on gala day (no eftpos), so make sure you bring plenty to get your caffeine fix!!

## 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.**

We need:

- ☺ **Helpers for the food stalls!** Please call Roseanne: 438 6130 or 021 215 6490
- ☺ **6** more helpers for the **Morning Tea stall.** Call Roseanne (*as above*).
- ☺ **2** more helpers for the **Toy stall.** Call Roseanne (*as above*).
- ☺ **2** more helpers to price the cakes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> for the **Cake Stall.** Call Roseanne (*as above*).
- ☺ **Helpers for the Rides.** Please phone Roseanne (*as above*)
- ☺ **Set-up on Friday** - To set up classrooms from 3.00pm. We also need a "Gazebo set-up person extraordinaire", a team that can set up our many gazebos and move equipment on Friday afternoon
- ☺ **Set-up on Saturday** - From 7.30am to move trestle tables and equipment - meet outside the staffroom
- ☺ **Packing up on Saturday** - From 2.00pm we need to put equipment away, take down tents and gazebos
- ☺ **Cleanup** - it will be all hands on deck for the big clean up from 2.00pm - 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!

## Next meeting...

**Wednesday 19 March @ 7.00pm in the staffroom**

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

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 7.30am
- 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



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# G.J. Gardner. **HOMES**

As of October 2012, Peter and Pamela Butler have been running GJ Gardner Homes Whangarei, after moving up from Auckland with their three daughters; aged 22 months, 4 and 7 years, and are thoroughly enjoying the lifestyle change that living in Northland has brought.

They are excited to be part of the leading home building business in NZ. “G.J. Gardner Homes has grown significantly in the last 18 months and is well on the way to being Number 1 in Whangarei again. Peter and Pamela believe that what makes GJs such a unique business is the vision the company has. “Our vision is to have every customer recommend us to their closest friend. If we can achieve this, we will have a successful business” says Peter.

Working with GJs, people should expect that we will act with integrity, honesty and not only deliver a great home at the end of the day, but also make it an enjoyable experience.

If you are considering building, or know someone who is, then we would love to hear from you.

You can contact us on (09) 437 5666, or just drop in for a cup of coffee and a chat.

**Peter & Pamela Butler, G.J. Gardner Homes**

## We would like to thank some of our Sponsors for their support towards this year’s Gala:



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## Coconut Shy



For over 45 years, generations of the Pemberton (Carr) and Eilering (Bonetti) families have run the SFX Gala coconut shy!

This year is no exception with Ruth & David and Michelle & Paul and families looking forward to the competitive fun the shy holds.

Kids step back up to the rope time and time again, to successfully outdo their parents in throwing those hardwood balls (THE originals, made by Max, Ruth’s Dad), and smashing down that coconut as a prize to keep and enjoy.

Come along and join in this fun competition with great sponsorship from Michelle’s business Moretalk Speech Language Therapy, a great supporter of our school.



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