



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 toys & books, 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.

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.

Dropping off Goods...

The **last day** for dropping off any books or toys is **Wednesday 19 March**. Please, **absolutely NO drop offs on Saturday morning!**

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!!



Gala Day

Sat 22 March

WANTED... Helpers for on the day

Calling all those who have never volunteered for the school gala before ... Come and Join the Fun!!!

Don't leave it to the same old people who do it every year. It's a great way to get involved in the school community.

It's a great way to meet new people.

It's a great way to get to know others better.

It's a great way to show your children their school is important to you.

Or work together as a family and get your children to help you on a stall.

If you can't do the whole day, a couple of hours will be awesome!

You get blessed as you give. And It's Fun!! We still need:

- ☺ **12** more helpers to man the food stalls. 3 helpers for the 9 - 11.30am shift and 9 helpers for the 11.30am - 2.00pm shift. Please call Roseanne on 438 6130, or 021 215 6490.
- ☺ **12** more helpers for the rides, particularly the late shift. Please call Roseanne (*as above*).
- ☺ **1** more helper for the Auction, from 12.30 - 2.00pm. Please call Roseanne (*as above*).
- ☺ **Free iPod Draw stall** - Are there any grandparents that would like to man our free iPod draw stall? All you need to do is chat to people as they put their names in the box, and keep a little eye out for people trying to put their name in more than once! Please call Roseanne if you can help (*as above*).
- ☺ **Set-up - Friday** from 3.30pm, to set up classrooms and help with putting up gazebos & trestles, and **Saturday** from 7.30am for more setting up and from 2.00pm putting away and taking down everything.
- ☺ **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!

NOTE: Roseanne will be at school on Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon, either by the playground or the hall when they are selling tickets, with her bright pink folder. So, if you would like to volunteer your time, or have questions about what you are doing already, pop and see her!

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, Aynslie and the Sweets team

Cakes

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



Remember if you want to make extra please get more boxes from your child's teacher.

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 box(es) to **Room 17** 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 plants and produce under the trees by the stop drop & roll, and any jams or preserves to the school hall. Thanks!

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.



We would like to say a BIG Thank You to Fonterra for helping us out with a truck to transport the water for our Water Walkers ride - without their help we would not have been able to have this very popular ride for the kids!

So, thank you again Fonterra for supporting your local community.



Entertainment

We have a great line up of Entertainment:

9.00am - 10.00am	Kat Brown
10.00am - 10.05am	Sam Winterton Violin students
10.05am - 10.25am	Whangarei Youth Music
10.25am - 11.15am	Nicola Probert and Sariah Tamihana
11.15am - 11.20am	Riya Behere
11.20am - 11.25am	SFX Jump Jammers
11.25am - 11.40am	Caitlin & Keisha Morris
11.40am - 12.00pm	Whangarei Academy of Dance
12.00pm - 12.10pm	SFX Kapa Haka Group
12.10pm - 12.40pm	David and Claudia Meredith
12.40pm - 12.50pm	MWS Entertainers
12.50pm - 2.00pm	Hot Spot - featuring Kat Brown and Lyndon O'Hara



Kelly Belly Button will be reading fairy tales throughout the day on the grassy area between the Church and the netball courts.

Free gate prize draw Win a 16gb iPod & cover!

Don't forget to enter this prize draw by filling in your details on the entry form by the raffle stand - it's FREE to enter!!

The draw will take place at the end of the Gala Auction, so make sure you are there!

Free iPod 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.



Principal for a Day!

Kids - remember to buy your tickets for this raffle!

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

Every child who wants the job has the opportunity of buying a ticket and being in to win this fantastic job for a day!! How cool would it be to be the Principal for the 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 a ticket for this great prize!

G.J. Gardner. **HOMES**

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Auction

This year the **LIVE AUCTION** starts at 11.00am 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.

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

Silent Auction in Room 2 has even more generous donations of quality items.... Absent bids are welcome, so come early and have a look.

Cash or Eftpos payments are required on the day.

Lots of rides and slides

All the old favourites are back again this year: water walkers, animal riders, vertical bungee, hot rods, coconut shy, giant slide, bouncy castle, soccer game, mini golf, paintball and horse rides!

We also have some new and exciting things this year, like Doug the Digger & the **Mega Splash Dunking Machine** - make sure you bring a change of clothes if you want to be dunked in this - how cool!!!



Contact us: Email: 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

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 (click on "Our People/ P.T.F.A/Gala 2014").



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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: <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 2nd April @ 7.00pm 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, or write them down and hand in to the Office.

All welcome!

Get more gala info on the website: www.sfx.school.nz

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

