



This year's gala is on...

Saturday, 21 March

Welcome to the first Gala Update for 2015. For those of you who have experienced a SFX Gala before, you'll know 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, buy computers and ipads and funded security cameras, landscaping and murals.

We will be sending home a newsletter each week in the lead-up to the gala, so you can keep up to date with all the activity. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Can you help?

Sign Installer: These people have the job of placing the signs around town at the identified spots three weeks prior to Gala day, then uninstalling them. It is a two person job, builder ideally, or handy man/woman would also suit.

Electrician: On the day we need an electrician to ensure we have everything set up safely. If you can help please contact Aynslie on 436 1504

Land: Do you have good road frontage? Can we put a sign up on your fence or front lawn?

Dropping off goods

With all the building happening on site we are restricted on storage space.

The first day for the drop off of items is **Monday 9 March**.

Do you have any second hand treasures you can donate to the books and toy stalls? Please continue to collect those goods and put them in a safe place at home.



Succession Planning...

Are you interested in joining the Gala Crew? Learn the ropes now. Future Gala success is dependant on succession planning. Don't be shy, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested please contact anyone on the list above.

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

Kelly 027 3351495

Entertainment

Chris 021 073 6106

Sponsorship

Katy 459 1263

Books

Serena 435 6787

Toys

Alison 021 027 57872

Lucky Dips:

Gloria 438 0878
027 680 7958

Garden Stall:

Reg Sweeney 437 5475

Pre-gala sorting

Can you spare the odd hour before, during or after school? If you can help please contact Alison or Serena (details above).

Only 4 weeks to go!

Auctions

Our auction team, (loud and silent) are keen to hear from anyone who may have an item for us. This can be anything. Goods or services, brand new or even if it has previously been used and in great condition. New owners are waiting. Coffee cards and food-related vouchers sell really well at auction!

If you happen to be at your local, please sound them out and contact the auction team, or better still receive it on our behalf. We will follow up with the promotion and contacts for the business. Perhaps you have a service 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.

For any queries or to discuss donating something, please call Pamela on 027 598 3222

Our Auction Team have been hard at work, and have some fabulous items up for auction and silent auction this year.

Here's just a few items we have confirmed so far:

A Boot Camp Package from Activ8, a Snickers cake from Cuppacakes Northland! YUM, Kids sunglasses from OPSM and Jewellery from Fishers on Cameron

We have a selection of great vouchers kindly donated from Bacio, Bethells Uniform, Kamo WOF, Dominos, Clapham's Clock Museum, My Movement, Body Fuel, Kiwi Yo and Numberworks.

We also have some great Gift Baskets for the "Be in To Win" auction stall.

GJ Gardner have donated another Play House to the Auction, yes a real deal children's play house! This is just the start!

Keep an eye on the Gala Facebook page for updates of auction Items as they come in. Thank you to everyone who has said YES when we have asked for support. It's a challenging job asking, but it is wonderful that our children will be receiving the full benefit of these generous donations. Keep them coming... what will be on the list next week?

A big thanks goes out to **Gary Younger** who will be our Auctioneer again this year!

Sponsorship

TWO SILVER SPONSORS NEEDED - \$500

We are looking for two dynamic companies or families who wish to have a presence at the Gala this year. We need a **Ticket Tent Silver Sponsor!** You will have the rights to advertise at the ticket tents around the school. This is a high profile opportunity!!

Secondly a **Pre - School Area Silver Sponsor.** This is a hugely successfully area, with great exposure for your company. This sponsorship opportunity allows you to display your banners around the area and hand out promotional material.

ONE BRONZE SPONSOR NEEDED - \$200

This option entitles you to display your banners at one of the major rides/attractions. We have sold 5 so far, please get in touch to secure your sponsorship this year.

Please phone Kathleen Hill (09) 438 3246 or 021 260 6966 to secure your sponsorship today.

Performers

Can you dance? sing? act? or otherwise perform? Do you know anyone who can?

We are looking for individual or group performers to join our entertainment line-up on gala day.



Please contact Chris on 021 073 6106.

Next meeting...

Wednesday 25 February

7:00pm 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

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Sweets

Are you a sweet maker or would prefer to donate ingredients? Please contact Kelley if you can make some sweets. If you are not a sweet maker but are willing to donate ingredients, 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 to your child's classroom. Please check the news letter for the room by room donations (check the last page).

Classroom requests...

Please check the last page for room by room donations. We will be asking for the following over the next couple of weeks, so if butter is on special this week, or you see something good for the lucky dip you can get it now instead of waiting.

- Sweet making ingredients
- Bags of Individually wrapped lollies for the lolly lei's (McIntosh, Minties, Fruit Bursts)
- Lucky dip prizes (suitable for age 5 upwards)
- Grocery hamper items
- Serviettes

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.

Morning Tea Stall

We need a co-coordinator for this popular stall please. Kristy, who does a fabulous job with the morning teas, may be unavailable for next year's gala so needs a side-kick this year to learn the ropes.

She has a 'How To' manual which will make it very easy.

If you are interested please contact Lisa Minhinnick on 435 0090 or 021 185 4988.



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!!

Garden Stall

Required for Gala

Jams, Pickles and Chutneys etc (jars available)

Garden plants, tools and garden accessories

Phone Reg 437 5475



Get more gala info on the website: www.sfx.school.nz or www.sfxgala.weebly.com



Thanks to our 2015 Gold sponsors...



G.J. Gardner. HOMES



Room by room...

We allocate each class an item to bring each week until the gala so we can make up gift baskets, hampers and lolly leis to sell and raffle. These are always popular!! The ingredients we pass on to our sweet making volunteers.~ Thank you very much for your help on this one.

Please send to school with your child(ren) before Friday 25February

- Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 & 10: Bags of individually wrapped Lollies
- Rooms 11, 12 & 13: Butter
- Rooms 14, 15 & 16: Items suitable for Lucky Dip (5 years and up)
- Room 17: Sugar
- Room 18: Butter
- Room 19: Butter
- Rooms 20 & 21: Sugar

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

