



Only 2 weeks to go!

Can you help?

There have been very few responses for helpers. Please return your slips and let us know what you can help with.

Please contact Roseanne if you have any queries on 438 6130 or 021 215 6490.

Entertainment

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.

Dropping off Goods...

Time to start dropping off your Gala items. Please use Room 8 for this and drop during school hours.

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.

The last day for dropping off any books or toys is **Thursday 19th March**.

Please, no drop offs on Saturday morning.

TOYS TOYS TOYS

Please drop your toys to room 8, also;

- **Plastic zip-lock or glad snap-lock bags** - these are great for putting puzzles and small toys in
- Only toys and puzzles in working order please. We cant sell broken ones.



Gala Day Sat 21 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 13 March	
Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4	Vegetable cooking oil or bottled tomato sauce
Rooms 7, 9, 10 & 11	Serviettes
Rooms 12 to 21	Items suitable as lucky dip prizes (5 years and up)

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 - 3.15pm each day outside the main office under the shade sale.

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 are NO white elephant or clothing/shoe stalls this year.

Books, Books, Books

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



Thanks for your support ☺

Cake Box Reminder

Our child(ren) will be sent home with an empty cake box on Friday 13th.



Please send it back the following Friday 20th (drop off to Room 17) filled with delicious **home baking!** If you can make more than one cake, please see your child's teacher for extra boxes.

Young's 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).

Hangi

This year preparation for the hangi will be done at school on Friday 20th 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 fry bread.

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale at the school office from Monday 16th 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, Any queries, see Whaea Jacqui or Sharon Wendt.

Check out the Rides

The Bucking Bull: This is a fabulous ride where you will have the opportunity to hang on to the bull for as long as you possibly can before being bucked off - a great one to watch and cheer on friends and family too.



The Mega Splash: Dunk your teacher? Mr McKernan is booked for 11am. Miss Pirrit, Mr Hacker and Mr Thornton are all willing to be dunked.

Are there any more teachers, parents or former pupils prepared to be dunked?

Please contact Megan on 021 818 537

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...



- ◆ **A signed Hockey Stick** from Stacey Michelsen and some of the current Black Sticks donated by Chill Tech.
- ◆ **Ever wanted to Fly a Plane??** We have a voucher for an hour on NESTS Fight Simulator donated by Northland Emergency Services Trust!!
- ◆ **A Boot camp** package from Activ8,
- ◆ **\$300 vouchers from Bethells Uniforms**
- ◆ **A funky Suitcase** donated by Harvey World Travel
- ◆ **Mint Florists** have donated some gorgeous flowers.
- ◆ **Villa Hairdressing** Products Basket.
- ◆ **Number Works 'n Words** have donated a vouchers of five sessions, for tuition in Maths or English.

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

Crock Pots and Rice Cookers

We need to borrow some extra crock pots and rice cookers for cooking rice and keeping food 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.



Website

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

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

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Gala Day Posters

If you have a business in town, or have friends who 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.

Principal for a Day

We are again offering the opportunity for a current SFXCS pupil to win this job for the day. **Rule the Skool... your rulz... your way...** (within reason).

Mr McKernan is always smiling because he has chocolate biscuits for morning tea... what an awesome job!

Have an aspiring Principal in your house!!



This year it is in the form of a raffle, with every child who wants the job having the opportunity to buy a ticket and being in to win this fantastic job for a 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 tickets for this great prize.

Needed...Helpers for the Gala

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**
- ☺ Helpers for the **rides**
- ☺ Helpers to **set-up on Friday** - To set up classrooms from 3.00pm.
- ☺ Helpers to **set-up on Saturday** - From 7.30am to move trestle tables and equipment - meet outside the staffroom
- ☺ Helpers to **pack up on Saturday** - From 2.00pm we need to put equipment away, take down tents and gazebos
- ☺ Helpers to **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!
- ☺ We need helpers to **chop mussels** for the popular mussel fritters on the Friday morning before the gala. If you can help (and can bring a sharp knife and a chopping board) please contact Lisa Minhinnick on 435 0090 or 021 185 4988.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March @ 7.00pm in the staffroom

Contact us: Email: 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; 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



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Something for nothing lucky Draw:

SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB 4 10.1 16GB WIFI RRP \$559.00

Have your name in and be there after auction for a chance to win. Open to everyone who attends
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Conditions of entry:

- 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.

Coconut Shy

For over 46 years, generations of the Pemberton (Carr) and Eilering (Bonetti) families have run the SFX Gala coconut shy.

This year is no exception with Ruth and David, Michelle and 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.

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

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