



~~~~~GALA NEWS~~~~~



**Welcome to the first 2010 Gala Newsletter. Mark your calendars and diaries now!
The St James' Catholic School Gala is set for**

Sunday 19 September 11am-2pm

The St James' School Gala is a whole school, whole community event. This is the BIG annual PTFA fundraiser which supports our children at St James'.

The Gala committee has had its first meeting. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time and energy. Yes it is a bit scary thinking about 'Gala' so soon, but the secret to its success is to plan early. To all our NEW families at St James', welcome to your first GALA.

Our Gala Team this year includes:

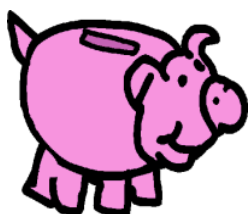
Chairman	Richard Mikkelsen	3573139 / 027 2095832
Secretary	<i>to confirm</i>	
Finance/Purchasing	Tracey-Lee Crowe	
Parent Coordinator	Diana Kessler	323-2421
Sponsorship & Prizes	Tina Grant	3298020 / 021 2044740
	Jacinta Robertson	3544204 / 021 2054004
Equipment	Richard Mikkelsen	3573139 / 027 2095832
Front Field	Michael Hudson	3577419
Back Field	Craig Auckram	3588757
Hall Convener	Leonel Alvarado	3550814
Classroom Convener	Maggie Cooper	3551323 / 027 7337084
Marketing	Teresa Edwards	3579719

WHAT HAPPENS FIRST?

Our Parent Coordinator, Diana Kessler, will have started phoning Stall Conveners from last year to register their commitment this year. Once she has this first part done she will then ring every St James' family and coordinate the staffing of all Stalls. She will try very hard to place you on a stall of your choice, but please be flexible where needed. We encourage at least one parent from every family to work on Gala day.



Our Sponsorship duo, Tina and Jacinta, have sent out a letter to every sponsor from last years Gala thanking them for their support in 2009 and encouraging them to get in behind us again this year. The more support and sponsorship we get the better our end result. If you know of anyone or any business that can offer financial support, donate a major prize, raffle item or goods to auction, please get in touch with Tina or Jacinta. Alternatively please fill in the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter and place it in the Gala Box in the School Office. Thank you.



WHAT WILL THE MONEY WE RAISE BE USED FOR?

It is the responsibility of the PTFA to manage the funds raised from the Gala. They take great care to listen to School and Board requests for funding and discuss through committee how funds will be spent. At present the PTFA have a commitment to the Board of Trustees and are funding the lease for the laptops, and the Junior Discovery Area (Phase 2 programmed for 2011). Funds from this years Gala will continue to support those projects.

HOW YOU CAN GET READY FOR GALA.

We do our best to make the preparations for Gala as stress free as possible for all concerned. Remember if we join together in Unity and with Enthusiasm and Respect for each other, then the Gala will be a success. Highlighted below are areas where we need your help and ways you can get yourself ready for the donation weeks which will follow in Term Three. If you have any questions or concerns, give someone from the committee a ring or drop a note into the Gala Box located in the School Office. We appreciate all contributions and offers of help. Please do not wait to be asked. If you can help with anything or in any way please let us know.

EQUIPMENT

Thank you to PBT for the use of their large tent for our food stall over the years it has been greatly appreciated and most helpful. Unfortunately this contact is no longer available. We are on the hunt for the use of a large tent/marquee for the Front Field. If you can assist or offer help with this request please contact Richard Mikkelsen directly, contact details above.

CRAFT STALL

The craft ladies are already working away on many wonderful items in preparation for the Craft Stall.

They are looking for donated items such as:

- Fabric
- Scrapbooking materials, such as paper, glue embellishments, etc
- Large coffee or milo tins
- Any other crafty type of materials would also be welcome



Please drop your donations to the School Office, or call Tania Putu on ph: 3552810 if you have any questions.



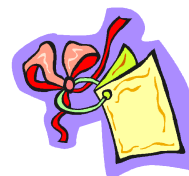
PRESERVES

Is there anyone interested in being part of a 'Gala Preserves Group'? If so please give Kate Bell a call on ph: 354 0620. Donations of sugar, fruit and small jars are welcome anytime. Talk to Kate about collection, or leave them at the School Office.

Small jars – baby food jars, cute jars, square jars.

FLY BUYS

If you have Fly Buy points you do not know what to do with – we would love them!! They can be turned into vouchers or items for donation. Alternatively you could purchase a reward that we could use on the Wheel or as a Raffle item.



FORWARD THINKING

During the next school holidays start putting away those good quality items you no longer use that could be good for the Garage Sale, Used Clothing Sale, Book Sale, Toys – keep these items aside for the Gala. Early next term a container will be delivered to school for storage of these items, so start cleaning out these holidays!! All items are greatly appreciated, however, a friendly reminder we would like quality second hand goods only. **Please NO computers or televisions.**

RECYCLING

We take the School environmental focus of recycling seriously and have listed a number of items that we need; clean plastic shopping bags, clean ice cream containers and lids of A4 photocopy boxes, clean plastic food trays (not meat ones). Please start setting these aside if you haven't already.



COMMENTS

All the **SUPER** values of St James' are needed to make Gala a success. If you have any comments, can help in any way, or have an idea please share it with a committee member or place a note with contact details in the Gala Box in the School Office. Remember the committee is only a small group working behind the scenes. We need your help in making Gala 2010 a success.

DONATIONS

Leading up to the Gala we have donation weeks where we ask you for certain items, be that baking supplies, lucky dips, sweets, etc. We ask that you donate each week, where possible. Below outlines the week and type of item we need. We will remind you in the school newsletter what the donated goods are. Donations should be collected in the classroom. A community donation bin will also be left at the front of the Office for your generous contributions such as Wheel and Raffle items, vouchers etc. Plan ahead and look out for flyers in your letter box that may give you ideas. Shops such as Uncle Bills, The \$2 Shop, Dollars and Sense and Coin Save offer many low cost ideas. Check out the bargain bins and special racks at shops like K Mart, The Warehouse and even your own local supermarket. You may even have pre-loved or unopened gifts at home suitable for donations. This should not be stressful!!!!

Term 3	What We Need
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mufti for Lucky Dip. Friday 23 July. Items around \$2-00 – wrapped and marked boy or girl please
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smellies / Toiletries e.g. boxed soaps, hand lotions, room scents pot pouri sachets, perfumes, gift packs.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sugar. Plain white sugar only. Used for Candy Floss, jams, preserves, sweets.
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baking Products. Please check your classroom notice. Each class has been asked to donate something different.
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mufti for Mystery Bottles. Friday 20 August eg wine, oil, bubble bath, vinegars etc <u>NO FIZZY PLEASE THIS WEEK</u>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweet Treats e.g. chocolates, fudge, specialty jams etc.
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheel and Raffle Items
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIZZ. 1.5 or 2 litre bottles
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cakes and Sweets. Friday 17 September & Saturday 18 September. Please deliver baked items for the Cake and Sweet stalls.

All of the above donations will be used for the wheel prizes, raffles, mystery bottle, lucky dip baking and sweet making, and various prizes for other stalls.

TOGETHER WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Sponsorship/Prizes

I can donate a prize or offer sponsorship. Please contact me.

Name:

Business: