



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



2010 Gala Newsletter Week 1 Term 3.

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'.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time and energy. The Gala Committee welcome Carolina Reidel who has kindly joined the team. Thank you Carolina your enthusiasm is most appreciated. Each week you will receive a Gala newsletter counting down to the big day! It will let you know of dates and each weeks donation. If you have just joined us and this is your first Gala, welcome it is great to have you on board!

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

Our Parent Coordinator, Diana Kessler has been busy over the holidays and has confirmed most Stall Conveners. We have identified some gaps in key roles and we are seeking leaders (Conveners) for three of our stalls. If this sounds like you please get in touch with Diana as soon as possible on ph: 323-2421 - she would love to hear from you.



Cake Stall Conveners Needed

This role coordinates the baking goods and distributes this to known "high volume" bakers ahead of gala day. Ensures that the stall is ready for Gala day along with helpers and has the overall responsibility for the stall on the day. This is a great stall, very fast paced and very popular with the public.

Raffle Table Conveners Needed

This role needs a person who manages the raffles that are sold outside the office block on Gala day. This role requires someone who is outgoing and able to "work the crowd" to get the raffles sold. This person has overall responsibility for the stall on the day. This is a great area to work, you get to see all the activity around Gala while encouraging the public to purchase raffle tickets.

Tattoos Conveners Needed

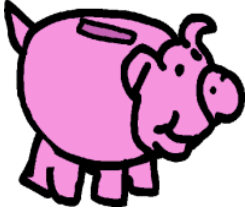
You don't need to be an artist for this role - but you do need to be pretty "cool"! This role is for someone who can relate to kids and gets why tattoos are "cool". Full training provided on how to use the gear. This person has overall responsibility for the stall on the day. This is a very popular stall with the kids and the time goes very fast on the day!

Diana will now continue to ring parents to complete the required number of helpers per stall. If Diana has rung and left you a message please be courteous and kindly return her call. She is trying 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.

SPONSORSHIP

We have had a great response to the initial letter sent to last years sponsors for prizes and donations. 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.

The Major Raffle is away at the printers and will be sent home shortly. A big thank you to the sponsors of our Major Gala Raffle. They are Holme Fagan Trust, Bos Cleaning Supplies, Hotel Coachman and Caltex Fitzherbert. Your generosity is outstanding.



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.

TOMORROW IS MUFTI FOR LUCKY DIP – FRIDAY 23 JULY

Tomorrow the students can wear Mufti in exchange for lucky dip items. We are looking for small inexpensive items suitable for the Lucky Dip. Stickers, knuckle bones, playing cards, bubbles, hair accessories, balls, and the likes. Lucky Dips can be for boys or girls of any age, and if you can wrap them that's even better! Lucky Dip is fun and sells out very quickly. Remember to place them in your classroom collection bins. Extra Lucky Dips are greatly appreciated. We also have a community donation bin in the front foyer ready to receive your generous donations.

NEXT WEEK IS SMELLIES

Next week we are looking for smellies. Nice smelling toiletries such as bathroom gift sets, hand lotions, boxed soaps, talc, perfumes, room fragrances, body washes, pot pouri, wardrobe freshners, draw liners etc. These are used to put together small gift baskets on the wheel or as prizes. Items can be for either male or female of all ages. Remember to place them in your classroom collection bins. Thank you.

WEEKLY 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.

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

Correction. It was Motor Truck Distributors who generously donated 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. We are also keen to get hold of at least another large gas hot plate suitable for cooking sausages and meat patties. If you can assist or offer help with these requests please contact Richard Mikkelsen directly, contact details below.

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.



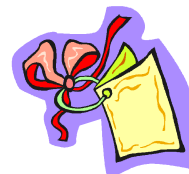
PRESERVES

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.

Our Gala Team this year includes:

Chairman	Richard Mikkelsen	3573139 / 027 2095832
Secretary	Carolina Reidel	
Finance/Purchasing	Tracey-Lee Crowe	3555431/ 027 2314148
Parent Coordinator	Diana Kessler	3232421
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

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