



## ~~~~~GALA NEWS~~~~~



2010 Gala Newsletter Week 2 Term 3.

### 7 WEEKS TO GO!

**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 that supports our children at St James'. 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?

Well done St James' **SUPER** Achievers your donations over the last two weeks have been terrific. You are really getting right behind the meaning of this - to work together in unity for the good of our children.

Our Parent Coordinator, Diana Kessler is patiently working through her list of names confirming Stall Conveners and helpers. We have identified some gaps in key roles and we are seeking leaders (Conveners) for two 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.



#### Tattoos Convener 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.

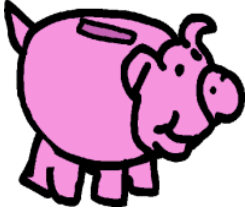
#### SPONSORSHIP

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.

#### RAFFLE TICKETS

Today we sent home one raffle book with every child, and two with every Year 6 student. There are 10 tickets per book. It is our goal to sell all 300 books. Each ticket is \$2.00. Families are responsible for the value of each book, if books are lost you are still responsible for returning the money. We encourage you to sell your tickets as quickly as possible and return the money and raffle butts into the Gala Box in the School Office. **ALL books and money should be returned no later than Friday 21 August.** 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.

### NEXT WEEK IS SUGAR

Next weeks donation is sugar. **Plain white sugar.** We use a lot of it for Candy Floss. It is also very useful in baking, sweet making, and preserves. What happens with the baking donations? These donations go to the people in our community who have agreed to be *High Volume Bakers*. The Sweet and Cake stalls in the Hall are extremely popular. If you are keen to be a baker, sweet maker, or preserver call Lesley Williams ph:3562269 (baking), Anne Madigan ph:3550356 (sweets), or Kate Bell ph:3540620 (preserves). We will let you know of any bake-off's in the coming newsletters.

### 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 letterbox 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!!!! If you have been away or missed a weekly donation feel free to make your contribution and pop your donation in the collection basket in the front foyer of the School Office.

Term 3	What We Need
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sugar.</b> Plain white sugar only. Used for Candy Floss, jams, preserves, sweets.</li> </ul>
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Baking Products.</b> Please check your classroom notice. Each class has been asked to donate something different.</li> </ul>
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mufti for Mystery Bottles. Friday 20 August</b> eg wine, oil, bubble bath, vinegars etc <b><u>NO FIZZY PLEASE THIS WEEK</u></b></li> </ul>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sweet Treats</b> e.g. chocolates, fudge, specialty jams etc.</li> </ul>
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wheel and Raffle Items</b></li> </ul>
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FIZZ. 1.5 or 2 litre bottles</b></li> </ul>
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cakes and Sweets.</b> Friday 17 September &amp; Saturday 18 September. Please deliver baked items for the Cake and Sweet stalls.</li> </ul>

### 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.

## CONTAINER

A container will arrive at School on **Monday 2 August** ready for your donations. The container will be located behind the School Hall and will be open Monday-Friday 9am-Noon. Please bring your donations to the doors at the back of the hall. Don will sort through them and put them securely away in the Container. All items are greatly appreciated, however, a friendly reminder we would like quality second hand goods only. **Please NO computers or televisions.**



## EQUIPMENT

We are still 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.



## 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:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Richard Mikkelsen</b>	<b>3573139 / 027 2095832</b>
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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Daytona  
Dean Smith Pilling Electrical  
Foto First Ltd  
Freyberg Community Pool  
Friend & Wistrand Panelbeaters  
Gillespie's Value House  
Godding Gas U Up  
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