



Newsletter 1 – Tuesday 12 December

For those new to the school, the Gala is held each year and is the PTA's main fundraiser. It has a great reputation and is a real highlight for the school and the community. So mark the date in your calendars now – SUNDAY 4 MARCH 2018.

The Gala committee has already swung into action, and we're looking for fresh faces to get on board. Volunteers are an essential part of making the Gala a success and we would really appreciate parents thinking about how they can contribute. We understand parents have many commitments so we just ask that parents do whatever they can to help out and being involved in the Gala is also a great way to meet new people in the Ngaio school community. There are lots of ways you can help, from taking on a co-ordinator role or working on a stall on the day, through to donating goods or your time.

We really appreciate all the time, goods and services that parents donate, it makes a big difference and helps the PTA to be able to provide those extras that benefit all the kids at Ngaio School. Funds raised from last year's gala were used to build new pool changing sheds. The sheds are now finished and looking fantastic and ready to be used for some water fun days this term, swimming fun over the Christmas holidays and swimming lessons for use by the kids in term 1.



How you can help

Attached to this newsletter is a one page sheet with all the key dates for class competitions, dropping off goods and lots of other handy information about the gala. In the meantime there are a few things that we really need your help with.

Volunteers

We have some key roles involved in preparing for the gala that we need to fill. If you are interested in helping out with one of these roles (or in any other capacity for the gala) please contact Celia at celiaruthhorner@gmail.com

Food committee

We are looking for people to be food stall co-ordinators and part of a food committee to help out Bec Clouston who is the overall food co-ordinator. No previous experience is necessary.

Prize co-ordinator and team

We are looking for a prize coordinator and small team of people (group of friends to make it fun!!) who can help source items for our auctions and raffle and someone who is able to co-ordinate it all. We already have someone who has offered to manage the technical side of the Trade Me auction, so we are looking for people to get out in the community and source goods and vouchers that we can auction or raffle. Email Celia at celiaruthhorner@gmail.com

Auction/Raffle Items

We are on the look-out for items for both the auction and the raffle. So if you have something you can donate or have a relationship with a company or individual that may be able to donate something please contact Celia at celiaruthhorner@gmail.com

Holiday jobs

If you've got a spare minute or two in the holidays, why not:

- go through your bookshelves and weed out old books, to make way for new summer reading – box your unwanted books for the book stall
- make some room in the toy box for Santa's offerings this year, and put your pre-loved but still appealing toys aside for the toy stall (while the kids are out of course!)
- pot up some seedlings and cuttings for the plant stall? Clean out your garden shed and donate any unwanted plant pots to the Gala
- dig out any broken crockery at home and set it aside for the ever popular smash palace in the cricket nets.
- put aside glass jars to be used by those making chutneys and jams
- hold onto sturdy boxes for us – banana boxes, My Food Bag and Bargain Box boxes are particularly useful
- recycle those unwanted Christmas presents! Don't throw out any unwanted wine, toys, chocolates or gifts - save them and donate them as a raffle prize, or to the toy stall
- keep any spare wrapping paper, as we will gladly take it for the lucky dip prizes.

Website skills

We are currently considering developing our own PTA/Gala website. Is there anyone in the school community who has expertise in this area that would be able to assist us? Please contact Celia on celiaruthhorner@gmail.com

Thanks so much!

PTA Gala committee