



## Newsletter 5 – Thursday 22 February – 10 days to go!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the gala in some way. We still have lots of ways you can help, please keep an eye out for gala news in your email inbox next week and make sure you have followed us on Facebook. Here are the key things for this week:

- The last drop off for items for the [clothing stall](#) is Sunday
- Drop off for items for the white elephant, [toy and book](#) stalls start on Sunday
- Please remember to [sign up to volunteer](#) - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) (code is **2ycnr**)
- Our [online auction](#) starts on Monday evening
- [Cake boxes](#) will come home with your eldest on Wednesday
- We are looking for baked goods for the [café](#) – can you help?
- Our [guess the lollies](#) in the jar competition starts next week

### Volunteer sign up

A reminder to use the online system for volunteers to sign up. We still have lots of places to fill. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **2ycnr** and follow the steps to volunteer for a shift on a stall. If you are not able to help at the Gala, it would be helpful if you could go onto the website and mark yourself as unavailable. This will save us following-up with families who are not available. Any issues, concerns or comments, please email [ngaiojalavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ngaiojalavolunteers@gmail.com) or talk to Emma Mills or Bindy Tatham at school.



### Online gala auction

Our online auction goes live on Monday evening on TradeMe at <http://trade.me/ngaioschoolgala>. The auction runs through until after the gala, closing at 8pm on the day of the gala. Thank you to all the families, businesses and individuals who have donated vouchers, items and experiences for the auction. Make sure you take some time to check out the fantastic items on offer.

### Class competitions

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the class competitions. The winning class for the tombola competition was Room 6 (Miss Unsworth's and Miss Pettigrew's class).

### Guess the lollies in the jar

Our guess the lollies in the jar competition starts on Monday on the stage at school. Each morning next week between 8.30am and 8.55am kids will be able to guess how many lollies are in our giant jar. Each entry gets a jet plane to eat too! The entry closest to the correct answer wins the jar.



### Raffle tickets

All the raffle tickets have been given out. Please return the money and ticket stubs (or unsold tickets) to the box in the school office by 2 March.

## Drop off – white elephant, clothes, toys and books

We would love your good quality goods for these stalls. Please see below for the specific details about what we are looking for, where to take them and when, and what we can't accept.

	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>White Elephant</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>Toys</b>
<b>What we need</b>	Good quality used clothes and shoes (adults and kids)	Good quality items such as bric-a-brac, sports equipment, china tea sets, baby equipment, pictures, furniture, linen, etc. Any linen should be washed and labelled in bags with the bed size noted.	Good quality used books and DVDs for all ages	Good quality toys, games, puzzles. Please place any toys with many parts into a labelled plastic bag.
<b>Where to take it</b>	Prefab closest to the swimming pool and Abbott Street	Prefab closest to the stage	Room 18 (old Clinic, classroom closest to Colway St entrance)	Prefab closest to the stage
<b>When to take it</b>	Final drop off is Sunday 25 February between 3pm and 6pm	Sunday 25 February between 1pm and 4pm or Friday 2 March between 3pm and 6pm	Sunday 25 February between 1pm and 4pm or Friday 2 March between 3pm and 6pm	Sunday 25 February between 1pm and 4pm or Friday 2 March between 3pm and 6pm
<b>What we can't accept</b>	Lingerie, swimwear and stained/ripped clothing	Kids car seats Booster seats Baby cots or walkers Computers, tvs, printers or fax machines	Magazines	Incomplete games or puzzles

If you have goods to donate but can't get to the school during these times, please contact Celia at [celiaruthorner@gmail.com](mailto:celiaruthorner@gmail.com) or on 027 440 5596.

## Café

Get your bake on for the Gala Cafe! We would love to receive your baked goodies to sell - think 'high tea' with small scrummy savoury items, dainty sweet treats, cute decorated cupcakes, fresh plain or savoury scones...or whatever you really love to whip up for the people you love. Donations will be gratefully received in Room 15 between 9:30am and 10:30am on the morning of the gala.

## Waffles

If you can lend us a waffle machine or make some waffle mixture on the morning of the gala, please contact Bridget at [brigitstephenson@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:brigitstephenson@yahoo.co.nz) It helps if mixture is put in a washed 2 litre milk container – nice and easy to pour!

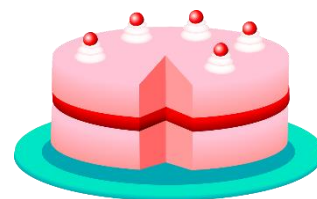
## Sweet stall

Our sweets coordinator (Bridgette Catherwood) would love donations of sugar, icing sugar, condensed milk and golden syrup (please drop off at the office). If you are planning on making items for the sweet stall, please contact Bridgette on 027 227 5883.

### Cake stall

The cake stall is one of the Gala's most popular stalls – with both young and old. Next Wednesday your eldest child will bring home a cake box (that's to be assembled at home). If you're able to, please fill the box with whatever you prefer to bake. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Loaves – traditional fruit, date, gingerbread, lemon, banana, chocolate etc
- Cupcakes – Anything iced and decorated are usually sold individually and are a big hit with the children who love being able to buy something with their \$1 or \$2. (Last year, decorated cupcakes with additional lollies on top and 'Poo Emoji' cupcakes were massively popular – ask your kids for ideas!)
- Cakes – banana; chocolate; lemon; iced and decorated or un-iced depending on your cake
- Slices – lolly cake, afghan slice, louise cake, ginger crunch, lemon etc
- Biscuits – chocolate chip, hokey pokey, anzac, afghan, shortbread etc
- There's demand for gluten-free, dairy-free and egg-free baking too (please note that there's space to mark allergy items on the returning box).

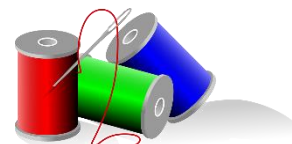


Please drop off your baking to Room 6 on Saturday 3 March between 1pm and 4pm or on gala day between 9am and 10.30am.

Love Baking? If baking is your thing and you're keen to make a few extra items for the cake stall, please get in touch with Vanessa at [vapalmer@gmail.com](mailto:vapalmer@gmail.com) and we can provide you with extra cake boxes/cellophane bags, ribbons etc. We also need to source some baskets/trays/cake and cupcake stands to display items on – could you get in touch with if you can help out with this please.

### Craft stall

We would love contributions to our popular craft stall. In previous years people have made items like skirts, pencil cases, bags, wands, origami, cushion covers, aprons, peg doll kits, story stones, masks and jewellery. If you have items that you would like to add to the stall, please get in touch with Jane Hudson at [janelouisehudson@hotmail.com](mailto:janelouisehudson@hotmail.com). If you need fabric for your creations, there is a fabric box in the school office. Please help yourself.



### Deli stall

Are you able to make hummus, pesto and fresh breads for our deli stall? These are all great sellers, that need to be made the weekend of the gala.

We are also still looking for the following:

- Volunteers to make jams and relishes
- Donations of ingredients for the deli stall - sugar, vinegar, raisins and produce such as plums and tomatoes

If you can help with any of these please contact Lisa at [lisaaleong33@gmail.com](mailto:lisaaleong33@gmail.com)

### PTA Gala committee