



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

## — Te Kura o Hato Hoani —

MAIRANGI BAY, AUCKLAND

### St John's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

*"Nāku te rourou nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi."  
With your basket and my basket, together we will thrive.*

#### ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT GALA - FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**We're dusting off the raffle wheel, hiring the bouncy castle and counting out the cake boxes – Gala preparation has begun!**

A highlight of the St John's school social calendar and a fantastic fundraiser for our school is the Twilight Gala. The Gala is a really fun event that brings our whole school community together. It takes planning, donations and hard work to make it a success but when the load is shared not only is it much more enjoyable but it means that we can all play a role in its success. This is where we need you! If you've never been to a Gala before, check out this video to see what it's all about:

[https://youtu.be/C-VL\\_Edy0Qw](https://youtu.be/C-VL_Edy0Qw)

#### **Each week will have a donation focus.**

Children should **bring these items to their classroom** (unless we specify a different place) and these will be collated by the PTFA and stored in preparation for the main event.

Reminders will be given via your CLPs but also posted in the newsletter and on the school Facebook pages (St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA). You are of course able to bring things in on any week in the lead up to the Gala too!

#### **Each class will be allocated a Gala stall to look after.**

Your CLP will gather volunteers to run the stall on Gala day. These are short time-slots, which mean you can support our school, but also have lots of time to experience the Gala with your whānau.

DATE	FOCUS	DESCRIPTION
Week beginning 16 Sept	Volunteers and Silent Auction items	Can you run a stall or help with the preparation or organization? Does your business have something they could donate to the silent auction?
Week beginning 23 Sept	Chocolate Non-uniform day (27 <sup>th</sup> September) gold coin donation)	Blocks of chocolate for the chocolate trailer Gold coins go in our 'Lucky Envelopes' for Gala Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept– Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Time for some spring cleaning! Put aside books, toys, clean, good quality children's clothing and ceramic pots and get them ready to donate to the Gala
Week beginning 14th Oct	Good condition toys, books, children's clothing and ceramic pots	Bring in all those used books, toys, children's clothing and ceramic pots that you found in the holidays!!
Weeks beginning 21 <sup>th</sup> Oct and 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Quick fire raffle	Wine and chocolate combos Voucher donations
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Plants	Please bring your plants so that they can be sorted (and watered) prior to the Gala.

Every donation and every minute of help that you provide makes a huge difference to the success of our biggest fundraiser of the year! Thank you in advance for your generosity.