



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.

Kia ora koutou e te whānau!

A busy term for everyone, including the PTFA.

The sun came out for the first day of spring and **Frozen Friday 1st September** was another successful fundraising event by the PTFA. We raised \$545 towards our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) fund. Thank you 😊



Our **Quiz night** on the 8th September was also enjoyed by many. We were very fortunate to have a number of local businesses sponsor prizes for this event. A fantastic fun night that raised almost \$1000 through ticket sales and the paper plane/dart throwing competition. Congratulations to all the winners!

The **final fundraiser** for Term 3 is the very popular **Artworks**. The children have been busy creating artwork this term with their teachers that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. **Orders must be placed by Sunday 24th September.**



1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use your Entrance Code: KZ1038.XXXX (from your flyer)
3. Enter your child's room and name



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FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2023, 4pm to 7pm

We're dusting off the raffle wheel, hiring the bouncy castles 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.

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

The Gala requires lots of us working together to make it a success. This is where we need you!

From the beginning of next term we will:

1. Focus on one stall per week

HINT: Print out the table on the next page and keep it on your fridge at home!!

Each week we will be asking you to consider donating items for a specific stall. One week we might ask the children to bring along a block of chocolate for the chocolate trailer, another week it might be pre-loved toys for the toy stall.

Children should bring these items to their classroom or the location specified. All donations will be collated by the PTFA and stored in preparation for the main event.

Reminders will be posted each week on the Facebook page (St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA) and also in the school newsletter. Your CLPS will also remind you.

We are happy to collect any and every donation, so it doesn't matter if you can't donate on that specific week. Donations will be accepted throughout the lead up to the Gala.

2. We will allocate a gala stall to each class and your CLP will call for volunteers to help run the stall on Gala day.



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There is usually a roster, with short time slots, which mean you can support our school, but also have lots of time to experience the Gala with your whānau.

If you are around in the holidays, we will be collecting Books and Toys by the PTFA container on **Sunday 8th October**.

GALA DONATION SCHEDULE

DATE	FOCUS	DESCRIPTION
Fri 22 nd Sept– Sun 8 th Oct, 10am- 12pm	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	This is the time to clear out all those unwanted books and toys and get them ready to donate to the Gala
Sunday 8 th Oct	Books & Toys drop off	Bring in all those used books and toys you found in the holidays!!
w/c 9 th Oct	Volunteers	Can you run a stall or help with the preparation or organization?
w/c 16 Oct	Chocolate	Blocks of chocolate for the chocolate trailer
w/c 23 rd Oct	Quick fire raffle	Wine and chocolate Gift Voucher donations
Sunday 29 Oct	Books & Toys drop off	Another opportunity to bring in quality used books and toys
w/c 30 th Oct	Garden stall	Bring along your potted plants for sale in the garden stall
w/c 6 th Nov	Cakes, fudge and sweets	Fill the cake stall with all your homemade goodies!

Every donation and every hour of help makes a huge difference to the success of our biggest fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday period.

Amanda Dixon-McIver
Chair St John's PTFA