

Pukerua Bay School Gala – what would you like to do?

Saturday 21 March

As you probably know the Gala is our main fundraiser at school. The money made works out as approximately \$166 per child. This is used to provide “extras” not covered by the Ministry of Education - at our school this means playgrounds, laptops, iPads, chromebooks, some travel, sports uniforms and many other things. To provide these “extras” we either need to fundraise, ask everyone to pay... or go without, and who wants that to happen!!

GETTING INVOLVED

We realise this whole “gala” thing can be overwhelming, but there are many ways to get involved:

Before the Gala

- Craft evenings (**Wed 11 Feb**, 7.30pm school hall) you don't need to have any skills or know anyone as everyone is very friendly).
- Community Collections (**Sat 28 February & Sun 8 March**). A relaxed affair where we collect from every house in Pukerua Bay and sort the “treasures” in the school hall. Helpers can either drive, move items or sort them in the hall. All your family are welcome and a sausage sizzle lunch is provided. The kids love these collection days!
- Set up the day before (**Fri 20 March**). School shuts early and everything in the hall needs to be taken to stalls and set up. The more help we have the better – please book this in!
- Fudge, sweet-making and baking for cake stall/cafe.

On Gala Day

- Set up. Outdoor stalls need help setting up in the morning, as do flags, bunting & signage.
- A couple of hours on a stall/activity such as clothing, cafe, crafts, Fairy & Elf Land.
- Clean-up. Everything gets packed down and tidied away on the day and the stall holders are usually pretty jaded at this point and would LOVE some help!

HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS?

Have young children or it's not easy to get out of the house?

- Craft nights or making things at home such as sweets, crafts, baking or food stall prep.
- Looking after others' children to free them up to help.
- Ask someone else in your family to help instead.
- Do a behind the scenes job like marketing, sponsorship and social media.

Time poor?

- Come to weekend collections and/or volunteer for a “turn up on the day” job.
- Contribute a small portion of your skilled time. Electrician, carpentry, hospitality etc.
- Consider being a sponsor and give money or products instead.

RATHER NOT BE INVOLVED BECAUSE...

- I'm shy. Do something behind the scenes. Fudge, onion chopping, flyer delivery etc.
- I'd rather have a distinct job I can do in my own time. Put up the road signs, make stuff, prepare raffles and tombola tickets etc.
- I want to enjoy the Gala with my family. Do before or after jobs. Vacuum the classrooms, pack away once it's all over, raffles etc (Please remember we all have kids at school too.)
- I don't have time. We're all busy! Many hands make light work.
- I won't be here on Gala day. Check out the ‘before’ jobs.

“MANPOWER” IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO A SUCCESSFUL GALA.

Email Jane on jcomben@orcon.net.nz or phone 2399391 / 021 1361745 to pick your role, otherwise we'll chat to you at school. Thanks!

Please consider how you can help – our school is only as wonderful as we make it!