



Saturday, 21st October 2017 - 10am-2pm  
Matakana School Grounds

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

The Matakana School Gala has been around for many years, some say over 30 years now. It is a tradition in the Matakana community during Labour Weekend and in the past has raised in the vicinity of \$30K to \$50K for our school.

We hold this annual event to **raise funds for our school** - to top up the budget deficit and to be able to provide additional facilities and activities which are not possible with the government funding we receive. Previous fundraising events have helped us to upgrade our Information Centre, our school hall, provide new books and technology, heat the swimming pool, netball courts, running track, new play grounds and more.

Who makes this event happen annually? **Parents/caregivers, teachers/staff, students and our community pitch in and make it the success it is.** It is truly a community effort and one we can be proud of.

The Gala team have reviewed your feedback from the 2016 Fundraising Survey and along with the steady decline in donated goods, the following **new initiatives** are being put in place this year.

- Focus is on fun, food and family
- A new start and finish time - 10am to 2pm.
- Reduction/combination of stalls (e.g. electrical and baby donations will be spread amongst other stalls).
- More 'old school' games and activities and far less outside entertainment operators.
- More yummy food options and far less outside food operators.
- An introduction of zero-wasting to our event.




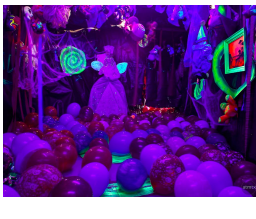




These changes can be implemented with your support. We appreciate any time you can give to Gala, every little bit counts. If you would like to share your ideas or join the Gala team in one of the roles overleaf, please email [events@matakana.school.nz](mailto:events@matakana.school.nz) or chat to Helena in the school office. This is your school Gala and your input is valued.

Kind regards

Darrel Goosen  
Principal



## We would like to have the following stalls at our Gala this year. Can you help?

<b>Quickfire Raffle Wheel</b>	<b>Yard</b>	<b>Treat Stall</b>	<b>We also need a 'Trade Me' person</b>
Contact out of town businesses for donations for our Quickfire Raffle Wheel. Call from home.	Work with a team and make our Yard (think larger items, garage items etc) Sale happen. Ex stall organiser Grant Clifton (Board Chair) will guide you on what needs to be done.	Oversee the organisation. This stall will include popcorn, candyfloss, treats and drinks. Past organisers are available to chat to.	Place selected items on Trade Me. Can be done from home.
<b>We would like to offer more food options so need organisers for:</b>			
<b>Burger Stall (Fish &amp; Beef)</b>	<b>Bacon Buttie Stall</b>	<b>Gourmet Ham/ Vegetarian Roll Stall</b>	<b>Mexican Stall (Nachos/Tacos)</b>
<b>Smoothie Stall</b>	<b>Curry Stall</b> Our 'Thai Curry' organiser has left the school. Can you make a great vege/beef curry?	<b>More International Food option ideas please</b>	
<b>We would like to offer lots of games (more ideas welcome) that are affordable so need organisers of:</b>			
<b>Coconut Shy</b> 	<b>Soccer Shoot Out</b> 	<b>Dunk Tank</b> 	<b>Haunted House</b> 
<b>Frisbee Toss</b> 	<b>Duck Fishing Game</b> 	<b>Bottle Game</b> 	<b>Face Painting/Tattoos etc</b> 

**Thanks to the following Teachers and Parents who have put their hand up to help organise Gala:**  
**Neil Hatfull** (Books), **Matt Fox** (Sausage Sizzle/Whitebait Fritters), **Rachel O'Malley** (Waffles), **Shanelle Fraser-Smith** (Bric A Brac), **Monique Eriksen/Kim Thackray/Natascha Hurt** (Clothing), **Melissa Coope** (Plants), **Cate Ashwell** (Preserves), **Wendy Chittenden** (Quality Bric a Brac), **Vicki Fanning** (Main Stage Entertainment), **Robyn Hughes/Pene Fox** (Toys), **Natalie Bennett** (Donations).

If you are interested in helping and would like more information, please contact Kim or Helena on [events@matakana.school.nz](mailto:events@matakana.school.nz) or via the school office.

**Thanks, Kim & Helena**

