



Newsletter 2 – Friday 2 February

Happy New Year. Welcome back to all our returning families and a big welcome to families new to Ngaio School. We only have just over four weeks until the gala, so the committee is already hard at work. For those new to the school, the Gala is held each year and is the PTA's main fundraiser. It has a great reputation and is a real highlight for the school and the community. An information sheet with key dates for dropping off goods and lots of other handy information about the gala is attached for those new to the school or those who missed it before Christmas.

Auction items

We are still looking for items for our auction this year. If are able to donate an item or service, or have a relationship with someone who may be able to please contact Celia at celiaruthorner@gmail.com. Examples of things that are popular include vouchers and services such as legal services, kitchen design, gardening, landscaping, financial services etc. Experience for the kids such a ride in a police car/fire engine/boat etc are also very popular.

Prize co-ordinator

We are still looking for a prize coordinator to help source items for our auction and wheel raffle and co-ordinate it all. We already have someone who has offered to manage the technical side of the Trade Me auction, so we are looking for someone to help source goods and vouchers that we can auction or raffle and co-ordinate overall. Email Celia at celiaruthorner@gmail.com

Scary room

Last year we were able to bring the very popular scary room back, much to the delight (or fright!) of many kids. We need to find a new co-ordinator for the scary room this year or we will not be able to run it again. If you can help with this, please contact Celia at celiaruthorner@gmail.com

Class competitions

This year we are holding two class competitions, each lasting for a week. The class that brings in the most items each week will win a prize. Please bring donations to your child's classroom.

The first competition starts on 5 February (next week) and is for items for the lucky dip. New items only please (no McDonald's toys), valued at up to \$5. If you are stuck for ideas, ask your kids what they would like to win in the lucky dip! The lucky dip is very popular at the gala and sells out early.

The second competition starts on February 12 and is for items for the tombola. On gala day, the tombola stall sells numbered tickets which may match up to a prize. If your ticket matches, you win. Suggestions for donations for the tombola include:

- Bottles of wine/beer
- Nice shampoo, body wash, moisturiser
- Jars or bottles of luxury/gourmet goodies like oils, dressings, preserves, olives
- Fancy biscuits

Raffle tickets

Our raffle tickets are printed and ready to go. They will be coming home with your eldest child on Friday 9 February. Each family will receive a book of 5 tickets to sell. We have three great prizes this year – an Apple ipad, a luxury escape for 2 to Martinborough and a gourmet hamper.

A huge thank you to those who donated the prizes:

- Ben and Amanda Stevens (Ben Stevens Real Estate) – ipad
- Maxey Plumbing and Gas - luxury escape to Martinborough
- Cameron Harrison - luxury gourmet hamper



If you would like more tickets to sell please contact pta@ngaio.school.nz.

Please return the money and ticket stubs (or unsold tickets) to the box in the school office by 2 March.

Volunteer sign up

For the Gala to be successful, we need your help. All the stalls and activities at the Gala are run by parent volunteers – the more volunteers we have, the less everyone needs to do. There is a general expectation that each family will help out in some way if they can. There are different days and times you can help out - the main options are Saturday or Sunday set up, shift 1 (11-12.30pm), shift 2 (12.30-2pm) and clean up. Something for everyone!

We will be running the online system for volunteers again this year. This will open next Friday and we will send out all the details in next week's newsletter so keep an eye out for it.



A reminder that we have a dedicated Facebook page for the gala. Please take a look at the page and like and share it as it is also a great way to get the word out to the extended community about the gala. You can find the page at www.facebook.com/ngaioschoolgala

PTA Gala committee

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>5 Feb</i>	<i>6 Feb</i>	<i>7 Feb</i>	<i>8 Feb</i>	<i>9 Feb</i>	<i>10 Feb</i>	<i>11 Feb</i>
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<i>12 Feb</i>	<i>13 Feb</i>	<i>14 Feb</i>	<i>15 Feb</i>	<i>16 Feb</i>	<i>17 Feb</i>	<i>18 Feb</i>
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<i>19 Feb</i>	<i>20 Feb</i>	<i>21 Feb</i>	<i>22 Feb</i>	<i>23 Feb</i>	<i>24 Feb</i>	<i>25 Feb</i>
						Toy, white elephant and book drop off 1pm – 4pm Online booking closes for volunteer sign up
<i>26 Feb</i>	<i>27 Feb</i>	<i>28 Feb</i>	<i>1 Mar</i>	<i>2 Mar</i>	<i>3 Mar</i>	<i>4 Mar</i>
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