

# Clarkville School Twilight Gala

Friday, 12 March 2021

4-7pm

This year's Gala is just under 4 weeks away! I can't wait. The Gala is always a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun and it's a great way to get involved in our community and to get to know the all the people that make up Clarkville School, the children, the other parents and the staff.

The Gala is the PTA's main fundraiser for the year and is our major focus for term 1. Our Gala is very much a DIY affair, we do not get outside stall holders in, we prepare all the food ourselves and our children are heavily involved in the running of the Gala, with the support of their teachers and parents. Our year 5/6 children run the stalls at the Gala, they do this as part of their learning for this term and as part of their Pathways programme. Our year 7/8 children help with plenty leading up to the Gala and on the night they are given jobs to support the running of the event. Other children throughout the school help with jobs leading up to the Gala, with letter box drops, putting up signs, helping to set up during Gala week.

I will be coordinating the Gala this year, with Krissie Clark, and we'll be helped by a fantastic team, but we will still need lot of helpers. We can only run the Gala with the support of the community and with each of us contributing in a small way the load can be shared. There are plenty of ways that your family can get involved and while it may seem we are continually asking for things leading up to the Gala the expectation is not that your family helps with everything. If you are unable to give time perhaps you could add a few items on the list below to your grocery list. Or if donating goods isn't for you where else can you contribute? Some families will be able to help more than others, but if we all do a little bit then the workload is manageable.

We have created a list of jobs and other things we need below – please get in touch with how you would like to help.

Like the Clarkville Twilight Gala Facebook page to receive regular updates

<https://www.facebook.com/ClarkvilleGala/>

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me on 021862661 or newhaven72@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!

*Kristy Pritchard*

## How can you help??

As usual our objective is to begin the Gala incurring as few costs as possible so that all the money made on the night remains with our children for their school. To do this we rely on donations of time, goods and money from our community.

- You could choose an item from the food list below to donate – or you could give us a New World voucher that we can use to buy anything that isn't donated?
- You could sponsor one of the stalls or larger items we need – your business name can be used for this sponsorship. Please see the list below.
- You could choose a job from the list below or just let us know that you are happy to be given a job.

**Donations of \$50, \$100 or \$200 are needed to sponsor the following items:**

- Fizzy drinks
- Candy floss
- Grocery items
- Signage and advertising

***All donations, and help, will be gratefully received.***

## Food list:

- 1 large green cabbage (***required by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> at the MPF kitchen***)
- 12 large capsicums (assorted colours)
- 5kg sliced onions (can be purchased sliced and frozen)
- 8 bunches of coriander (***required by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> at the MPF kitchen***)
- 2 bunches of fresh chives
- 6 inches of fresh ginger
- 8kg of beef mince
- 3kg of pork mince (***required by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> at the MPF kitchen***)
- 3kg of lamb mince
- 7kg of Hellers bacon (gluten free)
- 1 bag of gluten free sausages
- 10kg of pork (suitable for slow cooking)
- 2kg raw shelled frozen prawns (***required by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> at the MPF kitchen***)
- 7 bags of coleslaw
- 2 400gm tins of tomato paste
- 6kg of cheese (can be grated but must be gluten free)
- 10 large tubs of sour cream
- 15 large bags of nacho chips (gluten free)
- 10 packs of dumpling wrappers (packs of 50, ***must be fresh, (required by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> at the MPF kitchen)***)
  - Kosco at Homebase is a great place to purchase as they have fresh stock (500 needed)
- 80 frankfurters
- 1 bottle of chilli sauce
- 4 bottles of tomato sauce
- 1 bottle of BBQ sauce
- 1 litre of natural yoghurt
- 2 loaves of gluten free bread
- 80 long bread rolls (for American Hotdogs)
- 60 round bread rolls

As you can see our menu is full of variety! If you can donate one or more of these items, please contact Kristy. If you have any questions about any of the food above, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

(Please note if we have asked for a large quantity of one item you don't have to donate the whole lot, perhaps you could donate part of it?)

### Other things you could help with:

- Dumplings – *would you like to learn how to make Dumplings?* On the afternoon of Saturday 27 February at 1.30pm we will need helpers to make the very popular Dumplings for the Gala. This will be done at Hannah Leary's house in Kaiapoi.
- Sushi and rice balls – this is always a very popular menu item, but we need someone that can make the sushi for us. Is this something your family could take on? The ingredients can be provided.
- ELECTRICIAN - We need an electrician to donate some time to help us with sorting power points for the event. The work would be done the day before (Thursday 11 March). Do you know of anyone?
- Can you donate a prize for the raffles, or do you have a contact that would like to support us in this?
- Do you have a rice cooker or slow cooker we can borrow a few days before the Gala?
- Do you have a gazebo or chilly bin we can borrow on the day of the Gala?
- Are you available to help with the food preparation on the Wednesday or Thursday before the Gala? This could be done from home.
- Can you help in the kitchen on the day of the Gala or at the actual event? We will need lots of helpers during the day – many hands make light work!
- Can you do a shift on one of the food stalls on the night? You can either work 4-5.30pm or 5.30-7pm. Let us know what works best for you.
- Can you do a shift at the White Elephant stall? This is a very busy area of the gala so we will need many helpers. Shifts will be broken down into hour long slots, so you won't have to work there all night.
- Can your family help by putting up posters in local preschools?
- Each team will be asked to support the Gala in different ways, please keep an eye out for how your team is contributing in the coming weeks.
- Please tell your friends and family about the Gala and encourage them to come along on the night? Share the event on Facebook, send them an email, pass them a flyer – spread the word!
- Can you stay and help clean up – this is a HUGE job and we need fresh feet as many of us will have worked all day, again many hands make light work!
- Have you got time to do a pickup or two for us during the week of the Gala? There are several items to be collected from around North Canterbury; this could be split between more than one person.
- White Elephant – Save your quality used items for us to sell at the Gala. Gather up a box of things at your place to be dropped off a few days before the Gala – or if you need to drop them somewhere before that please get in touch with Hannah Sutherland on 0274144275.  
(We appreciate all donations but please ensure that anything you donate is worth selling on – otherwise we may incur dumping fees which defeats the purpose of all our fundraising efforts!)

Prior to the Gala we will be asking families to help in selling raffle tickets and no doubt there are things we have left of this list so keep an eye out for requests for help over the next few weeks. There are also many jobs to do on the day of the Gala and at night so if you can help on the day please let me know so I can add you to my list of helpers.

**Please email or text Kristy ASAP at [newhaven72@gmail.com](mailto:newhaven72@gmail.com) or 021862661 to let us know what you can donate or help with.**

Thanks for taking the time to read through this information – and thanks in advance for all your help.

*Kristy and Krissie*