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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The past week has been a blur and New Zealand has certainly been rocked by the horrifying happenings in Christchurch last Friday. I know you will join us in sending our prayers and condolences to all those who have been affected by this despicable act of hatred.

Our Prime Minister has certainly led us well during one of New Zealand's darkest days and we stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters during this time and pray for peace.

Thanks to all those who assisted in any way with the Senior Camps. A big thank you especially to Snow and Jeff for giving the students such a great time on the biscuits and to Mille and Mark for once again organising and preparing all the food requirements.

Tomorrow the **Inter School Soccer Tournament** will be held at Memorial Park. A separate Newsletter will go home tonight if your child has been selected to take part. The P.T.A. will be providing a large selection of food and drink for purchase.

Gala Day

This is just over a week away now and things are gearing up for another successful Gala. Could all Raffle Books please be in as soon as possible.

If you have anything at all that we can sell on Gala Day it would be most appreciated. We require lots of goodies for the White Elephant Stall, Books (not magazines), New Articles and Prizes for the Wheel.

Also, more volunteers are required for help on the day. Could you please fill out the enclosed form and return to school tomorrow. Let's all work together as a school community to ensure that this year's Gala is our best ever.

Students of the Week:

Week 6:

Emily Hyde, Neriya Allison, Huntah Johnson, Marlin Brown, Joe Doogue

Week 7:

Keita Pou-Tauri, Mesai'ah Raukawa, Krissha Sharma, Indi Franklin, Malcolm Curtis, Mallika Ngamoki, Sapphire Cameron, Jerome Nov, Toa Stuart

Raewyn Clark
Principal

PTA Notice:

Term 1 is quickly coming to an end and the PTA has been busy getting ready for the upcoming Gala and the Soccer Tournament on Friday and it has been hectic! And we really need some more helpers to make the Gala the raging success it normally is. Remember that this is our major fundraiser for the year and helps to pay for school trips, resources, sports equipment and classroom equipment for your children, so the more we raise the more we can do.

What we need:

Mince – one of the food items this year is nachos and we would appreciate donations of mince. Beef is preferable.

The P.T.A. is also looking for new members.

The only requirement is a can-do attitude and a want to do something positive to make St Joseph's the best school it can be! If you would like to come along to a meeting or to find out more about being part of the P.T.A., please get in touch.

We are a fun group I promise and try to have fun while also making a difference for the school.

Looking forward to seeing you all at one of the upcoming events.

Libby Sharp.