Thank you very much for all of your contributions to our collection of lollies, chocolates and cans. Every little bit helps! 😊

We have our final gate collection and mufti day for the year on Friday 22nd November which is for Toiletries and Pantry Items.

Bethlehem: Toiletries (moisturisers, lotions, hand/face creams, sunscreen, bubble bath, perfumes, aftershave, flowing soaps, hair products, shampoo/conditioner, bath bombs, sponges and flannels, nail polishes etc.)

Nazareth & Jerusalem: Pantry Items (dressings, vinegar, oils, spreads, herbs, spices, sauces, mustard, pasta, rice, dessert sauces/toppings, syrups, marinades)

These products must be brand new and unopened please.

Also, please check that any products you are sending do not expire until at least six months after the Gala (October 2020 or later). A reminder will come home with next week’s newsletter but please add these items to your shopping lists now to give you time. There will be further collection days in Term One 2020. We will happily accept any unwanted Christmas presents, vouchers or crafts that you or your family and friends would like to make over the holidays! It’s for the benefit of your children so please keep supporting our future collections.

Our final drop off for the year is on Saturday 23rd November, 10.30-11.30am.

Thank you for the donations so far. Just a reminder that we do not accept old computers, keyboards, fax machines, photocopiers or non-digital TVs as they don’t sell and we have to pay to dispose of these items. Also, if you are donating clothing and linen please ensure items are clean, not ripped and that any zips are working and no missing buttons etc. Please do not be offended by our requests, we do appreciate your donations and will gladly receive any used items in good condition that we can sell. If you have any larger items which need to be collected please contact: Cory Bramwell on 021-613370

What are we fundraising for?

This coming year, we want to raise funds to purchase digital technology resources, classroom resources and infrastructure for our newly developed STEAM room (Science, Technology, Electronics, Arts and Mathematics). We also require additional funds to carry out planned building alterations to provide Innovative Learning Environments throughout the school. If you have any questions around this, please contact David Tennent on 298-4450.
WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Gazebos/Marquees: We require many marquees and gazebos to use on Gala day for all our stalls and game areas. If you, your company or someone you know have one that we could borrow please contact Kate or Gabby via email galapr@stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Gift Baskets/Bags/Boxes, Ribbons, Tissue paper, Cellophane: We use many of these items for wrapping our Mystery Envelope hampers and would appreciate any donations to be left at the school office or in the Gala drop off box in the school hall foyer. Thanks for your support.

Reusable Bags: Start saving your shopping bags to bring along on Gala day. We want to do our part to reduce, reuse and recycle so please start collecting your bags now so we have plenty.

Sorting: Many hands make light work... and we need volunteers to help sort the donations we receive. There is a dedicated team of parents who give up their time during the week and on weekends - if you are able to spare an hour or two to help them, please contact Linda McKeefry on 021-1619670

Sponsorship: Does your workplace or those of your family and friends have items that they could donate to our school Gala? We are always looking for items which could be used as prizes on the various games or for our raffles and gift hampers. No amount is too small. Items can be dropped into the office or please contact: Beckie October on 021-1926714 or Courtenay Kilpatrick on 021-853930, alternatively email them on: gala@stmaryspapakura.school.nz

General enquiries: if you have any queries, please contact Kate Howarth on 021-622167 or Gabby Postill on 021-504018, or email us galapr@stmaryspapakura.school.nz

Thanks for getting in behind YOUR children's school!