

Thomas Acres Public School

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Dear Parent/Carers, 27 April 2022

PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) organises Gala Days to allow students to compete against local schools. Each term schools have the opportunity to participate in two Gala Days. They are full days commencing at approximately 10:00am and concluding at approximately 2:00pm. During the day students play a total of three games.

Gala Days for term 2 and 3 are below:

	Gala Day 1	Gala Day 2
Term 2	Week 5 - Friday 27 th May	Week 9 - Friday 24 th June
Term 3	Week 4 – Friday 12 th August	Week 9 – Friday 16 th September

Please note that if a Gala Day is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, it will not be rescheduled.

The teams and the coaches for the Winter Gala Days are:

- Girls Soccer Mrs Warren and Miss Furner
- **Boys Soccer** Miss Silva and Mr Carrasco
- Netball Miss McDonald and Mrs Mullen
- **Touch Football** Mr Phitt
- Rugby League –Mr Morris and Mr Buckley

Transport:

- Teams will be required to travel by bus to venues within the Campbelltown area.
- Please be aware that if your child does not pay the bus fare prior to a Gala Day, your child will be unable to attend.
- The cost to travel by bus is \$10.00 and all students MUST travel by bus.
- There is a payment of \$40 to cover Term 2 and 3 Gala Day **OR** you can pay \$10 separately each time. Please ensure payments are made <u>before</u> the due date.

What to take on the day:

For each Gala Day (and training session), children will be required to bring the following items:

- A sun hat to wear between games. It is not always practical for hats to be worn during games, however they must have a hat on between games.
- **Sunscreen** is also recommended as there is often very little shade.
- Water to replenish body fluids lost whilst playing sport. Soft drinks and/or sports drinks are not recommended.
- A plastic bag to put rubbish in or to put dirty clothes/shoes in.
- Protective clothing/items that will be required for certain sports e.g. mouthguard, shin pads, boots, headgear etc.
- Lunch and Recess Lunch orders cannot be ordered on Gala Days.

Training Days:

On Fridays that are not Gala Days, the children in Gala Day teams may be required to walk to Thomas Acres Reserve for training. By signing the contract, you are giving permission for your child to walk to and from Thomas Acres Reserve with their coach each Friday for training.

Other important information:

- As is the case in any school activity, poor sportsmanship and/or unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in the offender(s) being excluded from participating in PSSA Sport.
- Please include up-to-date medical information about your child on your child's permission note. This needs to be completed before they can take part in any out-of-school training sessions or Gala Days. The information is necessary to allow staff to carry out a comprehensive duty of care regarding your child.