



# Thomas Acres Public School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

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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 four 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 4 Friday 24th May	Week 8 Friday 21st June
Term 3	Week 4 Friday 16th August	Week 8 Friday 13th 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** – Miss Furner
- **Boys Soccer** – Mr Tasker and Mr Buckley
- **Netball** – Miss McDonald and Miss Bligh
- **Rugby League** – Mrs Mullen

## Transport:

- Teams will be required to travel by bus to venues within the Campbelltown area.
- Please be aware that if payment is not made by the Gala Day, your child will be unable to attend.
- All students **MUST** travel by bus.
- There are **4 payments of \$10 to be paid before each Gala Day**. Please ensure payment is made **before** each Gala Day.

## 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 students in Gala teams may be required to walk to Thomas Acres Reserve 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.