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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 year, 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/four games.

Gala Days for term 1 and 4 are below:

	Gala Day 1	Gala Day 2
Term 1	Week 7 Friday 15th March	Week 10 Friday 10 th April
Term 4		Week 4 Friday 8th November

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

The teams, coaches and venues for the Summer Gala Days are:

- **Teeball / Softball** at Rosemeadow playing fields with Miss Bligh
- **Tiger Tag** at Eschol Park Rugby League Fields with Mr Buckley, Miss McDonald and Mr Tasker
- **Basketball** at Minto Indoor Sports Centre with Mrs Mullen and Miss Kimiora

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 due date, your child will be unable to attend.
- All students **MUST** travel by bus.
- There is a single payment of **\$37.50** to cover Term 1 and 4 Gala Days. Please ensure payment is made **before** 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 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.