HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS! I know...your saying NO! It’s too early but believe it or not Christmas is only six months away, which means our Christmas Expo is even closer.....and it is never too early to be prepared!

The first of this year’s Christmas Expo meetings will be held on Tuesday, 12th July, 2016 at 6.30p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. Mary’s Primary School............

And, we would like you to come along!

For those of you who are new to our school, the Christmas Expo is our annual community event & major fundraiser. The Christmas Expo is always held on the first Saturday in December at our Hamilton P.A.C. and this year’s event will be our 24th!

This wonderful event not only raises important funds for our school, it also heralds the beginning of the Christmas Season in Hamilton and the surrounding District and strengthens our St. Mary’s community spirit. And we would love you to be a part of it.

At our Christmas Expo, we organise and supervise a Street Parade, which proceeds along Gray Street, manage Traders/Stall Holders, Amusement Rides, Santaland, Gourmet Gifts, Gift Boxes/Baskets, a Raffle, an Auction, a Second Hand Book stall, a B.B.Q. & a Café, within and around our Hamilton P.A.C.

Each of our homerooms will organise an entry to enter in the Street Parade and clearly there are a variety of activities where you could share your gifts and talents.

The Christmas Expo Committee is run by parent volunteers, as a subcommittee to our Parents & Friends Association. Currently, there are two parent members, (Vicki Button & Suzi O’Brien) and two staff members (Jo-Anne Bond & Kerry Stevens) on this subcommittee.

This small committee is supported by the Team Leaders who agree to organise and manage our activities and they in turn have a group of willing helpers to support them before and on the day. The 2016 Team Leaders and their chosen activities are listed below.
As you can see this year’s Christmas Expo plans are off to a good start, but you will also notice some assistance is still required. So you are invited! Are you willing and able to be a part of this wonderful annual event?

We are seeking parents/carers/family members to join us. Become a Team Leader and/or join one of the teams listed above.

Your participation/contribution, no matter how big or small, will be greatly appreciated.

It is in giving that we receive!

We sincerely hope you can come along to the meeting on Tuesday, 12th July, 2016 at 6.30p.m. Please think about how you will be able to help and fill in the preliminary slip attached to this letter and return to the school office by Friday 24th June, 2016. A volunteer roster for helping on the day of Expo will be sent home later in the year.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding our Christmas Expo please don’t hesitate to contact us. We are only too willing to assist you.

Many thanks,

Suzi O’Brien (Ph. 0427 721 206) & Vicki Button (Ph. 0408 368 334)

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☐ am willing and able to assist in the following area(s)
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☐ I will require some support as this will be the first time I have assisted in this area.