Fete Newsletter No.5

**Dates to Remember**

- Second hand donations Weekend drop off: Sun 1st March 10:00am-12:00pm
- Last Day to pre-order wristbands at office: Fri 6th March
- Online wristband pre-order closes: Tue 10th March
- Last day for Hamper Donations, extended to: Tue 10th March
- Grade 3/4 donations close before camp: Wed 11th March
- Last day for produce donations: Thu 12th March
- Grades Prep, 1, 2, 5 & 6 donations close: Thu 12th March
- School working bee: Thu 12th March
- Early wristband collections 3pm to 4pm: Fri 13th March
- Evening set up and Fete Collective arrivals: Fri 13th March

**Please put up your hand**

The online Volunteer register remains open and there are spaces to be filled. If you have not already done so, please put your name down next to an activity. It’s a fun day and a great way to meet people, it’s also an easy way to participate in the fete which only takes 2 hours out of your day. Don’t forget to scroll all the way down to see which time slots and activities best suit you. Link: [Online NPS fete register](#)
If you are having trouble accessing this link, please copy into your internet browser or try from your desktop computer (not phone or tablet).

Wristband and Ticketing Information
Individual notes and email links were sent home this week for families to pre-order their wristbands. Pre ordering not only helps us to organise, but provides a cheaper rate for families at the school. Wristbands purchased on the day have an increased costing. Orders for prepaid wristbands should be made via the TryBooking website and a link to this is below:

http://www.trybooking.com/123810

Or complete the attached form that went home with your child this week.

** Please note important dates above for purchase cut off dates *

Second Hand Donations
NO MORE DONATIONS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FOYER.

Any remaining second hand donations can be dropped off this Sunday between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm or on fete day directly to the stall ready to be sold. But please remember only goods that are of a quality to be resold. It ends up costing the school money to dispose of items that are not sale-worthy, so please think carefully about what you donate.

This means;
No broken or chipped items
No stained or dirty clothes
All toys with working parts – and must still be working
No puzzles or games with missing pieces
No electrical items, we cannot guarantee their safety
No out of date magazines
No baby items (prams, high chairs etc)

Classroom Donations
All students should have received a letter from their class teacher by now for grade specific donations and helping on the stalls. Boxes have been provided in all classrooms and if you have any queries please contact your fete committee.

Grade Prep 6 pack of juice drink or water
Grades 1&2 2 cans of soft drink
Grades 3&4 2 chocolate blocks
Grades 5&6 Tombola lollies and any old nail polishes or new cans of coloured hair spray

Parent Donations
Did you all see the note attached to the Poster Competition?

Mystery bottle – donations can be handed directly to office staff
Happy Hamper – donations can be left in the classrooms in the Hamper Box.

Please contact your fete committee if you did not receive the note or for any questions relating to these donations.
Poster Competition
Did you all get your poster for our Poster Competition? How are your kids going to display their poster and have you helped them send a picture to us yet? There are prizes to be won for the most creative.

Treasure Island Donations
Do you have any old beaded necklaces, little treasures, fake gold coins, coloured stones? All of these can be used in the Treasure Island sand pit. Each year children spend hours scouring the sand pit for these hidden treasures, while the pirates watch on. You need to be quick before someone else gets to them. Donation box in the office foyer area.

I hope we caught your attention last week with what to expect at the Fete! Now here’s more..........

Produce Stalls...Our school is proud of the stalls we run at the fete. Northcote primary specialises in second hand goods, homemade products plus a variety of food and drink stalls.

Craft Stall
The craft stall only sells homemade products including baby booties, scarves, hats, bags, dress up costumes, card and gift tags and jewelry. Items for donating can be left in the box outside the office. Contact stall coordinator Amanda O’Donnell Amanda.odonnell@gmail.com or phone 0448 895 440.

Plant Stall
Looking for potted succulents, seedlings and a way to transform your garden with native plants? The Plant stall will have a great selection that you can choose from. The plant stall organizers are calling for donations of rope, twine and cord to make a display of macramé plant hangers - so if you have any spare please contact Laura on 0481 092 588. Any colours / thicknesses will be useful.

Helens Harvest
Did you know our school has a fantastic team of people that spend their time bottling, preserving and creating all kinds of yummy jams, sauces and preserves? All of which can be purchased on the day from this stall. To add your own bottles to the stall, please contact Emily Nance ematt@netspace.net.au or 0419 205 417

Cake Stall
Another example of fantastic homemade produce. Cakes, slices, tarts, sticky treats all delicious and all produced by families at Northcote Primary. Students will be sent home with a plate, freezer bag and ingredients label next week, so that we have plenty of cakes and biscuits to offer on the day. Visit the stall early so you don’t miss out! You can also buy a treat to go with your morning coffee.

Food Stalls
What are you going to eat at this years fete? This year we have changed the times of the fete so you get to enjoy even more of our food and drink that’s up for offer. Below is an example of a culinary itinerary to guide you through your day...
Starting at 10:00am grab yourself a **coffee and cake** from our coffee stall then you can browse our stalls and rides before gearing up for lunch.

For the lunch menu we have on offer:

- **BBQ** - serving up hamburgers, gourmet sausages and vegetarian burgers
- **Souvlaki** - new this year, a traditional Greek Souvlaki with salad, sauce and meat all served in pita bread
- **Salads** – a Japanese inspired salad stall for people seeking vegetarian and a more healthy option

After tasting our yummy lunch specials, visiting our stalls and rides it is now time to sit back and relax.

Grab yourself a drink from the bar that will be serving, **Beer, Wine, Champagne and Cider**.

Then it’s time to soak up the atmosphere while taking in the music and conversing with your friends.

Don’t forget to grab yourself a treat of **Pete’s Poffertjes** with your favourite sauces and try one of our new **Antipasto platters** with cheese, pickled vegetables, cured meats and some tasty baguettes.

Having tried all of that, I am sure you will go home with a full, satisfied and nourished belly.

*(Please note - Some of you may decide that Beer and Poffertjes are the best (and only) culinary option throughout the entire day – the choice is yours!)*

**Fund Raising Stalls**

Each year the school runs a small number of auctions and fundraising activities throughout the day.

Our **Silent auction** is a must when visiting the fete for items that have been donated by local families and businesses. These include weekends away at holiday houses, restaurant and service vouchers, and goods donated by local businesses.

Our major Sponsor Ray White Real Estate also run a **Loud auction**. This is done on the music stage starting at 2pm. Make sure you are around as we auction off some larger and more valued items. More details to come on auction items.

**Raffle Tickets** are sold throughout the day where you can take your luck in winning a **Hamper**. Hampers are packaged up from classroom donations and the more items donated, the more hampers we have! Previous years has seen us raffle off over 20 hampers each worth over $100 in value. Don’t miss out.

And the **Mystery bottle** has returned to the school fete. Parents, this one is for you, try your luck! For $5 you can win yourself a bottle of something special. It might be a $5 bottle of Olive Oil or a $20 bottle of wine. You don’t know unless you have a go. Donations for this stall are to be made directly to the office staff.
and now, For... The Kids! Following on from rides and quiet activities detailed in last week’s newsletter we have:

Crazy Hair and Nails

Once again we have crazy hair and nails where the kids can come and have their hair sprayed various colours and have their nails painted. This stall is run by the grade 5 and 6er’s so come along and support them.

Face Painting

In the same stand we have face painting. Whether it’s a butterfly, animal or skull and cross bone we can make your face come alive.

And everybody’s favourite Kids treats with

- Popcorn
- Fairy floss
- Snow cones
- And of course all the favourite home-made goodies from our parent community.

Side Show Alley

Did you know the whole East end of the school (Helen street) is set up as a side show alley? Kids of all ages can spend hours in this area playing while parents sit back and relax while still being able to watch their kids. We also have a kids stage area that will be playing music and have performers throughout the day.

Handball footy

Have a go at handballing a football through the target center or count up how many points you get each time you hit a marker.

Astro Blaster

Blast the balls off the stand and watch them tumble. How many can you get in one shot.

Ring a Can

Try your luck throwing a hoop over a can of drink. Each time your hoop lands over a can you win that can. This stall is being run with the help of all grade 1 and 2 students.

Splat a Rat

Wait for the rat to pop out of the drain and see how quickly you can make it splat!

Lob a Choc

Chocolate suspended over chicken wire. Throw a coin and try to land on the chocolate. If you do, the chocolate is yours. But be careful coins can drop off and fall down the wire. Grades 3 and 4 are helping to run this stall. Be quick before all the chocolate runs out!

Mini Golf

Try your hands at mini golf. We have our own 12-hole mini golf course that kids can have a go at. Can you master any holes. A whole in one perhaps?