

Fete Newsletter no. 1

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ST RITA'S SCHOOL SOUTH JOHNSTONE



Only five weeks before our Fete!!

Our fete will again be a Country Fair. It promises to be a lot of fun with many activities for the kids as well as the adults, including dance displays and our second Tug-of-War Competition to keep the adults entertained.

But we still need many many more volunteers. Without these volunteers the fete cannot happen. It relies heavily our school families' time and effort; and donations of plants, craft, cakes/sweets, bottles, chocolates etc. But it has the potential to raise a lot of much needed money to purchase resources and better the facilities of the school for our students. It is also a great opportunity to get to know everyone better and promote our school community to the public.

Attached is a list of proposed stalls/games/events. Some of these are ideas only; you may have some different ideas.

Volunteers can be –

- Managers of stalls – responsible for organising items needed; set up of the stall; organising helpers – but help is given where needed;
- Helpers on stalls – this may only require an hour or so of your time during the night;
- Helpers to make craft; plant plants etc prior to the fete;
- Helpers to set up; pull down/clean up.

To make this successful we need all the help we can get. Even if you only have a little bit of time, please consider helping out.

Tug-of-War:



Our inaugural Tug-of-War competition was held in 2012. The Mill Team took out the event and it looks like they will again put up at team to defend the title.

Enter a Tug-of-War team?

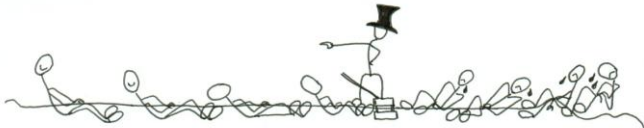
Perhaps you might be interested in entering a team. Teams will consist of a maximum of six persons with a maximum total weight of 500kg. Teams can be made up of male and female members. If we get enough interest, we could run a women's division – please speak up. Entry fee is \$100 per team. We had eight teams enter in 2012 – so there are very good odds for taking the winnings away with you.

Tug-of-War Sponsors:

We need sponsors for this event!!!

Prizes in 2012 were First \$800; Second \$250. Ideally we need to find enough sponsors to match or better these prizes. If you know of a business who might be interested, please talk to them about it. Of course a business does not need to put up the full amount. Sponsors can be pooled together. We can also give naming rights to the major sponsor.

The Fire Fighters are again interested in coming along to kick off the event with an Exhibition Pull. Ladies, this was fun to watch.



Free Dress Days:

Over the next five weeks students will be given a number of opportunities to come to school in free dress for the cost of donating a bottle for the bottle stall or chocolates for the different game stalls. Information on the Free Dress Days will be in the school newsletters.

Amusement Tickets:

We will again have ride tickets available for purchase at the office. This year we will have an unlimited ride deal available. GREAT VALUE!! Keep your child occupied all night. This year we have four great rides:

- Willy the Worm
- Ripper Dipper Giant Slide
- Large Jumping Castle
- Gladiator Dual

Plant Stall:

A few mums and dads have been busy planting cuttings. If you can get some plants growing to donate that would be great.

Cake Stall:

Parents are asked to donate homemade cakes/sweets if possible. There are styrofoam trays available in the tuckshop. We will also again have a cooking day or two in the tuckshop. If you would like to participate, please contact the office or Melissa Leonardi.

Monster Goose:

We will be selling tickets at Kmart on **Saturday 7 June**. If you can help out for an hour or so, please contact the office. Or if you have another idea of where to sell tickets please let us know.

Of course we are still seeking donations for our Monster Goose. Prizes for the goose are usually valued at anything over \$50 and are sometimes bundled together with other prizes.

Sponsors:

Coats Hire and Trainor Group P/L are both new sponsors this year. A big thank you. We welcome any other business who may wish to be a sponsor by either donating equipment to use at the fete or a financial donation.

Lighting:

If you have any fluro lights connected to leads at home that you could lend, could you please bring them in. Remember to clearly mark your name on them first.

Animals:

We haven't had anyone volunteer to run the Animal Farm as yet. In the hope that someone does, If you have any cute fluffy animals that are used to being handled that you might be able to make available for the Petting Zoo, please come forward. Maybe you have chickens, ducklings, guinea pigs, piglets, kittens, puppies.....

Craft Stall:

If you are crafty it would be great if you could get busy making items for this stall. In 2012 we had many guests ask where our craft items were, so we are making sure we have a great one this fete!

Dunk a Celebrity:

Is there a person either at school or in the wider community you would like to see dunked? They **don't** need to be a celebrity! Suggest them here and we may be able to get them to participate. Return the slip to the office as soon as possible.

We are also hoping for a sponsor to cover the cost of hiring the dunking game (\$110). If you are interested please see the office.

**Turn over for the Food and Stall
Volunteers List.**

**Please add your name if you can
and return the form to the
school.**

Dunk a Celebrity

Name: _____

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