



~*~ **7 weeks until Fete Day** ~*~

“Get ready to celebrate:
The Fete is just around the corner”

Hi...and welcome to the first issue of FETE NEWS for 2023.

Get ready to mark your calendars because the highly anticipated annual community fete is just 7 weeks away! As we gear up for its 69th year, the fete committee is buzzing with excitement. This November, we're all set to revive the cherished tradition that brings our community together like never before. It's time to unite, celebrate, and make this year's fete a memorable one!

Here are a few dates to save in your diary to avoid any scheduling conflicts: These early additions to your diary will help you stay informed and organized as we approach the exciting fete season.

Keep an eye out for FETE NEWS in the upcoming weeks for more details.

It's better to donate than to accumulate

If you have good quality things in your home that *“no longer spark joy”* you can drop them off for Bric-a-Brac, Pre-Loved Clothes, Pre-Loved Toys and Books.

Our pre-loved clothes coordinators, **Emma** and **Barbara**, are thankful for all the donations but have requested that the clothes are clean and in saleable quality when dropped off. No additional coat hangers are required.

They are seeking volunteers to assist in sorting out the donations on the following Monday's.

Dates: 9th Oct | 16th Oct | 23rd Oct | 30th Oct

Location: Coghlan Centre, St Johns Primary School

Time: 9:00am

NB. Valid WCC is required as during school hours and will need to sign into the school office upon arrival.

Save these Dates to drop off your pre-loved items

Drop off at the Parish Garage between 9am and 12pm

- 8th October
- 15th October
- 22nd October
- 29th October



🌱 CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS 🌱

Are you passionate about gardening or have a knack for growing plants? We are on the lookout for plant donations to fill our plant stall with a sea of greenery.

Please contact **Aidan** on 0431 499 625 or email aidananddiana@optusnet.com.au to organise the pick-up of donations for the Fete plant stall. Donations will be picked up on **Friday 17 November**.

Plants can also be delivered to St John's school Mitcham from 11am on Friday 17 November and from 9am Saturday 18 November.

Donations of pots are also welcome.

🍬 Sweeten the Fete with Your Generosity! 🍬

We're thrilled to announce that the beloved Lolly Stall and Lob-A-Choc are back in 2023! But for its success, we need your help.

Our fantastic lolly stall coordinators, **Mel** and **Paola** are kindly requesting donations of bags of the following sweets. The magic of this stall is powered by your generosity.

Snakes		Party mix		Sour lollies		Strawberry and cream
Bananas		Freddo frogs		Frogs alive		Musk sticks.
Teeth		Chupa chumps				

In addition to our fabulous Lolly Coordinators, the amazing **staff** at **St. John's Primary School** are requesting blocks of chocolate to keep the Lob-A-Choc stall running throughout the entire fete. Let's make sure there's no shortage of sweets and fun for everyone!

17 Donations Deadline: Please drop off your bags of sweets and chocolate at the school offices by **November 10th**.

🎟 Raffle Tickets Are Here! Get Ready to Win Big! 🎟

The moment we've all been waiting for has arrived! Our raffle tickets have just returned from the printers and will be distributed through the schools by the end of this week / early next week.

Starting from **Saturday, October 14th**, you can also grab your tickets at mass. Thanks to the amazing effort of our Raffle Ticket Coordinators, **Rob** and **Gracie**, get ready to win some [A M A Z I N G] prizes, all thanks to the incredible generosity of our raffle ticket sponsors.



Calling all creative crafters: Get ready to craft for the Fete .

Are you someone who loves to create beautiful crafts? We're on the lookout for crafty individuals to contribute their handmade treasures to our craft stall.

If you enjoy crafting and would like to share your creations with the community, we'd love to display your work at our fete. From handmade jewellery to artwork, knitted items to pottery, your crafty talents are welcome!

To get involved, please reach out to our Craft Stall Coordinator, **Agnes** 0404 640 700

Calling All Bakers - Create a Cake for a Cause!

Do you have a talent for baking delectable cakes? If you're inclined to whip up mouthwatering treats, we'd be grateful for your donations of baked goods. From cookies to cupcakes, brownies to bundt cakes, your homemade goodies will be a delightful addition to our cake stall.

Please drop off your baked goods to the Cake Stall on Friday 17th November between 9am and 1pm or Saturday 18th November before 10am to ensure they're part of our delectable spread.

We are also on the hunt for a beautifully crafted cake to include in our raffle. Your homemade creation could be the star of our cake raffle. If you're willing to contribute, please reach out to our Cake Stall Coordinator, **Natalie** or email us at fete@stjohnsfete.org.au

Calling for Volunteers

"We're calling upon amazing volunteers like you to help make our fete a resounding success! Your dedication is the lifeblood of this event, and we truly value your support. Whether you're available in the lead-up to the fete, on the event day itself, or for post-event cleanup, every contribution matters. Even dedicating just a couple of hours of your time can make a substantial difference and ease the workload.

You will find volunteer sign-up links on the last page of this newsletter. We kindly ask that you consider contributing a few hours to support our exceptional community event. You will notice stalls with blank yellow boxes, we are missing Stall Coordinators for these areas and asking for assistance....we will be there to guide you.

Urgent Positions Vacant to be filled

- Performance Stage Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Pre-Loved Toys
- Pre-Loved Books

If you would like further information on the above positions please contact us on admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

STALL NAME	Volunteer Sign Up Link	QR Code	Stall Coordinator(s)
BBQ - 2023	volunteersignup.org/37DMD		Dipierdomenico Family & Savoia Family
Donuts 2023	volunteersignup.org/7XLPW		
Pre Loved Clothes 2023	volunteersignup.org/4LELD		Emma Lovick & Barbara Harris
Plants 2023	volunteersignup.org/YXR3Y		Aidan O'Reilly
Ride Ticket Sales 2023	volunteersignup.org/JBWRF		St James Vermont Teachers
Lob a choc 2023	volunteersignup.org/MXA4R		St Johns Mitcham Teachers
Bookshop 2023	volunteersignup.org/CYALE		
JJ's Cafe 2023	volunteersignup.org/T894M		Courtney Laffin
Hot Chips 2023	volunteersignup.org/XAPD7		
Pre - Loved Toys 2023	volunteersignup.org/CLX7Q		
Pop Corn & Fairy Floss 2023	volunteersignup.org/9ALFP		Julez Tauali'i
Cakes 2023	volunteersignup.org/9FR8L		Natalie Ballinger
Colouring Competition 2023	volunteersignup.org/CPJ87		St James Vermont Teachers
Crafts & Gifts 2023	volunteersignup.org/MMJD8		Agnes O'Connor
St John's Card Making Group 2023	volunteersignup.org/9CHR4		part of craft stall for 2023
Drink Stall 2023	volunteersignup.org/YQFKA		Nerida Thurbon
Face Painting 2023	volunteersignup.org/ADFLX		Kylie Brooks and Lena Zappia
JJ's Bar 2023	volunteersignup.org/9H4XB		Dan Kennedy
Pluck-a-Duck 2023	volunteersignup.org/LYYPY		St James Vermont Teachers
Sweets 2023	volunteersignup.org/MTERH		Mel Baptista and Paola Weinberg
Showbags 2023	volunteersignup.org/FYYWP		Kirsten Connelley

Bric a Brac 2023	volunteersignup.org/JRC3B		Dalton Family
Snow Cones 2023	volunteersignup.org/XF8YA		Julez Tauali'i
Pop Up Science Stall 2023	volunteersignup.org/FF9CW		Daniella Miglioratti
Main Raffle 2023	volunteersignup.org/P3L3C		Rob & Gracie Smith
Indian Restaurant 2023	volunteersignup.org/J4TE9		Fr. Dispin
Coffee 2023	volunteersignup.org/39XXX		Kirsten Connelley

BUMP IN / BUMP OUT CREW

Bump-in Fri 17 Nov 23 (9am - 1pm)	volunteersignup.org/AHKTF	
Bump in Fri 17 Nov 23 (1pm - 5pm)	volunteersignup.org/P494M	
Bump in Fri 17 Nov 23 (5pm - 9pm)	volunteersignup.org/QET37	
Bump Out - Sat 18 Nov (5pm - 7.30pm)	volunteersignup.org/WHM7J	
Working Bee Post Fete - Sun 19 Nov (9am - 1pm)	volunteersignup.org/LWPQP	

