



Welcome on behalf of the Fete Committee, **Three weeks to go!!!**

We're busy counting down the days to the biggest Saturday of the year at APPS! You may have noticed all the feverish activity going on as we prepare for the big day. The sign is up! The stalls are booked and planned! The volunteer sign-up sheets are in the foyer and there's been news and updates on Facebook and Instagram – make sure you follow, like and share to get the word out!

Each year our fete and fundraising team do an amazing job to create a fantastic event. Obviously our core ambition is to raise lots of much needed money for the school. This year we are aiming to raise significant funds to help pay for our gorgeous new green turf on the oval. But another important goal of the APPS fete is to foster our positive school atmosphere and to showcase our wonderful school to the broader local community. To all new APPS families we want to welcome you and encourage your family to get involved in the fete. As the saying goes "It takes a whole village..." so we invite all families in whatever way possible to get involved and help show our children how much we value and support their school.



We are delighted to announce that for the third year in a row, **Cayzer Real Estate** is on board again as our major partner. We really appreciate the generosity from Geoff and the team!. Next time you pop into any Cayzer 'open for inspection' please take the time to thank them for their generous and on going support for our school.

Congratulations to Poppy Robson (Grade 6) for her winning design that now stars on all our fete signage, it looks fantastic. Thankyou to all students that entered their designs last year.

Calling all Prep Families

It has become a much-loved tradition that our youngest students open the fete on the main stage with the Prep Parade at 9am. Every prep student is invited to dress up in any outfit or costume they wish and take part in this fun event. If you are free and want to have fun come along, and with a record number of Preps this year we look forward to it being a highlight of fete day. So get your little one thinking about what they would like to wear to the Prep Parade at 9am on Saturday 5th March.





Volunteer and become a fete legend...

Fete day doesn't happen without an army of hard working people, who put their hand up and offer to help out. Over the years APPS has been blessed with a large number of committed and hard working parents who help create the magic on fete day. In this issue we shine a light on a few of these special people...

Here's Cheers...

Dave Cafferkey, Husband of lovely Deb and father of Emma in 4K. Coach at the local Auskick, Barman and BBQ extraordinaire. All round legend and great bloke...

This is Dave's 5th year working at the fete and together with Sally McCrae (pictured) they bring the bar area to life. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Dave make your way to the bar on fete day afternoon and say cheers. The fete committee would like to say a big thank you to Dave for his tireless work at the fete each year including working behind the bar and leading the set-up and clean up efforts. Dave can always be counted on to rally the footy dads and the blokes army to donate some beer, to move some old turf or to rally the troops.



Dave and the fete organizers would like lots more help from the blokes for set up and pack up this year because many hands make light work. So become another 'fete legend' and sign up, volunteer your partner or give Dave a call 0400 618 550 to get involved

Legends to look out for...



Special thanks go to Nigel & Mindy Dunn, local restaurateurs from Kamel and parents of Riley (4K) and Ruby (3E). Dedicated to the cause: This will be Nigel and Mindy's 7th year supporting the coffee stall at our fete. Once again 100% of the purchase price of each coffee from this stall is donated straight to the school. So on fete morning don't go to your regular café, hold out to get your caffeine fix from Mindy, Nigel and their happy team of smiling and sometimes singing baristas.

New this year BYO cup to get a free chocolate coin and help us reduce waste at our fete



Yassoo!

Behind every authentic Giros is a wonderful team of people...



Special thanks to Maria and George Kassiotis (Parents of Olympia 2C and Ariel PrepA) who are leading the Greek food stall this year after overwhelming success in 2015.

Maria, George and the extended Kassiotis family have once again donated and worked behind the scenes to get the Greek stall happening. But they can't do it alone – we need lots of volunteers to work at the Greek stall on fete day. Don't worry there is no requirement to have Greek heritage or previous giros experience so please help Maria and her team out, sign up today or contact Maria on 0450 399 339

Behind the scenes of our stalling success!

Ebony Withington first joined the APPS school community with her older children Jesse, Jack and Sienna in 2004. Currently she has Nate in 5C and Luca in Prep M. If the fete committee were handing out long service leave Ebony would be one of the first to be eligible and for her many years of behind the scenes service. We would like to say a special thank you and salute Ebony's sustained efforts to help make our fete one of the best around.

Each year Ebony books and co-ordinates all the main stage entertainment, which in itself is a large and detailed task. Also over the years Ebony has fostered and developed the number and quality of paying external stalls at the APPS fete. When she began there was about 20 external stalls and that has now grown to around 60 this year. There is no doubt that the variety offered by the external stalls really adds to the interest and excitement on our fete day.

HELP WANTED: Ebony is searching for another market loving soul mate who can help by visiting other markets throughout the year to search for new stalls for the APPS fete 2017. Please get in touch with Ebony if you are a market lover who would love to help... contact Ebony Withington 0488 066 426 or ebony@ebonyorganics.com



Get baking and help them eat cake...

The spiritual heart and soul of every school fete is the cake stall. Just about everyone who visits our fete goes out of their way to seek out the cake stall and to make it a rockin' success again this year, we need everyone to get making and baking and to donate their produce. What about some homemade cupcakes, slices, cookies and large cakes? Or any items that can be sold to kids for \$1 or \$2 like shaped cookies, honey joys or choc crackles. Watch out for more information on cake packaging and labeling in our next newsletter. Contact Sue Burns 0412 757 382 and Allison Erp 0400 862 852



Wanted: Fun foodie help on a Friday

Friday fete eve March 4th (school friendly hours: 1pm - 3.30pm)

Once again the wonderful Brigid Niall is heading up the food preparation for the school run food stalls and she needs your help. No experience necessary - all equipment provided, just bring along a happy disposition and be prepared to wash and chop. Coffee will be served for sustenance!

Where: the kitchen at Jock's Ice Cream Victoria Ave

To let her know you are coming contact Brigid Niall 0437 943 379 or brigidniall@iinet.net.au

Quit stalling and help out ...

We are still looking for fete stall leaders for the following stalls and activities:

Fete & stall organisers....



Bike n' Blend

Bike n' Blend Stall

Have a passion for healthy food or cycling? Work with Sustainability team to run bike n Blend smoothie making stall on fete day. Promises to be a lot of fun



MCs

Work with Entertainment person and introduce our talent performers fete day. Most slots filled but still looking for another couple of volunteers for MC duties.



Corn on the Cob Stall

Super easy stall to run offering delicious healthy corn on the cob. Maybe even spice it up with some chilli butter or chipotle sauce - you decide!



Electrical know-how person (NEW)

Ready to start work at 7am and manage any problems with electrical leads for stall holders. "This plug doesn't work" is our most common problem during fete set up.



Kids nail salon stall

Fun stall that paints children's nails on fete day. Teenage helpers welcomed

If this is the job for you (or you know someone who would be perfect)?

Please contact Carolyn Menzies 0423 608 697 or carolyn_menzies@hotmail.com



Get your kids excited about Lucky Jars...

Make Lucky Jars to help pay for our lovely new green turf and for a chance to win a prize from our sponsor Jock's Ice cream and Sorbet.

Want to know more:

1. Please collect thoroughly clean jars from home. Any size big or small.
2. If you have any spare jars bring them to school for someone else to use. (there is a box outside the office for these)
3. If you don't have any jars at home, take one from the box outside the office.
4. Make up your own Lucky Jars and decorate them. Things that you could put in your jar: Little toys or figurines, beads, clean hair ties, mighty beans, smurfs, small toy cars, swap cards, badges, marbles, lego, beads, shopkins, loom bands etc.
5. Lucky Jars can contain anything as long as:
 - It's clean eg. no old hair ties or dirty toys.
 - Not dangerous eg. anything that will cut someone.
 - No food that is going to go bad or 'sticky' eg. unwrapped lollies or chocolate as it melts.
 - Please only donate attractive, sellable items as undesirable Lucky Jars will not sell and won't be included in your class tally.
6. Make sure you put your name and class on the bottom of any Lucky Jars you make – so you can be identified if you win a prize.
7. Bring your Lucky Jars to school. There are boxes in your classroom to put them in.

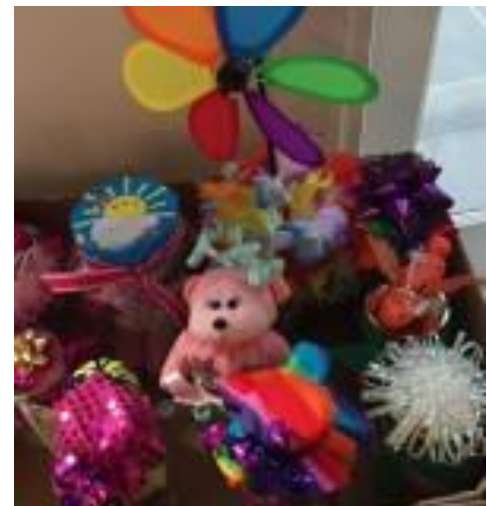


Get your Lucky Jars to your classroom by Thurs 3rd March

Lucky jar competition

The maker of the BEST Lucky Jars from each class will win a voucher for a Jock's ice cream. Judging criteria includes creative ideas, eye catching decoration and quality of content. Winners will be announced at the last assembly before the Fete. The class that sells the most jars wins a trip to Jock's Ice Cream and of course one of his famous ice creams. Make sure you label your jars so all can be counted! Winning Lucky Jars will be displayed at the Lucky Jar Stall on fete day.

Any questions please contact Janine 0421 042 855 or Pippa on 0417 592 702





Hamper Donations and Raffle

Each year the hamper raffle creates great excitement on Fete day and helps to raise 1000's of dollars towards our grand total. We need your help to make the raffle a success again this year!

Class	Hamper theme
Prep A	Baking
Prep M	Baking
Prep S	Baking
Prep O	Baking
1P	Pamper
1M	Pamper
1JS	Gourmet
1R	Gourmet
2C	Pamper
2J	Pamper
2H	Gardening & hardware
2R	Gardening & hardware
3E	Gourmet
3IT	Gardening & hardware
3B	Gardening & hardware
4K	Gourmet
4J	Gourmet
4L	Gourmet
5C	Gourmet
5J	Gourmet
5K	Gourmet
6A	Gourmet
6B	Baking
6N	Baking

Make a hamper donation:

We'd appreciate it if you could donate an item relating to your child's class 'theme' - see the table.

All items, big and small, are much needed and appreciated!!!

You may like to ask some parents in your class to get together and pool money- for a hamper item. i.e. instead of a small item each for the gourmet hamper you may get a pool together for a cook book or a voucher for a restaurant.

There will be a "Hamper Donations" box located in your child's class. Donations must be in by Thursday 3rd March.

Sell tickets

The oldest sibling in each family will receive a book of 25 tickets priced at \$1.00 each. Sell as many as you can to family, friends and neighbours. When selling tickets please make sure a name and telephone number is written on the butt of each ticket sold.

Please return ticket butts and money to your class teacher by Friday 26th February.

Any unsold tickets should also be returned at this time so that we can continue to sell them on fete day.

Additional raffle tickets are available at the office.

Making up hampers & fete day

We will need help assembling the hampers on Friday 4th of March and helping sell tickets on the day of the fête itself - please put your name on the roster - we would love the help!

If you have any questions please contact Talya on 0421349836 or Bis on 0448 545 730



What an opportunity: De-Clutter and Donate....

The following school-run stalls require a whole school community effort. Every dollar of sales at these stalls goes straight to the fete cash stash! Thank you in advance to everyone who donates so many wonderful items to help raise much needed funds...

All items for the following stalls can be delivered to the school hall from before school on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of March

Because the after school program is running in the hall each day we cannot store any donated items until Thursday 3rd March. So until then please stash your donations wherever you can! Get creative, the car boot, the bath, the neighbours!

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Book Stall

Book lovers unite: we will take all kinds of books and turn them into cash for the school. Fiction and Non-Fiction. Latest releases to vintage classics. Kids picture story books to chapter books. Clean out your bookshelves and send them into another bookworm's home....

Contact Kate Bell 0424 017 229 and Allison Curnow 0400 711 557

Pre Loved Clothes Stall

It's that time again to go through those wardrobes and find all those extra clothes that are just taking up space... or that you just can't stand him to wear anymore! We accept donations of all pre-loved clothes that are in wearable condition. Please remember no babywear, no swimwear, no underwear. Contact Jane Cunningham 0409 054 794

Pre Loved Treasure

If you have items around your home that are perfectly good but you have 'moved on' from them please send them to the Pre-Loved Treasure stall. All variety of 'treasure' is welcome. Please ensure all items are in good condition, clean and in working order. No un-saleable junk please.

Contact Kath Davis 0401 287 357

Toys, Bikes & Trikes

Make more room for your growing children at home by donating pre-loved toys, games, puzzles and books that they have out grown. This is a really popular stall and it's wonderful to see so many good quality toys find new homes within our community.

Contact Lisa Minton 0405 592 092 and Catherine Shepherd 0438 242 355

So get clearing out, de-cluttering, sorting and donating



Help Wanted

Be a good sort, get it in your diary and come along to the school hall any time on Thursday or Friday prior to the fete to help with "sorting, packing and wrapping" for the above stalls. Come and join in when it suits for as long as it suits... Preschoolers and babies welcome. Many hands make light work.



List of Important Fete Dates

From Now	Volunteer rosters up in admin office – sign up to help on a stall of your choice and have some fun - be quick to get your spot!
	Start bringing in empty jars for Jam and Lucky Jar
Friday 26 February	Hamper/Raffle Booklets to be returned with money from tickets sold
Wednesday 2 March	Last Day for Discount Rides Tickets - book online (via trybooking) OR form return to office (with money in named envelope!)
Thursday 3 March	Deliver second hand clothing, toys, books, bikes, trikes and "treasure" to School Hall (for the Vintage stall)
	Last day to deliver Lucky Jars and Hamper/Raffle items to your kids classroom
Friday 4 March	Set up and sorting in progress all day in the hall – volunteers needed Cakes, cookies, yummy-ness delivered to Admin Office by 3.30pm or before 9am Fete morning (for the Cake Stall)
Saturday 5 March	FETE!!! All system go go go!!! 9.00am - 4.00pm

Money Matters

Not to be petty but money matters!, so don't forget to get approval before spending any money as we may be able to get what you need donated. Contact Carolyn Menzies 0423 608 697

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Stay tuned for the next edition...