Dear Ashbury families,

It is always an exciting time leading up to a school fete and this year is no exception. We have some enthusiastic people already working hard behind the scenes to make sure this year’s fete is one to remember. This is a great opportunity to help our school community as it is the major fundraiser of the year. All the money raised goes towards much needed resources that will enhance our children’s learning so I encourage you to get involved in any way you can. If you are looking for a way to contribute to the fun please contact our fete coordinators: Tina, Dearne or Megan. Looking forward to another great Ashbury fete with you all.

Sue Shelley - Principal

Notes from the desk of the fete team

The Fete team has been working away since late last year to make this a fete to remember. Have you marked it on your calendars yet? **Saturday 31st August** is the day to look forward to. There has been great enthusiasm from so many people and almost all of our stalls now have coordinators. We’ve organised some fantastic rides and terrific stalls so there will be something for everyone. The petting zoo (with their llama) is making a welcome return, the crafty people amongst us are getting creative and the community garden will be adding their ‘green’ touch to the day.

Our sponsorship team are working on securing donations from local businesses (see inside for details) so the whole community is getting involved. Soon we’ll be asking you to start bringing in your donations. Look out for the Donation Schedule that will come home early next term. Finally, thanks to all of you who have already pledged to help out – it’s not too late to put up your hand and volunteer. If you have an ideas, let us know. As they say, many hands make a great fete. Read on to see how you can help to make Ashbury Public School Fete 2013 a memorable one!

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See you at the next meeting:
Tuesday 26th March - 7pm in the staffroom.
Tina, Dearne & Megan (Fete Coordinators)
We encourage parents to start approaching businesses they use to donate products and services for raffle prizes and the silent auction. This might include your local café, restaurant, butcher, mechanic, pharmacy, car wash, tradesperson or place where your kids do an after school activity.

So we aren’t doubling or tripling up in our requests for support, we would appreciate you following the below process:

1. Email Aimée for a copy of our official sponsorship letter

2. Let Aimée know before you approach a business

3. Let Aimée know when you are successful. Then we can recognise the business as a supporter.

To maximise the prizes I am also after some people to share the work load so we can approach as many companies as possible. If you have the gift of the gab or are able to spare some time going to a local area could you please let me know.

Signed merchandise from sporting teams make very popular silent auction items. If anyone knows someone who works for a team, we would love your help in securing some items.

Or, perhaps, you’re able to offer a weekend at your family’s holiday house, a night’s babysitting or a special meal for auction. Please let us know. Many thanks for your help to make the Fete a fabulous success

Aimée Jones: 0422 306 044   Email: aimee_mcdonall@hotmail.com

PLASTER PAINTING STALL

If you have old shirts or art aprons that you don’t need, can you please contact Eleni on 0402 086 848 or elenikar@optusnet.com.au. They will come in very handy for the kids when they do their plaster painting at the fete!
Ashbury Community Garden will be running a plant and produce stall at this year's fete.

We need your help!
Are you able to donate any of the following items or talents to our stall:

- Small plastic pots
- A sunny spot in your garden to help grow some seedlings in pots over the winter?
- Do you have produce growing at home that we, or the jam stall, could use to make jams, pickles or chutneys...eg tomatoes, mangoes, chokos, lemons etc
- Are you an artistic type who could make a few decorative items suitable for gardens (eg garden ornaments, mosaics, bird feeders)?

If you have any other bright ideas for garden items we could sell on our stall, please let us know!
Contact us by email: info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au
or phone Michelle Favelle 0412 075 665

JAMS

Jams and preserves are always very popular on fete day, and the stall relies on lots of small contributions from Ashbury families.

There are two ways you can help:

1. Start collecting glass jars, ready for collection day in Term 2. The best jars have metal lids and are small to medium size, but large ones will also be welcome. It will make life easier for our jam-makers if you can wash them thoroughly and remove the labels before donating.

2. Think about whether you might make something for the stall (which you will be asked to bring in a few days before the fete, or on the day itself). Even 6-12 jars would be fantastic, and we're love to see a really broad range of products to put on sale. Jams of all kinds, jellies, chutneys, sweet or savoury sauces, preserved vegetables or lemons, and buttery curds would all be really welcome. I have a lot of recipes available to share if you like the idea of making something but need inspiration. We'll put another call for items out in another newsletter closer to the date.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me Jane Connors:
connorsj9s@gmail.com

URGENT FETE STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have a:
- Garage?
- Store room?
- Undercover balcony?
- Attic? or a dry Veranda?

...DO WE NEED YOU!

Tina Bidese 0430 474 701
manatina@optusnet.com.au

*We can organise helpers to deliver items to you and we will be very appreciative!!!
CRAFTS

We need lots of helpers to make simple craft items for the Fete in August. If you (or someone you know) can sew, knit, crochet, embroider, make cards, jewellery or anything else crafty, please contact us and let us know what you can make, or, if you would like us to give you a take-home kit to complete....

Contact Jenny Davis (child in 1/KR) ph.0402311536; jennifersldavis@gmail.com

We are also requesting donations of:-

• new plain hair clips
• fabric scraps or pieces (particularly cotton “quilting” fabric or calico)
• old jeans
• buttons, ribbons & trims
• knitting yarn (particularly textured yarn which would make nice scarves)

Please place any donations in the marked container in the downstairs activity area

Many thanks,
Nerida & Jenny - Craft Stall Co-ordinators
Nerida Chedra (children in 1H, 3M & 4M) ph.0488990326 gchoched@gmail.com

BOOKS

New or 2nd hand books, kids books, novels, reference books, comics, unused activity books, CDs, magazines

Call Katrina on 0437 966 556 to arrange drop-off or pick-up. Books will be stored off-site.

FOOD

Are you a Year One Parent? As we are such a fabulous group of parents, I would love to ask as many of you to volunteer to help make this the BEST Fete ever.

Year one is running the food stalls this year and I have some great and easy ideas and need help with serving food on the day. One or two hours is all I require of you on fete day. Please get involved so we can raise as much money for our wonderful children.

Please contact me:
Vicki Bellero on bellero@bigpond.net.au - and I would love to welcome you to the 'food team'.