Welcome to our first OLA Community Festival newsletter!

We’re sure you’ll agree that last year’s festival was a great day. Wonderful weather, smiles on the faces of the children, a chance for parents to catch up with other families and meet their children’s new friends. It will have created some lasting memories, we are sure.

This year’s Community Festival will be held on Sunday 8th June 2014.

With these memories we hope we can build on last year’s success. It’s a lot of work, but we honestly believe its worth all the effort. We need more helpers, especially from new parents, so if you are interested please contact us via email. This newsletter outlines further information about the Festival as well as volunteering opportunities.

The support, positivity and enthusiasm people have shown thus far, has been fantastic. Please, join in the fun, it’s a great feeling!

Last year we managed to raise over $20,000 and with this money we were able to purchase the huge fans for the Good Samaritan Activity Centre. We think you'll agree they have been well worth the money.

This year we hope to raise over $30,000. With this, we hope to increase the school branding by:

• purchasing new electronic signs for Hurdcotte St and South Pine Road which can be instantly programmed from the school’s office. (Currently updating the notice board outside is a process that takes over 40 mins.)

• improve & secure the fencing around the school

AND

• install new, updated signage.

Your Festival committee is working to bring you an exciting Festival, so sit back, relax and read the latest information, and stay tuned for some exciting announcements to come.

Get excited, it’s going to be a fantastic Festival!

From your Community Festival Committee: Sally Newman, Dubhe Warner, Kerri Hruza, Danielle Long, Kath York, Cass Fraser, Tanya Stephens, Michelle Kennedy, Margaret Sharman, Maria Pizimolas, Kristi Dillon and Sue Smith.

Stay tuned for our next exciting newsletter next term!

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday break - see you next term when the big countdown to your Community Festival begins.

Thankyou to our sponsors...

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Please add to our list if you can. Perhaps you know of someone, a business, or even your own work place would be interested in sponsorship or donating to our event.

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You and the kids can work up an appetite before lunch with some ‘Old School’ games - tug o’ war, sack races, and egg and spoon races to name a few.

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Of course, the Festival will only work with the input of lots of our parents and kids. Impressively, we have already had volunteers come forward as convenors and here are the stalls being specifically run:

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- **Craft for kids** - this is a fun stall to run. You choose the activity - kids can decorate (EG bags, cookies, cupcakes, painting)
- **Crazy hair and tattoos** – There may be students out there who would like to run this stall – coloured hair spray, glitter spray and temporary tattoos.
- **We also need face painters.** Miss Marrinan from Prep Red has kindly offered to run this stall but needs helpers, so if you are a closet artist, please let her know you are available.
- **The bottle/jar stall** - you let the kids do most of the work for this one! Leading up to the fete, encourage OLAs students to bring a bottle/jar with a small gift inside (could be hair bands, chocolates, little toys, or another small gift). Then at the festival kids buy a ticket to win a jar (and everyone wins a prize!). The kids can even decorate the jars.

**Trailer Raffle**

More help needed to sell tickets – the first day saw more than 650 tickets sold! Please email Kath York, Mum to Maddy (2B), with your name, class and preferred dates olacomunityfestival@gmail.com Tickets will be sent home to families at the beginning of Term 2.

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**Sponsor News**

Our major (Gold) Sponsors for 2014 are Charlie’s Fruit Market and PlanBuild Homes – thank you for your generous support! A list of all our sponsors to date are on the back page. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor our Festival, please contact use.

**Social Media**

Check out the P&F page on the school website to find out lots of details on the Community Festival. There’s information on the trailer raffle, stalls, what’s happening on the day and how to volunteer. There’s also a list of the wonderful sponsors in our community who are supporting our great Festival.

And... we are on Facebook!

Take a look at our page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/OLACommunityFestival/ and ‘Like’ us.

This is a closed group, so send a request and we will add you so you can find out all the latest news on the Festival. Tanya Stephens, Mum to Alyssa (2B) and Matthew (Prep Red), is taking care of our social media and bringing us up to speed.

**Stall Information**

Food, games and fun for everyone! Our most popular stalls from 2013 will be run again - yes, Cakes and Sweets will be back, thanks to the PREP Year and Kristi Dillon, Mum to Ellie (1M) who is our stall co-ordinator. The beautiful Craft Stalls is back, courtesy of Leesa Cunningham and her team.

We have rides and face-painting for the kids, lucky dips, show bags and much more!

We will also be selling delicious Homemade Jams and Chutneys thanks to Year 5, and you can enjoy a lovely morning or afternoon tea from our Coffee Shop, put on by Year 1 and Nat Seton, Mum to Ellie (1M) who is our stall co-ordinator. Along with Hot Belgian waffles, fresh strawberries and cream, hot chips, a delicious BBQ (thanks to Stephen Rzpeka and team), and many other delights. The Bar will be back and will be taking on a new look this year!

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