



It's now just a matter of weeks until the event that all of Mitcham and surrounding suburbs has been waiting for.

No, not the reopening of the only supermarket in town ... although it is a place where you're guaranteed to leave with some things you need, some you didn't and run into all the school mums and dads, while you're there.

It's the St John's Fete, and it's here to fill that convenient shopping void that has enveloped Mitcham for several agonising months.

In aisle 3 we have confectionary, via the Lob-a-Choc stand, baked goods and coffee in aisle 1.

We have preloved clothes in aisle 5 (**cashier desperately needed – see below**), bric-a-brac in aisle 2, gardening supplies in aisle 8, rides, snags and other goodies on display throughout the store.

So, relive the glorious days when we had a supermarket of our own, give in to your kids' demands for treats and buy a little something for yourself along the way - all without having to wait for a store attendant to fix the self-service register after it failed to correctly weigh your purchases.

Urgent need: Pre-loved Clothes Coordinator.

Don't let more than 70 years of history go out of fashion.

A St John's Fete would not be complete without a pre-loved clothes stall. To have a stall there needs to be a **Coordinator**. We have the helpers, we have the process and we have the clothes. Anyone keen to test their retail fashion skills, or just plain interested, please consider taking up this important and worthwhile role. Like to know more?

Ring the Parish Office or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au



Get crafty:

The craft stall is very self-contained. All the Coordinator needs to do is oversee the running of the stall on the day. It's easy and a great opportunity to hand responsibility of your kid(s) to another parent while you partake in a vital community service.

Don't Desert us, Dessert us

To all you shakers and bakers, you know who you are! We are on the hunt for a beautifully crafted cake to include in our raffle. Please reach out to our Cake Stall Coordinator, **Natalie** or email us at fete@stjohnsfete.org.au.

And, of course, we need your wonderful donations of homemade baked goods. From cookies to cupcakes, brownies to bundt cakes, if you can bake it, we will happily take it. When delivering your baked goods for the stall, please include a list of all the ingredients.



Help fuel the sugar rush

There's nothing like the joy of seeing your child running around at the fete holding four blocks of chocolate after a golden run on the **LOB-A-CHOC** stall, and a fist full of lollies in the other hand after investing their parents' hard earned into a sugar rush.

Help make that beautiful snapshot of childhood joy come true, by donating blocks of chocolate and bags of lollies to these respective stalls, via the school office by **Friday, November 7**.



Sell the dream

Raffle tickets have been sent home to school families and are available for sale after all weekend masses. They all need to be returned sold or unsold. Each book needs to be accounted for. Thank you to those that have already returned their books and to others who have bought the entire booklet because it's the more efficient option. Remember, it's an investment, not an expense.



Branch out

Are you a passionate green thumb? Love gardening and 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 aidenoriley76@gmail.com to organise the pick-up of donations, which will take place on **Friday 14 November**.

Plants and pots can also be delivered to St John's School Mitcham from **11am on Friday 14 November** and from **9am Saturday 15 November**.

Clean your toy chest, wardrobe and garage ... and help fill someone else's.

The best place to house all of your pre-loved clothes, toys, trinkets and outdated Collingwood premiership memorabilia is ... in someone else's house.

Let the St John's Fete be the conduit for this glorious process of cleansing and rebirth.

The early response for goods has been great, but we can always accept more.

Final drop off date:

When: Sunday 9 November, 9am – noon

Where: Parish garage at the rear of the parish office.

NB: No drop off Cup weekend (Sunday 2nd November)

Silent Auction

We need donations of goods and services for our Fete Silent Auction.

Please contact **Rob - 0419 379005** – if you can assist or have any questions.

We are also creating hampers for the auction, so consider smaller items that could be combined to make a 'Stay in on a Friday Night Hamper', 'Welcome to your New Home Hamper', 'Beauty Hamper' or a 'Sporting Hamper'. Use your imagination. Please drop them into the school office, the parish office or place any donations in the red and white box in the church narthex.

Wristband sales for amusement rides:

The Cliff Hanger returns and look out for the climbing wall.

Your kids are going to love the rides and they're probably going to nag you to buy them tickets. So, take the decision making out of your hands and put it on your childrens' by pre-purchasing an unlimited ride wristband. Keep an eye out for the wristband pre-sale in the coming weeks.