



Festa di Primavera is BSPS's major community fundraising event. It is a significant day for our school community, and a proud BPS tradition. This year we have an opportunity to get even more people from the local area involved, as Festa will be on Victorian State Election Day (Saturday 28th Nov) with BPS a Polling Station.

Over the past 12 months, Festa Fundraising money has helped improve our school by contributing to the new basketball courts and junior nature play area, the big screen in the multi-purpose room, and air conditioning in classrooms. We need to replenish these funds, and we have a great opportunity to do so if everyone can band together and pitch in. Our target for Festa (including Silent Auction) is \$60,000. This is ambitious, but with your help we can do it!

What we need from you

- We can't run Festa without your help! We are asking each parent to sign up for a 2 hour volunteer slot, and can guarantee that being part of Festa in this way is genuinely fun. If you have very young kids and absolutely cannot volunteer for 2 hours, please share a 2 hour slot with a friend or family member - grandparents also love volunteering. If you are away or cannot volunteer at all, choose the "Other" option to let us know so we stop contacting you.
- Think about what you can contribute over the next 12 weeks (chocolate, plants, books and toys, silent auction donations and business contacts/leads).
- Tell us if you have access to any of the following:
 - Large amounts of cardboard / boxes
 - Pea straw in bales
 - A mobile cool room
 - Good quality wine / beer donations
 - Fancy sausage donations



Festa FAQs will all be answered here: [Festa di Primavera 2026 - FAQs](#)

What to do now:

- Sign up for a volunteering slot: [Sign up via SignUpGenius](#)
- Contribute to the silent auction (details further down). Let us know via [the Silent auction form](#)
- Prepare to grow some herb or veggie seedlings for the plant stall
- Let us know if you can donate food or drinks to sell

- **By October (4 weeks to go):**
- Plan for whether you can donate plants / cakes / good quality secondhand books or toys
- Gather chocolate!
- Get your silent auction item or voucher to us: we need everything in hand by Festa
- Buy your tickets / wristbands if you haven't already: <https://www.trybooking.com/DONAB>



Week before:

- Bring donations to school
- Fill up the chocolate tub
- Get baking
- Get prepared for the day
- Bid on the silent auction and share the auction with your friends, neighbours, colleagues, and family

On the day:

- Come and vote, get a democracy sausage
- Don't forget your kids wristbands and any other prepurchases
- Show up 5 min early for your volunteershift to do handover / learn the ropes
- Sign the volunteer sheet on the table
- Make sure you have the number to let us know if you are delayed or can't work out where you are meant to be - Thea on 0403082138

Silent Auction This year the silent auction runs alongside Festa, with items on display on the day and bidding closing towards the end of the event. Nearby schools have raised serious money this way: Merri Creek \$34k, Fitzroy North \$33k, Northcote \$20k, and every dollar we raise goes straight back into our school.

We've already secured some wonderful donations, but **we need your help to find more**. Do you have a favourite local business in your own or a friend's network you could connect us with, a holiday house you'd be happy to offer a stay at, or a skill or service of your own you could donate?

A few ideas, based on what's sold well at other local school auctions:

- **A stay at a holiday house:** a weekend or a week at the beach, in the hills, or wherever your family gets away to. These are consistently among the highest-bid items at other school auctions
- **Professional services from a parent's own trade or practice:** a design consultation with an architect, a basic will from a lawyer, a couple of hours' electrical work, a carpenter for a day, a garden design session, a tax return prepared by an accountant, a session with a personal trainer, a consultation with a financial planner, and more
- **A business in your friends network,** a cafe, restaurant, bar, or shop, yours or a friend's, wherever you already spend your Saturday mornings (we already have Taverna and Bellboy Cafe on board, this is exactly the kind of connection that works)
- **A skill you can offer yourself,** dog sitting for a weekend, babysitting for one Saturday night, two lawn mows, a family portrait shoot, tutoring sessions, home-cooked meals delivered
- **A treatment or class pass,** massage, facials, Pilates, yoga, boxing, swim school, dance, martial arts, anything you swear by

Got something to offer, or know a business who might? Let us know via [the Silent auction form](#) so we can keep track of what's coming.

Thanks so much for supporting your school!

Festa 2026 Organising Committee