



FETE NEWSLETTER #3 • 2026

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026 • 10am – 4pm

Do You Know This Person?

Who am I?

- I'm an electrician by trade
- I'm a community-minded person looking to give back
- I have a connection to St John's Parish or one of our two schools
- I love seeing my handiwork contribute to the happiness of local kids

Answer: will appear in the next newsletter when this incredible person or people put themselves forward, or are put forward by others, to help light up the 2026 edition of the St John's Parish Community Fete.



Vitally Important Roles

And, while we're on the topic of vitally important roles that require vitally important people — the following vacancies do not require any formal qualification, just a willingness to learn and help:

- **Operations Group members** — sounds important, is important, you're perfect for it.
- **Fete Operations Manager** — sounds even more important, great on a CV, commands respect and possibly a walkie talkie.
- **Treasurer** — the most important job, but don't tell the above two positions that or they'll get jealous.
- **Electrician(s)** — you're the headline item on this newsletter, clearly of peak importance, to the point where you don't require a fancy title to accompany the prestige that this position holds.

Join the team in 2026 to learn the ropes and then take the lead in 2027.



Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

\$2 — that's a third of a coffee, a few slices of bread, one likely unsuccessful chance in a claw machine or a thimble full of petrol. Or, it can fund an investment.

And, the bigger the investment, the bigger the opportunity. Buy a whole booklet of ten tickets and try to scoop the pool.

There are ten great prizes on offer:

1 st	\$1,500 Gift Card	Donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham
2 nd	\$700 Gift Card	Donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery
3 rd	\$500 Gift Card	Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre
4 th	\$200 Woolworths Gift Card	Donated by N.V. Impex
5 th	AFL Official Sherrin Match Day Football (value \$200)	Donated by Mitcham Junior Football Club
6 th	Rebel Sports Voucher (value \$200)	Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club
7 th – 10 th	Gift Vouchers (value \$100 each)	

Tickets are to be returned, sold or unsold, by **Sunday 8th November 2026**.

Just Finally ... We're Still on the Lookout For

- **Volunteers** — this fete is an institution built on people power. Volunteer a small amount of time for fete day, set up or pack up, and remember to put your time slot into your diary.
- **Silent Auction items** — donations are now being gratefully received. Please lean on your community connections and hook us up with some valuable auction items. Please contact Rob or the parish if you have something to contribute or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au.
- **Spring clean** — if you're finally tackling that notorious cupboard filled with years of unopened or barely played with toys and you think to yourself "yeah, nah", don't throw it away, donate it to the fete Bric-a-brac. You can guarantee there will be someone who views it in a more positive light and says "nah, yeah" and buys it. It's the Australian way.
- **Lollies and blocks of chocolate** — Lob-a-choc is where philanthropy meets recycling meets fundraising. You see, you buy packs of lollies or a block of chocolate and donate it to the school to use in Lob-a-choc (philanthropy). Your kids then beg you for money to play Lob-a-choc and win back the chocolate or lollies you've donated (fundraising). Finally, after several tries, they're successful in winning back what you've donated (recycling).
- **Nursery time** — green thumbs, this is your time of year. Dig deep, we need your plant donations. If you're a gardener, but haven't contributed to the Fete plant sale, it's time to turn over a new leaf, as this stall is a critical branch of the fete.



Keep an eye out for the wristband sales for the rides on Fete day — coming soon!

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Volunteer Sign-Up Links & QR Codes

Saturday 21st November 2026

How to sign up: point your phone camera at a QR code, tap the link and pick your shift.

 BBQ (Cooks / Servers / Register) Dan Savoia + Clemi K volunteersignup.org/73W44	 Bookshop Tony Piddington volunteersignup.org/LDXJT	 Bric-A-Brac Dalton Family volunteersignup.org/AK9DM
 Cakes Natalie Ballinger volunteersignup.org/8LPW3	 Coffee Michelle Plant volunteersignup.org/8MTX4	 Colouring Competition St James Grade 6's volunteersignup.org/94FDT
 Crafts & Gifts Monika Bredhauer volunteersignup.org/RPY7Y	 Donuts Stefan Festa volunteersignup.org/HTRD4	 Drink Stall Nerida Thurbon volunteersignup.org/4CYB9
 Face Painting Kylie Brooks Lena Zappia volunteersignup.org/DYHET	 Hot Chips Antonio Ruggiero volunteersignup.org/ACRYD	 Indian Restaurant Fr. Dispin volunteersignup.org/LQEKJ
 JJ's Bar Dan Kennedy volunteersignup.org/7CPLA	 JJ's Cafe Julie Crema volunteersignup.org/7DRPM	 Lolly & Showbags Cecilia Kennedy & Tara Bourne volunteersignup.org/H7M8E
 Main Raffle Rob & Gracie Smith volunteersignup.org/MDK83	 Plants Aidan O'Reilly volunteersignup.org/KQ43L	 Pop Corn & Fairy Floss Julez Tauali'l volunteersignup.org/RKHPR
 Pop Up Science Stall Daniella Miglioratti volunteersignup.org/QD87Q	 Pre Loved Clothes Catherine Chua Loredana Iacobucci volunteersignup.org/J9WJM	 Pre Loved Toys Emily Boyd Emir Bajcic volunteersignup.org/YYXQ9
 Snow Cones Julez Tauali'l volunteersignup.org/WX8PM	 Pre Fete Setup – Sun 15 Nov 10am – 12pm volunteersignup.org/33C7Q	 Pre Fete Setup – Thurs 19 Nov 5pm – 7pm volunteersignup.org/EDW7M
 Set Up – Fri 20 Nov 10am – 1pm 1pm – 5pm volunteersignup.org/CKJ4X	 Pack Up – Sat 21 Nov Evening, 5pm – 7pm volunteersignup.org/YJD8X	 Post Fete Clean Up – Sun 22 Nov 9am – 1pm volunteersignup.org/B87RY

Many hands make light work

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