**Whopping Great Fete Update**

**Fete Action:**
- Get 16 October in the diary, it’s fete day!
- Whopping Great Fete website is live [www.westgarthfete.com](http://www.westgarthfete.com)
- Like & follow the fete on [www.facebook.com/WGFete](http://www.facebook.com/WGFete) & on Instagram @WGFete
- Junior Auctioneers are coming...

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**I I WEEKS TO GO!**

Welcome to the 1st edition of the Whopping Great Fete newsletter. Every fortnight we’ll share the latest on fete progress, building up to fete day on 16 October 2016.

Rides have been booked, kids’ activities locked-in and stalls planned.

Stall and activity holders are readying themselves to once again put on an amazing event that is a highlight of the school year calendar.

This year we are taking over the back turf to bring a bunch of new kids’ activities. Look out for the roller disco, inflatable soccer, super science and pedal power.

‘Auction for an Auction’ is back proudly sponsored by Jellis Craig. Sam, Ben and the team from Jellis Craig will be hitting the stage for the Live & Loud Auction but this year they will have some help, see Junior Auctioneers below.

Rostering, donations and all round callouts for help will commence soon so keep fete in the back of your mind if you see cartons of cool drinks on sale at the supermarket or are doing a clean out of the wardrobe.

Got a question, idea or expertise to share? Contact Julia on 0400 067 758 or whoppinggreatfete@gmail.com.

It’s going to be GREAT and WHOPPING.

**Calling all Junior Auctioneers**

This year we want students to take over the Loud Auction at Fete!

We are looking for Year 6 students to conduct the live and loud auctions on the stage at the Whopping Great Fete.

A note went home with Year 6s last week to see who would like to be involved in auctioning some donated items on the stage on fete day.

This is a unique opportunity for students to gain public speaking experience, build confidence and demonstrate leadership and resilience.

Permission slips to participate are due by 12 August.

We can’t wait to see these auctioneers in action!
Silent Auction - A Prized Experience

At this year’s Silent Auction we’re aiming for prizes that treat, uplift, support and entertain. We know in the past that holiday houses, art, massages and experiences sell well.

This year along with fantastic gifts, we’re after unique local experiences.

If you have a skill and a few hours to share it, let us know. You might be surprised just how excited people are getting when they learn they’ll be able to bid on crochet lessons or a chicken consultation from our published urban chicken expert or on getting their knives sharpened.

Westgarth Primary School is full of parents and carers with amazing skills and talents. This year we want to share some of those skills.

These talents and so many more exist within the Westgarth community so if you have a talent or skill you can share or a prize you can source get in touch with us.

Or maybe you know someone within our community with a talent that could be shared? They maybe a little shy about coming forward so “Tag a Talent”!

Get in contact at whoppinggreatauction@gmail.com or call Carolyn on 0410 495 914. Let’s see what amazing talents we can share.

The Plant Stall needs helpers!

We are about to start planting the tomatoes for the fete. Tomatoes are our biggest sellers and we need help. There are lots of jobs and most don’t need any experience. Of course if you are keen to learn how to grow vegetables from seeds then this is also your chance.

First we need more pots - particularly those with about 10 cm diameter for the tomatoes but most sizes are useful. Please drop off pots in bags in the staff bike area at the Brooke St staff car park. Access is via the playground through a pedestrian gate near the portables. Adults are only permitted within this area.

We need to wash all the pots for tomatoes and after all the growing and potting we do that gets a bit wearing! If you could wash a few pots we would be very grateful. Just give Penny a call and she will drop some pots off to you.

Do you have a nice sunny window sill?

If you can host a few trays of tomato seedlings and keep them watered until they are big enough to pot up that would be great. If you want to plant the seeds yourself we can provide seed and soil.

Or if your garden has a spare bit of sunny space we could do with some plant sitters. Just water them every now and then and they should be fine.

Finally we will have a couple of working bees to plant seeds and repot tomatoes and other plants. We would love some new helpers.

We are happy to show you what to do if you are not sure. Dates will be in the newsletter soon or send me your email and I can keep you up to date. If you’ve got a green thumb and would like to grow something yourself that would also be great. We can even provide potting mix if you need it.

Call or email Penny Smith (Lachlan 3BP) if you can help: 0418 384 696 or penny.smith@sydney.edu.au
Have you heard ‘Auction for an Auction’ is back?

Jellis Craig Northcote are proud to be offering WPS family and friends the opportunity to secure a sales and marketing campaign for your property at the live ‘Auction for an Auction’.

Last year’s Auction for an Auction was a great result for WPS and the auctioning team. We are looking forward to another vibrant, loud and exciting Whopping Great Auction again!

Be the winning bidder on the day and you will receive:

- A complete service auction campaign fully managed by local Senior Partners (and WPS Dads) Sam Rigopoulos and Ben Harrison.
- Free property styling advice from a styling consultant.
- Free co-ordination of presentation related trades and services. The Jellis Craig team will manage the painters, gardeners and furniture suppliers on your behalf.
- Auction day services including pointerboards, flags and Auctioneer.

In addition to the above, Jellis Craig Northcote include the sales commission and marketing expenses into the ‘Auction for an Auction’ prize. The marketing provided will encompass a Premium Property Advertising campaign with photography, video tour, print and internet advertising covered.

If you secure this prize there are zero out of pocket expenses for your sale!

Here’s the T&Cs:

- Must be purchased for a property that falls within Jellis Craig Northcote’s service area.
- Payment will be made in full at settlement of property sold (no up-front payment).
- Prize reserve $2000.
- Prize is valid for 9 months from date of purchase.

If you would like to discuss further don’t hesitate to contact Sam on 0425 834 583.
**Drink Donations Needed**

It may be the middle of a freezing Melbourne Winter, but by the time the fete rolls around the sun will be shining and that means long queues of kids and adults at the cold drinks stall. All the drinks we sell on the day are donated by Westgarth families just like you. So the next time you’re hanging out at the veritable wonderland that is Northcote Plaza, how about popping a case or two of soft drink or juice into your trolley for sale at the fete. It’s perhaps the easiest way of all to make a contribution and you get the added bonus of feeling warm and generous on fete day as you watch all those Westgarth kids slide into a diabetic coma after their 4th can. All donations can be dropped off to the office on Brooke Street. Any questions give me a call. **Ian Campbell-Fraser M: 0417 943 004 (Of course if you happen to work for a major supermarket chain or drinks wholesaler I’d love to hear from you too!)**

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**Eureka Coffee**

Eureka Coffee are back again at this year’s Whopping Great Fete serving their locally roasted coffee. Drop by one of their two coffee carts to get your delicious caffeine fix.

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**Whopping Great Social Media!**

Hello all! I was hoping to ask each and every parent (and staff member) to please go to the following links and LIKE each page.

- Instagram: [@wgfete](https://www.instagram.com/wgfete)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/WGFete](https://www.facebook.com/WGFete)

Additionally, please go to our Facebook page on your computer, and you will notice on the left hand side a link to ‘Invite friends to like this page’.

We would be super grateful if you could click this link and invite any of your ‘FB friends’ who are school parents and friends, members of our local community, and any family members who may be interested in attending or contributing to the fete. Let’s spread the word about what we have in store as well as thank contributors and donors on our social media.

Once you are following our Facebook and Instagram I urge you to please click like and comment where possible as this helps to show our page on more Facebook streams. **Click away!!**

To all activity and stall holders please use the below email address to send me any news including nice bright and clear photos, and donor information so that I have lots of lovely content to make our media pages zing.

Ideas of things I can use would be along the lines of tomato seedlings and pots of jammy goodness, donations of media/books/clothing and of course info on any business sponsorship of food/goods/silent auction items.

**Thanks, Jo B (Geordie 2HJ and Lulu 6B) Email: whoppinggreatmedia@gmail.com**