MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2016 Country Fair is fast approaching and now is the time to update everyone on the progress of planning.

This year’s organising committee have been hard at work locking in some fantastic attractions, competitions, and performers … not the least of which will be all our fantastic students!

**NEW IN 2016:**

**MECHANICAL BULL!**

Think you can ride 8 seconds on a spinning and bucking mechanical bull? The Country Fair is the place to show your cowboy and cowgirl skills! Remember – one hand in the air!!

**3 x INFLATABLE FUN!**

This year to cater for how much everyone loves jumping on air filled things, the Country Fair will have the ever popular giant slide and two jumping castles – one for the big kids and one for the little kids!

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**EARLY NOTICE: SCHOOL WORKING BEE**

*Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm*

Many hands make light work so if you have an hour or two to spare, this working bee will give the school one last spruce up before it is on show at the Country Fair.
2016’s HUGE LINEUP ALSO INCLUDES:

MELISSA TAPPER

We are very excited to announce Hamilton’s own Olympic and Paralympic Table Tennis superstar Melissa Tapper has agreed to be our event ambassador!

Melissa will be at the Country Fair so why not see if you can play table tennis and beat one of the Australia’s best players!! Also on the program:

- Whipcracking
- Sheep Shearing
- Gumboot throwing competition
- Live Music
- Monster cake stall
- Huge plant stall
- Student performances & art auction
- Gourmet BBQ & Food Court
- 50+ market stalls

WANT FREE TICKETS?

To help put on the Country Fair we are asking for donations of small items to assist in the running of the fun carnival events around the grounds on the day.

Students in the class with highest number of donations will WIN TICKETS to use at the Country Fair!

We are asking if each family could contribute an item or two towards the event to help it raise as much money as possible. All contributions are gratefully received and we thank everyone in advance for helping the 2016 Country Fair be as successful as previous years! Class teachers will collect donations.

DONATIONS REQUIRED:

- Party favours which can be used as prizes — whistles/jewellery, etc
- Mini Chocolates — Favourites, Freddo Frogs/Caramello Koalas, etc
- Blocks of chocolate — plain and flavoured, preferably no nuts please.
- Decorating items for the haunted house — spiders/cobwebs/skeletons, etc
CAN I HELP? Why yes, you can!

PLANT STALL

Do you have a green thumb? Have a heap of plants in the garden you want to get rid of and can pot them up by October? The popular plant stall is calling for plants!

In particular, we are chasing succulents of all shapes and sizes. Also, we are looking for people to plant seeds for some vegetables and herbs.

If your brown thumb or time poor schedule doesn’t mean you can grow anything, we’d love some donations of seeds, potting mix, trays/pots to grow these things in.

Remember, if you have some plants in your garden but would like us to come and trim them/collect them, just let us know to arrange a collection!

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THE PLANT STALL IN ANY OF THESE WAYS, PLEASE LET PLANT STALL COORDINATOR BEC KNOW BY FILLING OUT THE FORM AT THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER

MASSIVE CAKE STALL

Calling all bakers! The cake stall at the Country Fair is renowned for being filled to the brim with tempting delights of all shapes and sizes and is one of the school’s biggest fundraisers!

Can you help? Let us know what you’ll be cooking and how much of it on the form at the end of this newsletter and drop it into the office.

REMEMBER: We have no refrigeration capacity so please DO NOT send any cream filled items or those which need to be kept in the fridge!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

Each year the Country Fair showcases a huge array of items with over 50 undercover market stalls with everything from jewellery and clothing to toys and artworks, plus so much more. If you’d like to have a stall, or know someone who should, let us know!

Stall sites are 3m x 3m. $45 early bird price available for bookings and payments made before August 31. $60 thereafter. All sites must be booked and paid for prior to October 21.

Contact Stallholder Coordinators Benita (0419 503 689) and Jane (0448 096 329) for a copy of all the specifications and to book your site!
EVENT SPONSORS

Once again support from our community businesses for our school’s event has been fantastic! We thank our wonderful sponsors for their generosity and where possible, ask you to return the favour and support them where you can.

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I CAN HELP!

PLANT STALL:

Name: __________________________________________________________

Contact number:__________________________________________________

☐ I can grow plants!

Type ____________________________________________________________ Number ___________

Type ____________________________________________________________ Number ___________

Type ____________________________________________________________ Number ___________

☐ I have plants, but I need someone to come and take cuttings from them!

Type ____________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

Contact number____________________________________________________

Plants can be kept at home and delivered before 10am on the morning of the Country Fair or delivered to a central spot prior. Plant stall coordinator Bec Carter be in touch for your preference.

CAKE STALL

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Contact number: __________________________________________________

I’m going to bake something for the cake stall and drop it off at school on Friday, October 21.

Cake stall item ____________________________________________ Number ______

Cake stall item ____________________________________________ Number ______

Cake stall item ____________________________________________ Number ______

Full ingredients must be listed on stickers accompanying cake/biscuits. Please collect stickers from the office.

MY TIME

I’m happy to donate some time to the Country Fair. Please let me know what I can do! Some jobs require as little as an hour :)

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Contact number: __________________________________________________