Sat 11th May 2013

Chapter 2

10 weeks to go!

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Our Storybook is coming together!

Lots of characters have signed up to convene stalls or help out along the way. We still need a few important stalls to be looked after so please review the Stall List (a separate document this week) and let us know promptly if you can help out. If there is something you can help with but you don’t wish to convene a stall this year, please contact the relevant convenor and let them know how you can assist.

Toy Stall

Don’t forget the Toy Market Elves want your donations of old and pre-loved toys. There are collection boxes outside the Prep Classrooms and below the Year 1 block, or a pick-up can be arranged for larger items. The Toy Market Elves want toys that are clean, washed and in working order.

Contact Jackie 0437 440 918 or email toys@jaws.us.to

Pre-loved Clothes Stall

It’s time to start sorting out the wardrobe and donating those clothes you haven’t worn in years!! Remember, chances are, if you haven’t worn it in a year, you will never wear it again!

Please place cleaned donated clothes (in good condition) in the box outside the Tuckshop. Cheers and happy sorting!

Contact Ang, Christine, Sharon

Hot Chips Stall

Volunteers - volunteers needed for the hot chips stall. Do you have a spare hour? Volunteering to help with hot chips is a great and easy way to lend a hand at the Fete. We are preparing a roster for the day and would love to hear from you (especially if you are parents from 3D!!).

Contact Gordon and Linda 0417 600 290
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Frozen chips and cooking oil – calling all restaurant owners! By donating to the hot chips stall this year, we can put your name up in lights. Give us a call if you can donate frozen chips or cooking oil and we will promote your restaurant on the day.

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Flower Stall

Every Storybook needs some decoration! If you have ever fancied being a florist for a day, please join us on the Friday before Fete Day and help to create some beautiful bouquets. We need about 20 helpers on the day before the Fete and, of course, we also need some helpers on the day!

And remember, don’t prune your hedges and plants until closer to Fete Day! We would like to receive donations of greenery - particularly the strong waxy leaves of camellias - on Friday 10 May at the school.
CAKE STALL
HUMPTY DUMPTY’S FATE

Planning for this year’s cake stall has kicked off and we’ve started with an appropriate name: Humpty Dumpty’s Fate! If you can lend a hand, help with baking or donate items or recipes, I’d love to hear from you.

To start off, I would like to share my favourite gingerbread recipe from Stephanie Alexander’s cookbook. The list of spices is daunting but, if you’re interested in helping to bake some of these delicious treats for our Stall at the Fete, please let me know and I can provide you with some pre-mixed spices to make it easier.

Donations of plain flour, golden syrup, or sugar (dark brown, pure icing or caster) would be much appreciated.
Contact Joe Jin 0431 978 120 j.white73@optusnet.com.au

Gingerbread dough

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Royal icing

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Method

1. Cream butter, sugar and golden syrup on medium speed in electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix in egg yolk.
2. Sift all dry ingredients together and incorporate into mixture on low speed.
3. Spoon dough onto a piece of plastic film and press to form a 16cm long rectangle. Wrap and chill overnight.
4. Next day, take dough from refrigerator and allow to sit for 1 hour to soften (if it is a warm day, 20min will be ample).
5. Lightly flour 2 sheets of plastic film and roll out dough between these to a thickness of less than 5mm. You will have a rectangle of about 26cm x 30 cm.
6. Slip this (still between plastic sheets) onto a baking tray and chill for 1 hour.
7. Preheat oven to 170C and line another baking tray with baking paper.
8. Cut out shapes from dough.
9. Transfer shapes to prepared tray and bake for 10-12 min until firm to the touch.
10. Meanwhile, squeeze any scraps of dough together and flatten to a rectangle as before, then chill for 20min before re-rolling, cutting and cooking more shapes.
11. Cool shapes completely before icing.
12. Pipe or spread royal icing onto gingerbread shapes and allow to set for 1 hour.

Notes

The dough can be premade and frozen until required. Just let it thaw for a couple of hours to soften.
I get impatient between steps 3 to 5. Instead of these steps, I usually roll the soft dough between 2 plastic films to 5mm thick. Then go to step 6.
AUCTION!
Calling for contributions and donations for the Fete Auction! Have you thought about donating something from your family business for the Fete Auction? It is a great way to get your business name and branding out there and support your school in the process.

All contributions have the opportunity of having their logo and business name on the Fete Auction Flyer and Newsletter, as well as being displayed on the day of the Auction. We will also have a table for company marketing material and business cards.

If you are able to make a donation of a product or service, of any value, please contact the Fete Auction Convenors by email or phone.

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CLASS CANVASES
The Class Canvas theme this year is related to the Storybook Fete theme but it has an interesting twist - A Silly Sentence! Our lovely teachers can brainstorm a few key words with their students about some subject, make a silly sentence out of it and then paint a scene to match the sentence accordingly.

Just to make it even more interesting and give the painting an added ambience for a room, translate the sentence into another language - Chinese, Japanese, Serbian, French, Korean - and include it on the canvas.

The canvases and paint will soon be delivered to the school. If you are going to help in your child’s class, please be mindful of the following rules:

1. Keep it simple
2. Paintings must be done by the children
3. Do not make it a heavy or unhangable
4. No framing - this is the buyer’s choice
5. Use permanent media - no water based pens, etc
6. No paper, unless it is very well sealed

A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who are stepping up to help the children put the canvas together. It couldn’t be done without you and the teachers are very appreciative of the help too.
Contact Justine 0413 247 242

ART & CRAFT STALL
Are you interested in art & craft or have some fresh new ideas for art or craft projects? We would love to hear from you. We will be holding a craft morning this Friday 1st March from 9am-12pm in the afterschool care building (on the oval). We will be completing a simple project during the morning, if you would like to help or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa.

If you are unable to make it on Friday but would like to help/contribute, please feel free to contact us anytime.

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WEIGHTLY DONATABLE ITEM
For this chapter of our story (1-8 March), we would love donations of almond meal, flour (plain & gluten free) and sugar (caster & soft brown) You can leave these items at the Tuckshop.
HUMBLE JUMBLE STALL
We really need someone to take on the Aladdin’s Cave of Treasures that is the Humble Jumble. All donated items can be stored at the school so you just need to be available at certain times (of your choosing) to receive and store pre-loved treasures. It’s not too far to travel for setting up on the day and I’m sure you could find lots of willing helpers! Please someone step up and take charge of this profitable stall for us!!

And if you’re planning a clean-out of your shed or spare room, please save all household items (but not clothes, toys, books, or shoes – they can be donated elsewhere) to be donated to the Humble Jumble, once we have a convenor.

PRE-LOVED BOOKS STALL
Are there any keen bibliophiles out there who would like to take on the book stall this year?

The donated books are stored on site at the school and the lovely ladies who have run it previously can help with advice for running this stall..

FIRST AID!
We are looking for medically trained volunteers to assist in the First Aid Tent on Fete Day. If you can spare an hour, please contact us to register your interest.

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