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The countdown continues... less than 4 weeks until Fete Day!

With less than 4 weeks until Graceville State School Fete Day on **Saturday 25 August**, final preparations are under way. Your children are no doubt counting down on their Fete Calendar, and excitement is rising! Here are some ways that you can get ready for the big day.

1. Spread the word about our great rides and buy Ride Bands for your family and friends. Discounted prices apply to online sales until Friday 17 August.
2. Buy Prep to Year 2 children's artwork. The Art Show will be a feature of the Fete again this year, with Prep to Year 2 students creating a piece of art to display in the School Hall for family and friends to view during the Fete and take home afterwards for the bargain price of \$10! Also buy online.
3. Buy GSS Fete Cash Cards. From 9am to 5pm on Fete Day, all Stalls run by GSS volunteers will be "cashless" and the only form of "legal tender" accepted during these hours will be GSS Fete Cash Cards. Buy your GSS Fete Cash Cards online before Friday 17 August and receive a 5% discount – you will avoid queues on Fete Day by pre-purchasing. For more details, check out our Cash Cards Newsletter http://gracevillessfete.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/GSS18_Newsletter_2.pdf All of the above are for sale NOW at www.school24.net.au. Order before Friday 17 August for discounts and to avoid queues on Fete Day.
4. Sell raffle tickets for only \$3 each to win great prizes. A book of 10 raffle tickets should have now come home with the youngest child in your family (check the bottom of their school bag if you haven't

yet seen them), giving ticket holders a chance to win from a prize pool worth more than \$3,000. ALL sold and unsold raffle ticket books must be returned by Monday 13 August.

5. Sign up for a Stall roster. If you haven't already done so, it is time to volunteer for an hour or two on your Class's Stall roster. Talk to your Class Reps, and remember you won't miss your child's performance at the Fete if you volunteer on a stall, as we have extra helpers rostered to cover during performances.
6. Start cooking jams, relishes, chutneys and preserves. Please deliver filled jars to the Tuckshop with a note listing the ingredients and your Class name. Each Class is asked to contribute 15 jars to ensure we have sufficient supplies. STERILISATION and SEALING of all jars is crucial. For tips on how to do this, check out our Jam-makers Newsletter <http://gracevillessfete.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/GSS18-Jam-A4flyer-FINAL.pdf>
Some parents may like to do the cooking, while others can contribute by supplying ingredients.
7. Get baking for the Sweets and Cakes Stalls. Rocky Road, Coconut Ice and Fudge are all hugely popular items at the Sweets Stall, while baked goods, cakes, biscuits and slices sell like hotcakes at the Fete. To make it easy, the classes managing the Sweets Stall can put together take-home packs of ingredients, including the packs in which you can wrap your finished goods. Just ask at gracevillefetestalls@gmail.com. Please deliver Sweets and baked goods to the school hall the day before the Fete.
8. Donate items for the Grand Bazaar – Garage Sale, Books & Toys Sale. The POD has arrived and is located near Tuckshop!

You can leave donations of pre-loved household items, books, toys in working condition, prams, furniture, bikes, DVDs, CDs and other items in good condition. We are very grateful for donations, but please DO NOT donate TVs, computer monitors, barbecues, clothes, shoes, stuffed toys, and broken toys (eg. battery controlled toys). Regrettably, if any of these items are donated, our collection supervisors at the POD will need to ask you to take them away at your expense, as we cannot sell them. Thank you for your understanding and generous donations! The Grand Bazaar starts at 6am on Fete Day, with lots of bargain hunters.

9. Get creative for the Parents and Students' Market. The Parents and Students' Market is a space where Graceville State School parents and students who dabble in crafts and other hobbies can showcase and sell their wares (there's no cost to participate). To participate, email the Parent and Student Convenor at gracevillefetepondsstall@gmail.com
10. Put the next Free Dress Day in your Calendar. The next and final Fete free dress day is on 10 August, with a donation of a family-sized chocolate bar for the Lob-O-Choc Stall.
11. Remember to bring reusable bags on Fete Day. As you will all know by now, there are no single use plastic bags available in shops, and the Fete is no different. So bring your reusable bags on Fete Day and load them up with goodies!

Finally, we want to again say a huge THANK YOU to our Fete SPONSORS! Our Fete could not happen or be successful without our generous sponsors, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

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