

# Spring Fair Stalls - 2013:

- stalls were allocated to classes (parents) - no choices
- varying levels of student involvement;
- teachers were asked to work on the sausage sizzles, in open classrooms, take school tours & supervise student performances

## STALLS ALLOCATED TO CLASSES

PREP - MADE WITH LOVE (CRAFT) & CHILDREN'S CAFE

GRADE 1 - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN (WOODWORK, ROCK DIG, PIRATE SHIP ETC)

GRADE 2 - SECOND HAND CLOTHES & BRIC-A-BRAC (FOR 10 YEARS THE BRIC-A-BRAC WAS GIVEN TO THE ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE TO RUN & TAKE PROCEEDS)

GRADE 3 - RAFFLE, LOUD AUCTION & SILENT AUCTION

GRADE 4 - CURRY STALL (CANTEEN KITCHEN)

GRADE 5 - CHAI STALL (CHAI, COFFEE & SWEETS)

GRADE 6 - JUICE &/OR LEMONADE

YEAR 7 - CAKE & PRODUCE STALL + DEVONSHIRE TEA (BACK TO BACK IN THE BIG MARQUEE)

YEAR 8 - KITCHEN GARDEN (DESLEY'S PRESERVES), GARLANDS & SECOND HAND BOOKS

YEAR 9 - WOODFIRE PIZZA

YEAR 10 - FACE PAINTING & FAIRY FLOSS

## OTHER PARENT RUN STALLS

MARKET ON THE OVAL

COFFEE MACHINES X 2

BAR IN THE MARQUEE

THE GREAT CRATE STACKING COMPETITION

## OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES (STUDENTS & TEACHERS)

BATTLE OF THE BANDS (WE INVITE OTHER SCHOOLS)

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

DANCE PERFORMANCES

MUSIC STUDENT RECITALS

SINGING

ART EXHIBITIONS

SAUSAGE SIZZLES X 2

SCHOOL TOURS & INFORMATION

OPEN CLASSROOMS

## ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

WICKED WILDLIFE - WILDLIFE TALKS, INCLUDING TOUCHING CROCODILES, SNAKES, WOMBATS ETC

ANIMAL NURSERY

PONY RIDES

HARLEY DAVIDSON RIDES

FREE SOCCER

BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES

ABSEILING WALL

ZORB BALLS

TATTOOS

ICE CREAM (BALWYN HIGH STUDENTS - LIRIA) + (ICECREAM HOME MADE BY A PARENT/HANDMADE & PURCHASED)

KEBABS

## Problems with the current system:

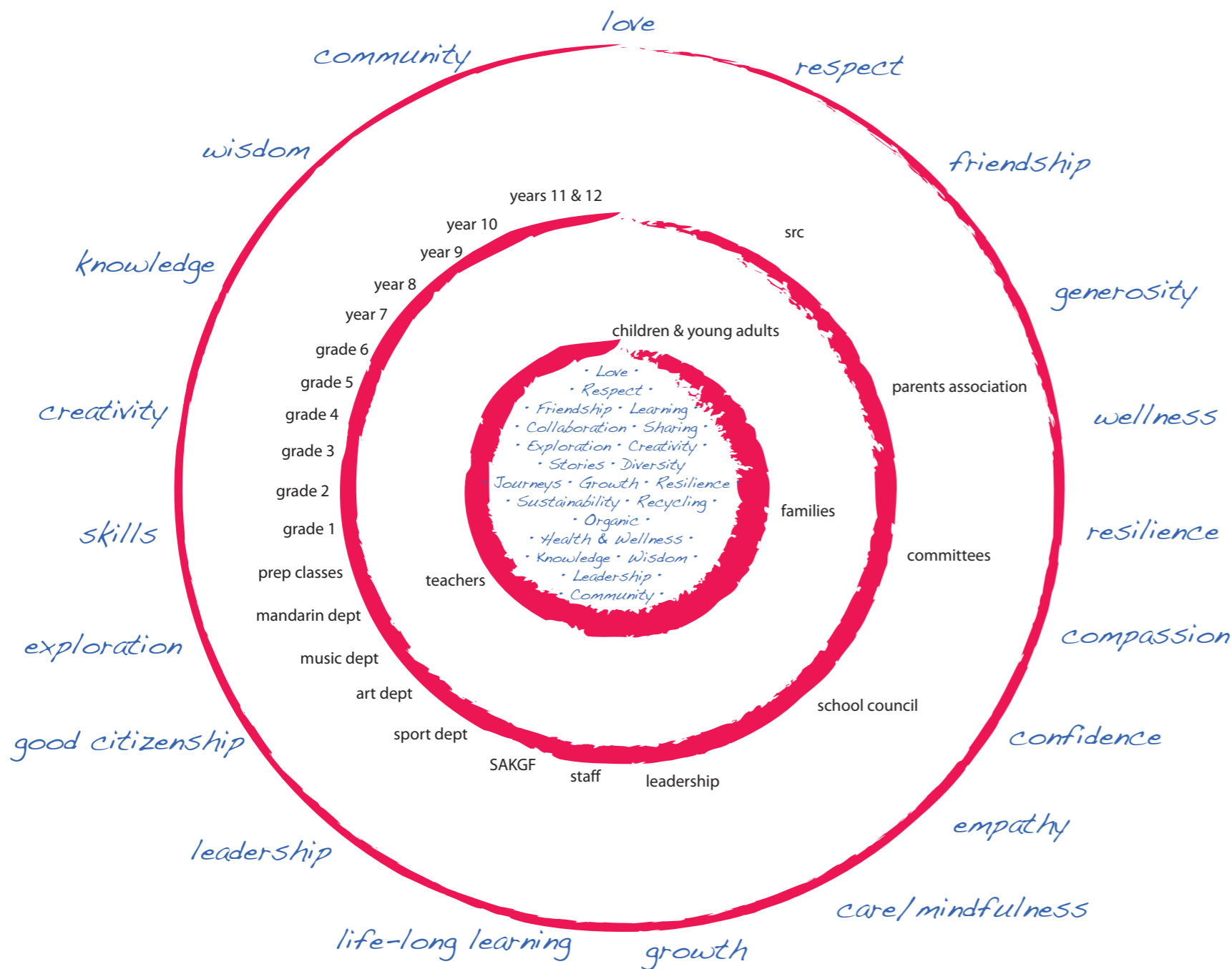
- the workload rests on too few people;
- some people get burned
- people who work cannot get to the regular Friday morning meetings;
- not enough people on rosters;
- people not turning up to shifts;
- parents missing their child's performance - less now that we've asked classes to share rosters;
- stalls pass from class to class but knowledge doesn't;
- difficult to get a class co-ordinator;
- parents with more than one child at the school feel pressured to volunteer on more than one stall;
- parents feeling forced - lack of engagement;
- hard to engage students;
- language barriers - some parents - & it's difficult to encourage participation by various cultural groups within the school (despite translating some information & marketing materials) = missing diversity
- hard to know what community connections students are making in their school work/daily lives & making a link with Spring Fair - eg Asylum Seeker Resource Centre was once linked to the school & ran the bric-a-brac stall from parent donations.

## Positives

- it's always a lovely day
- people always compliment our children;
- generally felt to reflect an amazing community spirit

# SPRING FAIR, Our Community & Purpose

## Our Strengths & Experience



### At school:

- Steiner Education
- Reggio Emilia Inspired Education
- Public Education
- Prep - Year 12
- Diversity
- Music
- Theatre
- Art
- Play-Based Learning
- Building Confidence & Resilience
- Family involvement in education
- Award Winning Gardens & Grounds
- World Famous Children's Cooking Classes
- Member of Local Composting Community

### In our Community:

- Steiner & Reggio principles at home
- Sustainability
- Recycling
- Organic
- Creativity
- Homegrown, Homemade & Handmade
- Health & Wellbeing
- Fun, Friendship & Community

# Spring Fair Re-Think To Focus On Our Strengths & Experience

## BRAINSTORMING TYPES OF STALLS



valuing knowledge & experience = year levels choose!  
 stalls can be kept from year to year  
 - or year levels can choose again.



# Some Stall Suggestions:

prep teachers (& past prep parents) to hold the knowledge of the children's garden activities & kid's cafe and to guide our new parents through their first Spring Fair!

## FOR ENERGY & NOURISHMENT:

HOT FOOD - FROM THE CANTEEN KITCHEN - eg PAELLA, CURRY, PASTA ETC

HOT/COLD FOOD - FROM THE DESLEY'S KITCHEN - eg SOUP, SNADWICHES, PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH ETC

WOODFIRE PIZZA - FROM THE VET KITCHEN & PIZZA OVEN

KEBABS - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

HOMEMADE LEMONADE, FRESH JUICE, ICED TEA &/OR SNOW CONES IN THE CANTEEN

PRE-PLATED FOOD IN THE MARQUEE - eg PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH, DEVONSHIRE TEA, SNADWICHES ETC

CHAI, COFFEE & SWEETS IN THE CANTEEN

DRINKS & SNACKS (& QUEUE SUPERVISION) ON THE WESTERN OVAL

BBQ - SAUSAGES, BURGERS, CORN, PANCAKES ON THE BASKETBALL COURT & UNDERCROFT  
(WE HAVE ACCESS TO ABOUT 8 BBQ'S!)

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

## COMMUNITY STALLS - WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET TOGETHER:

REGULAR CRAFT GROUP & CRAFT STALL - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

PRESERVES & CORDIAL MAKING DAYS & STALL - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

CAKE MAKING DAYS & STALL - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

MACARON & BISCUIT MAKING DAYS & STALL - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

BRIC-A-BRAC - IN THE UNDERCROFT

SECOND HAND CLOTHES - IN THE UNDERCROFT

SECOND BOOKS - IN THE UNDERCROFT

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

## FUN & GAMES

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & CHILDREN'S CAFE (PREPS?)

FAIRY FLOSS & FACE PAINTING - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

ORGANIC NIT SPRAY MAKING, GUMBOOT THROWING, SEEDLING PLANTING, POT PAINTING, GARLAND MAKING, PLANT SALES ETC - ON THE HODDLE ST OVAL

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

WHEN CHOOSING STALLS PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN EACH YEAR LEVEL - SO BIGGER STALLS SUCH AS PROVIDING HOT FOOD MAY BE SHARED BY TWO OR THREE CLASSES OR CLASSES MIGHT CHOOSE A STALL EACH TO ORGANISE AND THEN SHARE ROSTERS SO THAT EVERYONE GETS TO SEE THEIR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE!

The idea is that year levels choose a stall or set of activities based on the skills and availability of parents in the group. Each year level has the option of doing the stall again or choosing something different!

Understanding that some members of year levels might have different passions, there is also an option for small groups of like-minded friends - (including students) to run an activity or stall - even if it "pops up" for a few hours.

For example The Great Crate Stacking Competition is run by 3 dads for about 3 hours plus a bit of set up and pack down time. They organise some prizes and make a poster and put them up around the school - & it's awesome!

So bags a BBQ & cook corn for 3 hours or if you have a bike with a box on the front & a mate who plays the flute, you may want to be a musical mobile drinks vendor or maybe you know how to make organic body lotion or soap and would like to have a workshop - it's up to you!

