

# ENTERTAINMENT



# RIDES & GAMES



# A President's Pride



I have been involved with Sacred Heart School since my eldest daughter, Shannon, started Kindergarten back in 2000. In the following 11 years I have seen many good things happen at our school and I have always been very proud of the Parish and School community that I belonged to. This, however, all changed on the weekend of Sunday 7 November 2010.....

On Sunday 7 November 2010, the first School and Parish Fete was held in over 7 years. To be honest, when Jackie Magill and Sheree Munkelt suggested a fete last year, I was less than enthusiastic. None the less, Jackie and Sheree began the process of planning the 2010 – Sacred Heart School and Parish Fete. Soon they were having regular meetings and there was a growing group of enthusiastic and motivated people working towards the big day. There were many highs and lows throughout the planning and preparation; and I know that more than one person thought about quitting along the way.

As the day got closer and closer, the Fete Planning Committee could see that a great day was just around the corner. The plans were in place, the vendors and entertainment booked. They had invested a lot of time, effort and a reasonable amount of money, too, but they had no idea how successful the day was going to be. I guess there was a degree of hope (and a lot of praying) that all their plans would pay-off on the day.

On the day, things started off quite slowly, although there were people arriving and starting to spend their money before 10.30am. Gradually the momentum built, until finally there were so many people at the Fete I wasn't sure whether they would all fit. There were lines of people everywhere and they all seemed to be having a great time.

Since the day of the fete I have had many people pass on positive comments about the planning, preparation, execution and clean-up of the Fete. It was an outrageous success, both financially and from the perspective of pure enjoyment. There are so many people to thank for the day and I know that any attempt to list them all would inevitably lead to someone being missed; so we won't go there! There were, however, two people that took the bulk of the responsibility for coordinating and planning the overall fete. Jackie Magill and Sheree Munkelt have every right to say that they coordinated the fete to beat all fetes! The perseverance and determination of these two ladies definitely drove the success of the fete. Of course the fete would not have been as successful as it was without the efforts and contributions of the many coordinators and MANY, MANY volunteers and supporters throughout the 12 or so months that it took to plan and execute this fete.

So, you can see how my perceptions were changed on Sunday 7 November 2010. I am no longer just 'proud' of the Parish and School Community I belong to, I am absolutely BLOWN-AWAY!!

Thank you, again, to everyone that supported the fete, in any capacity! It was a truly remarkable success!!

Brendan O'Donnell, President – Sacred Heart School, Thornlie – P&F Association

# TRULY A DAY TO REMEMBER.....



## To the wonderful Fete Committee.....

Thank you so much for your contributions, hard work and efforts in making this day the success it was. It was a privilege to have been involved with such a wonderful, dynamic and passionate group of people. After 18 months of planning this truly remarkable day we are sure it will be remembered as a joyful, exciting and successful collaboration between our parish and school community.

There are so many people to thank that it would be impossible to list you all without potentially missing someone! However we would like to point out the contributions of a couple of people who greatly relieved and assisted us especially in the weeks leading up to the actual day. A big thank you to Brendan O'Donnell for all the mentoring, support (and cheerleading!), you are truly awesome. And to Fina Sherry who noticed how much we were struggling in the 4 week lead-up and consistently took on more to ease our load, even though she was coordinating the business stalls PLUS her own stall as well! And to Sue Fox and Jill Hall your support and assistance was absolutely invaluable, you showed great patience and perseverance in the face of the many emails (and formatting problems!!!) that came your way, thanks for allowing us this wonderful experience!! And a special mention to Mr Stilwell who was instrumental in assisting with the general setup on Saturday and creating and running the Coconut Shy stall.

To the parish and school community who supported us and for all the volunteers who assisted us on the day, it could not have happened without each and every one of you, with the result being a day that our children and community will never forget. What we achieved together was truly humbling and we are proud to be a part of the Sacred Heart community.

xx Jackie and Sheree

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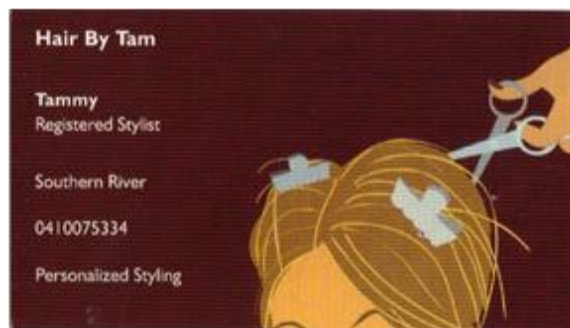
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