

Fete goes in for good time

JUNE 21 may be the shortest of the year but New Farm State School's fete on that day is expected to be long on fun. School Parents and Citizens president Mary Barram said June 21 was the Winter Solstice and, while the sun would not be up as long as on any other day in the year, the school guaranteed to "cram in an awful lot of fun" while it was.

The school aims to make the fete bigger and better because it has some big plans. Those big plans came as a result of a school community meeting last year to discuss ideas that would take the school into the next decade.

Ms Barram said that, if the school was to realise some of the dreams, fundraising activities such as the June 21 fete were important. "We have a very active school community and this year we have more motivation than ever to maximise our fundraising," Ms Barram said.

"Last year we held a master planning workshop where parents were invited to 'workshop' ideas to take our school into the next decade.

"We broke into discussion groups led by architects, interior designers, engineers, town planners and landscape designers

who all just happened to also be parents at the school to come up with some ways to improve our grounds and buildings.

"We are now in a position to implement some of those projects so we have ramped our fundraising and promise this fete will be a drawcard not only to the school community but New Farm and the surrounding suburbs at large," she said,

Space Property Agents is to be the major sponsor of this year's fete. Space's Heath Williams said that, as the school sat at the heart of the local community, he was proud the sponsorship would help the school raise money for its projects.

"In these tough economic times, we have to think globally but act locally and we can all do our bit to help our local school, because the students are our future business leaders and consumers," Mr Williams said. The school is looking to the community and businesses to assist financially or with goods but the best way to help is to take friends and family to the fete.

"At our last fete, the trash and treasure stall produced some real collectors finds. This year we have some other surprises in store.

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