

101 EVENT IDEAS FOR STUDENT LEADERS



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CHAPTER 1

SPORTING AND ACTIVE IDEAS

#1: EARTH BALL SOCCER

Primary and Secondary

This idea is great because it will draw a lot more spectators than a normal soccer match. Hire or buy a large earth ball or zorb ball and use this instead of a normal soccerball. At a minimum use a large fitness ball, but the larger the ball the better. You could choose to have just one match or a series of matches over a week or multiple weeks. This idea works best if you organise teams, use an umpire and create some rules. Otherwise you might have hundreds of students kicking a large ball aimlessly around an oval and this can easily get out of control.

#2: BELLY FLOP COMPETITION

Primary and Secondary

For obvious reasons you will need a swimming pool to be able to hold this event. Sign up student competitors in advance and try and encourage a teacher to participate as well. A great way to get all students involved is to have them judge the best belly flop by using their fingers to hold up a score out of ten. Have a student leader look at the scores people give and record the most predominant score. Another suggestion is to have someone as commentator and involve the crowd. Consider saving a few minutes at the end for a 'final flop' for those who have the highest scores.

#3: ARM WRESTLE A TEACHER

Secondary

This works best if you reveal in advance the teacher that will participate in the arm wrestle. Organise a number of student competitors and arrange to hold it in a place where spectators can easily see the wrestling table and both the teacher and challenger. Select a student leader to host the event and interview the participants between rounds. This works best if you select a teacher that will be fun, but not likely to dominate with ease over every person. Perhaps promote your event by having a single 'preview round' with this teacher and one student at an assembly the week beforehand.

#4: FUN RUN

Primary and Secondary

A fun run is a great way to raise money for a charity and involve a large group of students. Choosing a suitable charity is an important step as it will dictate how passionate the students become about the event and the effort they will put into it. The normal way for a fun run to work is for participating students to collect donations from their own sponsors in advance, usually for a certain number of laps to be completed. This means that you will need to be very organised so you can prepare donation sheets and collect money from many students in the lead up to the day of the run. On the day of the run, consider having some extra things organised to add to the enjoyment of the event.

#5: RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Primary and Secondary

You will find information online about the official 'Ride2School' program run by the Bicycle network, but it is easy for you to make this event your own if you wish. Encourage students to ride, scoot, skate or even walk to school all on a single day. To add to the experience set up a bicycle obstacle course in the school grounds for when students arrive or organise a BMX display at lunchtime. Basically, be creative and do whatever you like to add to the bicycle theme.

#6: TUG OF WAR

Primary and Secondary

This old favourite still works very well, especially if you can get houses to be passionate about competing against one another. A thin rope won't work, and a real tug of war rope can be expensive. If your school doesn't have one ask a teacher about the best way to borrow one from another school or a local scouts group. The actual pulling of the rope doesn't take very long, so to get the most out of this event have houses march in together and display house chants before the actual tug of war starts. Make sure that you assign a proper umpire who explains the rules to everyone beforehand as well as when the pulling will start and finish.

#7: SKIP-A-THON

Primary and Secondary

Instead of a marathon, this skipathon is a period of time (perhaps an hour) where students using skipping ropes to continually skip. The Heart Foundation has a program called 'Jump Rope for Heart' but you can easily organise your own skipping event separately if you prefer. Promote this event to your students by having a student that is good at skipping tricks demonstrate these at a school assembly. Perhaps have them teach others during lunchtimes leading up to the skipathon. Make it easy for students to participate by having skipping ropes that can be purchased through the student leaders. If you want to make this a fundraising event, feel free to attract sponsors using the fun run method (event #4).

#8: BASKETBALL 3 POINT COMPETITION

Primary and Secondary

This is a great event because students don't have to be good at basketball to be involved. Instead of playing basketball games, have students line up and award prizes to those that score a basketball shot from long distances. You could increase the prizes (or points) depending on how far back the students score from. Use chalk on the ground (or tape for an indoor court) to mark out different sections. If you want to make this a house event, let each house take turns to nominate a shooter to represent their house. Setup a place for spectators as this event becomes great fun to watch, especially when people score from a long way back.

#9: DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Primary and Secondary

There are plenty of ways to play dodgeball, but if you are looking for more information on how to setup rules for your games then watch the movie Dodgeball. Clips from the movie would also be good for you to use to promote the event at assemblies. Dodgeball is great because it is less physical than most sports. This makes it a great opportunity for you to request that all teams entering the competition have students from multiple year levels. Make sure that you clearly communicate the rules beforehand because many people have their own way of playing dodgeball.

#10: STAFF VS. STUDENTS SPORTING MATCH

Secondary

When you are organising this don't just think of the competing students, it is important to think about the spectators and the school staff. Choose a sport that is fun to watch for spectators and which most people understand the basic rules. Also make sure that it's not a sport that requires too much hard physical contact, or many teachers will be reluctant to participate. Sports like basketball, netball and soccer work well. On the day of the event get spectators involved by forming cheer squads, having competitions during the half time break and selling food.

#11: WII SPORTS COMPETITION

Primary and Secondary

This is a great sporting event to hold inside during winter, and to involve people who don't often excel at sports. You will need a Nintendo Wii system, so hopefully one of your student leaders can bring one in from home. Plug in the Wii to a large screen (perhaps a projector if you have one) so that it is appealing for spectators to come and watch. Be sure to choose a sport that is easy to play as well as easy for spectators to understand. It also helps to choose a game that is completed fairly quickly so that the maximum number of people can have a turn. Choose one of the student leaders to record the scores that each play reaches. That way you can hold a championship round at the end.

#12: GLADIATOR GAMES

Primary and Secondary

This event involves choosing a number of large physical challenges for students to participate in. Usually they are fun to watch, so consider spreading out the event over a week (five lunchtimes) with a different game to play or watch each day. One game idea is a pillow fighting dual on top of a stack of gym mats. Another idea is tying two bicycle tubes together, having two opponents stand with one of the tubes around their waste, and trying to drag their opponent in opposite directions. Allow people to compete in the games against other people of a similar body size.

#13: DRAG RACE

Primary and Secondary

A drag race is normally a car race, but this version is different. Setup a simple obstacle course using markers on a grass oval and ask students to form teams of ten. Six team members should sit in the centre of a large tarpaulin and the remaining four team members should stand around the outside holding part of the tarpaulin. Use a stopwatch to time how long it takes the four people pulling to drag their seated team mates around the course. Depending on how long you want the game to last (and how many teams are competing) you can change the number of people seated and pulling and hold further rounds.

#14: HOLE IN ONE GOLF

Primary and Secondary

This is a very easy event to organise and is good if you are looking for a less physical sporting event. All you need is a couple of golf clubs, golf balls and a homemade flag on a stick. Choose a place on the grass away from buildings and decide on a twenty to thirty metre section to have the golf area. Older students may benefit from a longer area, but if you make it too long then it's unlikely anyone will win, making it less interesting for spectators. Dig a golf hole about the size of a paint tin. Allow students to line up and have a turn to get a hole in one. Make sure you only let one person hit at a time as this will be much safer. It will also be easier for spectators to follow the action.

#15: FRISBEE GOLF

Primary and Secondary

Instead of hitting golf balls towards a hole, allow students to use Frisbees and aim to throw them into a bin. Make it a fairly large area so that it will take between two and five throws for most students to succeed. You could even set up multiple bins with numbers on them and create a small course for students to follow. To make it more interesting, organise a frisbee that this the colour of each house at your school and have a representative for each house playing in each round. Try and play this in an area where spectators can easily watch on a grass bank or a balcony.

#16: GIANT TWISTER

Primary and Secondary

This idea is based on the popular children's game 'twister' involving a mat with coloured circles and a board with a spinning hand. If you are not familiar with the original game have someone explain the process to you. The goal of the game is to avoid falling over for as long as possible whilst moving hands and feet one a time to the coloured circles indicated on each spin of the board. Use a very large piece of canvas and coloured paint to make a giant twister mat, allowing twenty or thirty people can play at once. This will be a hilarious experience for them all.

#17: CAR SMASH

Secondary

The most important thing you need is an old car that gets totally smashed. You may get this donated or otherwise buy it from a local wrecker. Remove the windows before hand and charge students a gold coin donation to use a large sledge hammer (one at a time) to smash a panel of the car. As a variation paint different sections of the car in the colour of each house at your school. This means that people can choose to smash another house's coloured panel, adding some rivalry to the event. Another variation could be to link this to a charity and paint on to the car a phrase like 'smash out poverty' or 'smash out cancer.' Of course with anything that could be dangerous you need to be sure to get the proper permission and advice from the teachers at your school.

#18: STUDENTS COACHING STUDENTS

Primary and Secondary

The title of this event gives a fairly good idea of what this event involves. Ask senior students to form pairs according to sports that they know well. In these pairs the senior students can run half-hour coaching sessions for younger students. Perhaps have an afternoon where a number of sessions are all happening at the same time. This event works well if there are groups of between five and fifteen younger students organised before the event.

#19: BOUNCY BASKETBALL

Primary and Secondary

For this event organise to play a normal basketball game using a small rubber bouncy ball instead of a normal basketball. As a variation you could do the same with a netball game if you prefer. Keep the games short so that it's interesting for spectators and organise an umpire to keep things moving quickly. It would be helpful to test a number of different size bouncy balls beforehand, and be sure to have a number of spare balls on hand during your event in case the ball being used bounces away and gets lost!

#20: EARTHWORM JIM

Primary and Secondary

This is a great event to play in houses and can easily involve students from different year levels in the one game. You will need to organise to hold this event on a large area of grass as it works best if you can have between twenty and forty students involved. Ask house leaders to organise representatives from their house to lie down next to each other on the grass, with a small gap between each person. Each house should have the same number of students participating. When the game starts the last person lying in each house should stand and jump over every person in their house. When this first person reaches the other end of the line they should lie down. The next person from the other end then repeats the process after the person before them jumps over five people. The winning team is the first house to have every person complete the process.

#21: MATTRESS SURFING COMPETITION

Secondary

Mattress surfing is a great variation to the 'Earthworm Jim' event (#21). It works best with very large groups, as ideally you will require house teams that are upwards of fifty people each. When members of each house are lying side by side on the ground have one student from the team lie on a mattress at the starting end. When the game starts those lying down must use their hands to pass the mattress down the line without the surfing student falling off. To make the game longer have two students at each end of the line so that they swap each lap and it becomes a relay competition with the mattress passing over each student four times.

#22: PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Primary and Secondary

During this event students work together in groups to move quickly around the school as part of a 'scavenger hunt' that requires them to take photos of a list of items. Decide whether students need to organise their own camera or whether you will issue each team with a school camera or iPad. When students gather at the start of the event give them instructions. Then hand each team a sheet of paper listing the items that need to be photographed. Depending on how hard you want to make the scavenger hunt, include between ten and twenty items on the list. If you want to make it even harder, don't list specific items but instead provide a clue or riddle about the item that needs to be photographed. Award a prize to the team who returns first with all necessary photos.

#23: OLYMPICS

Primary and Secondary

Every two years the world focuses its attention on either the summer or winter Olympics. Why not take some of these events and create your own version of the Olympics at your school? Be creative and add a funny twist. Using events from the Olympics and making simpler versions allows for everyone to be involved even if they are not normally good at sport. It's more fun to watch as well! This could include having students compete in mixed netball using a small bouncing ball, shot put with a basketball, volleyball with a large fitness ball and a three legged fifty meter dash.

CHAPTER 2

ARTS AND CREATIVE IDEAS

#24: LIFE SIZE Pictionary

Primary and Secondary

Hold this event in a hall or theatre where there is both a large stage and also a large area for spectators to sit and watch. Ask students to form groups of six and have one team at a time come to the stage. Each team should select five of their members to use their bodies to 'draw' an item whilst the remaining team member has to guess the item being drawn by the five bodies. This works best if the words being assigned are on a projection screen that the five actors can see and the spectators can see, but the person guessing cannot. Give each team three minutes to draw out items with their body and tally how many were guessed correctly before inviting the next team to the stage. This event could easily be held over a series of lunchtimes.

#25: FLASH MOB DANCE

Primary and Secondary

This is a great way for your entire student leadership team to get the attention and appreciation of your peers. If you have not seen a flash mob dance before do a quick search online and watch a few videos to see what all of the fuss is about. Spend a few lunchtimes rehearsing a simple choreographed dance in secret and decide on a lunchtime, assembly or other event in which you will spontaneously stand up and show off your moves. A flash mob works best if the music starts loudly when nobody is expecting it and if everyone involved in the dance joins in from a different place in the area.

#26: WORLD POETRY DAY

Primary and Secondary

The official world poetry day is held annually in March and is organised by the United Nations to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. Your poetry day event could involve all sorts of items such as an original poetry writing competition, a poetry reading event at lunchtime, or the launch of a book you could publish with pieces having been written by students. Perhaps gather students together and allocate them ten minutes to work in teams to produce their own poem about a topic that you allocate to everyone. After the ten minutes discussion and writing time, ask a representative from each group to read the poem to everyone.

#27: ART EXHIBITION

Primary and Secondary

Organising an art exhibition at your school will usually take many months but can result in a fantastic event. Work with the art teachers at your school to have a large quantity of student work produced and stored ready for your exhibition. Choose a nice place in the school to hold your exhibition and think carefully in advance about how you will display all of the artwork. Advertise a number of times that the exhibition will be open to parents and visitors and perhaps organise an 'opening party' for the exhibition. Invite a number of students, parents, teachers and possibly your local member of parliament to present prizes to some of the student artists.

#28: SCHOOL MURAL

Primary and Secondary

If you have an outside wall that is fairly plain then ask for permission to turn this wall into a school mural. Announce your plans at a school assembly and invite students to submit their own designs for a mural that represents what they like about the school. Choose a winning design from the entries you receive, announce it to the school and then invite interested students to come together to paint the mural on a specific day. Plan to do this when the weather is good and make sure you do all of the necessary preparation so that the painting day runs smoothly.

#29: HAND MURAL

Primary and Secondary

This event idea is a variation on the 'school mural' event (#28). It is simpler to do as it involves every student dipping their hand in paint in order to put their hand print on the wall. The advantage of this variation is that it is a way of every student being involved, but the end result is not normally as spectacular as the painting of a scene. Before doing the hand mural think about the colours you will use and what they represent. This could mean using school colours or perhaps the different colours of the school houses.

#30: BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Secondary

Organising a 'Battle of the Bands' event is talked about as a possibility in many schools. If you are considering this then make sure you have at least four bands that can perform for the event. One option is to have all bands perform at an after school or evening event, with another option being to have a different band perform each lunch time for a week. Invite a panel of teachers or special guests to be the judges. The prize could be as simple as allowing the winning band to perform again as the special feature at an important school event or social.

#31: X-FACTOR TALENT SHOW

Primary and Secondary

By calling a talent show 'X-Factor' this event will catch the attention of many students. You could just as easily name it after one of the other similar television shows if you prefer. Usually held over a number of lunchtimes, this event allows students to prepare in advance and showcase their talent one at a time in front of the audience. Try and get a mixture of all kinds of talents, decide beforehand how you will decide on a winner and award a prize. Have a student leader host the event so that they can keep the session flowing and encourage the audience to be supportive of every performer.

#32: FASHION SHOW

Primary and Secondary

There are a number of different ways to hold a fashion show at school. Ultimately it would be great to model fashion items that have been designed and made by student designers but there are other ways to do a fashion show too. Instead of designers being the focus, entrants could be the models themselves who are asked to wear a full outfit of items purchased from a second hand clothing store. To turn the fashion show into a real event, choose a place in the school where you can setup a catwalk. Organise music and a microphone. To make it a real success, think carefully about who should host the event and introduce the models over the microphone. You could easily turn this into a competition by asking the audience or a group of judges to select a winning entry.

#33: SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

Primary and Secondary

This event is a variation of the 'X-Factor Talent Show' (#31) with the obvious difference being that it is an event specifically for dance performances. If your school already has dance groups then it may be as simple as having them all perform for the school on one day. Alternatively, announce the event with a number of weeks notice so that students can form groups in their own time and prepare their own dance for the event. Rather than have judges giving feedback to the performers like on the television show, make the focus of the event the applause of each performing group.

#34: DANCING WITH THE STAFF

Primary and Secondary

This event is based on the television show 'Dancing with the Stars.' You can structure this event any way that you like, with the essential feature being that it will involve a student pairing with a staff member to display a dance that they have learned. It works best if each week a new dance performance occurs during a lunchtime in a hall or theatre. Many teachers will be hesitant to get involved if they are the only teacher, so perhaps have five teachers and five students learn the dance together as a large group and then pair up for the actual performance on the day. Instead of voting out dancers allow them all to compete each week and declare the winner to be the pair that was deemed to be the best dances for the greatest number of weeks.

#35: SINGSTAR CONTEST

Primary and Secondary

This event is the musical version of the 'Wii Sports Competition' already described (#11). Make sure that you can plug the game console into a large speaker system as well as a video screen. Choose a song from the singstar game that doesn't go for too long and is relatively easy for most people to sing. Ask students to put their name down in advance or call for volunteers from the audience. If possible, arrange for a teacher to have a turn as this always goes down well with the audience. Depending on how many people want to enter the contest, you could easily hold this event over a number of lunchtimes and choose different songs.

#36: SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Primary and Secondary

In our modern society most people can easily record and edit their own simple videos. This event is not just a screening of short films you have purchased, but rather a competition for students to produce and film their own short film. Decide on a topic or theme for the films and encourage students to come up with an entry of approximately three to five minutes in length. Make sure you give students plenty of notice and lots of reminders. Come up with an appealing prize to make their effort worthwhile. Once you have received the entries you can hold a special screening during lunchtimes or after school.

#37: DEC OUT YOUR CLASSROOM

Primary and Secondary

For this event to work you will need every class in the school to participate, so you will need to spend time discussing your idea with all of the teachers in advance. Choose a day in which all classes will creatively decorate their classroom using a theme of their choice. Give each class a number of weeks to prepare, make and organise their theme and decorations, but declare one day in which the makeovers will take place. After they are complete, organise for classrooms to be open at lunchtime so that all students can visit different classrooms to see the transformation.

#38: WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

Primary and Secondary

This idea is a great way to put on a performance style event without the need for performers to do much preparation in advance. When organising this event, involve students who are good at drama as they will be familiar with a number of different Theatresports games. These types of games will be great as the basis for your event. Another starting point is replicating the television game 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'. Use games that require students to improvise on the spot, with students entering the competition either individually or in teams. This event will be extremely funny for the audience, so hold it in a hall or theatre with a stage so that everyone can see the action.

CHAPTER 3

ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS

#39: BIN IT TO WIN IT

Primary and Secondary

This event draws on the popularity of the television show 'Minute To Win It'. On the show, contestants compete in all sorts of quick and random games, with one minute to try and complete each challenge. If you are keen to reduce litter in your school yard, why not host a week of lunchtime events called 'Bin It To Win It'? An example of a game is to give a plastic bag to numerous contestants and they have just one minute to run around and collect rubbish from people, trying to collect more rubbish than other contestants. Another idea is having a three-on-three basketball competition with bins instead of basketball rings and a paper ball instead of a basketball. Perhaps you can play rubbish bocce, where participants try and throw their rubbish into a bin from a given distance.

#40: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Primary and Secondary

Cleanup Australia Day is usually held at the beginning of March each year and many different groups in the community become involved. Every year there is both television and media advertising promoting the day. You can take advantage of this by organising an event at your school. In addition to cleaning up your school, you could organise for a group of students to walk together to a public park nearby to clean that area. Alternatively, you can organise to recycle old mobile phones and ask students to bring these in from home for collection by the student leaders on the day.

#41: NATIONAL TREE DAY

Primary and Secondary

Every year Planet Ark organises National Tree Day to encourage the community to be active about caring for the environment through the planting of trees. The website setup for this national event will give you more information about ways to be involved. Possible events to organise at school include planting a new garden area, or planting seeds in pots that can later be taken home to plant there. You could even contact your local council to find out if there is a public area in the community that you can have permission to plant trees.

#42: THE BLOCK

Primary and Secondary

The Block has become a very popular television show, based around the concept of renovating an old property that needs repair. Renovating a building isn't usually something that is realistic for student leaders, however you can still build on the concept to benefit your school. Possible projects include the painting of buildings, creating a new garden, or rearranging the library to include new furniture you have fundraised for. If you want to make it even more like the television program choose two different projects for different teams to undertake and film the action to show at a school assembly.

#43: LOW EMISSION DAY

Primary and Secondary

In preparation for this event, work together as a leadership team to research ways to reduce the emissions released into the environment during the course of a school day. This event will work best if you can implement three or four strategies on the day and spend a number of weeks talking to students about these in the lead up. Possible ideas to get started include encouraging all students to walk or catch busses to school and to sell different food in the canteen which doesn't require cooking or heating.

#44: POWER SHUT DOWN

Primary and Secondary

There are a number of different ways to run this event in your school. You may wish to run an event similar to the 'Earth Hour' that Australia and other countries participate in each year. A way of doing this is to prepare in advance to have a single hour where no electricity is used in the school, including lights, computers, air conditioning and other items. Another way to run the event is to choose a whole week where the last five minutes of every day is spent insuring that every electronic item is fully shut down so that the school is not using unnecessary electricity over night.

#45: SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Primary and Secondary

There are a number of ways to encourage sustainable living. Choosing one of these can be the basis for an event at your school. For example, hold an event to plant a vegetable garden, carefully selecting what you plant to match the vegetables used on a regular basis in your school canteen. To extend this event further (or if you do not have a school canteen) pick the vegetables regularly and make delicious vegetable soup to give or sell to your fellow students. Another strategy in your sustainability process is to have a special bin for students to put daily food scraps into so that you can make compost to use in the vegetable garden.

CHAPTER 4

CHARITY DRIVEN IDEAS

#46: JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Primary and Secondary

Jeans for Genes Day is a national day when people wear their jeans to raise funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders. This is a very easy event to organise with your main task being the advertising of the event and the collection of donations from students who participate. To add an extra element to the event, organise a special assembly to give a presentation to students about the issues involving genetic disorders.

#47: BOARDIES DAY

Primary and Secondary

Boardies Day is a national fundraising event for the Surf Life Saving Society of Australia. If your school is in a beachside city or town this could be an excellent event to participate in. A simple way to be involved is to charge students a donation to wear their boardies to school. Other ways to participate in this event could be to organise an excursion to your local beach, show episodes of the Bondi Rescue television program during lunchtime or to play beach games at school (like volleyball or sandcastle competitions). For secondary schools, this could also be the perfect day to run first aid training for students.

#48: WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Primary and Secondary

During March each year the Leukaemia Foundation encourages people in Australia to host an event as part of the World's Greatest Shave. This event raises money for research and patient support, whilst also creating community awareness. The primary way of raising money is to pre-organise a number of people to entirely shave their head and for others to donate money to acknowledge the significance. Hold a lunchtime gathering for the shaving to take place in front of an audience. An additional way for students to be involved is for them to have their hair sprayed with a temporary colour and asking these students for an additional donation.

#49: DAFFODIL DAY

Primary and Secondary

Daffodil Day is organised by the Cancer Council and aims to encourage hope for a cancer-free future. The focus of the day is raising funds for cancer research, patient support and prevention programs. This well-known day has a number of ways for your school to be involved. To raise money, allow students to wear yellow on Daffodil Day in August and ask for a donation for the privilege. In addition, the Cancer Council can provide Daffodil Day merchandise including pens, badges and other small items that can be sold to students and teachers. To create a lasting impact, consider choosing a garden bed in the school and plant daffodil seeds in order to provide an ongoing reminder of the Daffodil Day message.

#50: RED NOSE DAY

Primary and Secondary

Red Nose Day, held annually on the last Friday in June, is the major fundraiser for SIDS and Kids. Funds raised through Red Nose Day activities assist SIDS and Kids in providing vital services and programs to the Australian community. Red Nose day is an easy event to participate in at your school. It involves selling red noses and other items to students in the weeks leading up to the day. All of these items can easily be obtained from the organisers. Make sure you give yourselves plenty of time to order the items, talk to the students and then sell them to everyone ready for the day.

#51: HOMELESS SLEEPOUT

Primary and Secondary

In most local communities there are a number of charities that do a wonderful job working with homeless people. Do some research to find out which organisations of this nature are in your area and would benefit from your fundraising support. An effective event for raising funds for this purpose is to hold a Friday night sleep-out at your school in which you endeavour to create the difficult experience of being a homeless person. Allowing only a small amount of simple food as well as sleeping on the floor are two ways to start creating the experience. Ask students to donate the money that they would normally spend on food and entertainment on a Friday night to the charity you are supporting.

#52: NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY

Primary and Secondary

In October each year 'National Bandanna Day' is organised by CanTeen, an organisation committed to supporting young people affected by cancer. This fundraising day involves selling the CanTeen bandannas to students for them to wear on the day, to raise funds and show support for other young people who wear bandannas during cancer treatment. Official bandannas can be ordered from CanTeen to sell to students, but perhaps consider making your own bandannas and in your school house colours. House Captains can be in charge of selling the bandannas to their house in an attempt to have the house that is most supportive of the event.

#53: MOBILE BLOOD BANK

Secondary

The Australian Red Cross has a mobile blood bank that is able to come to schools for students to donate blood, often needed by people in emergency situations and in times of sickness. If you decide to do this at your school, you will need to do plenty of organising in advance. This includes proper discussion with the school principal, nurse etc. Official parent permission will be needed and your teachers will have to play the key role in this process. The best role the student leaders can play in this event is promoting the opportunity to students, as well as giving presentations about the need for blood donations and how it can help others.

#54: LOOSE CHANGE TO LOOSEN CHAINS

Secondary

Exploring the existence of modern-day slavery can be an eye opening experience for students. It can be particularly beneficial in helping secondary students develop a social conscience and make them aware of risks to be alert to when travelling to some overseas countries. Research an organisation that is working toward combating slavery and hold an assembly to share relevant stories with the students at your school. Following the assembly, arrange to spend the rest of the week collecting 'loose change' from students to donate to the charity that you have chosen.

#55: STRESS DOWN DAY

Primary and Secondary

Stress Down Day is a fun and easy initiative to reduce stress and raise awareness for Lifeline, an organisation that provides access to crisis support and suicide prevention services. Some ways you can participate in this fun, relaxing day is to wear Stress Down slippers (available from the Stress Down website), go to school in your pyjamas, have a stress free morning tea, or organise with your teachers to have no homework assigned that day. So that this event can have the desired impact, hold a special assembly where you can place a special focus on the importance of managing stress. Your school can take time out from your busy lives to have fun, stress less and feel better!

CHAPTER 5

BRAINIAC IDEAS

#56: MATHS BY MEMORY

Primary and Secondary

Maths by Memory is a great idea to promote maths in your school. National literacy and numeracy week is held every year in Australia. A great competition that any student can enter during this week is to see who can remember the most digits in the number Pi (3.14...). A simple way to build excitement for this event is to develop a catchy name for the event like 'The World's Greatest Pi competition' and promote it throughout the school weeks in advance. Other fun ideas could include having students from each house compete against each other to see who can complete simple maths equations and be the quickest to write the correct answer on a whiteboard, or 'Guess the Angle' where students guess the angle between two lines before it is measured.

#57: MYTHBUSTERS

Primary and Secondary

Mythbusters is a popular television show that puts myths to the test to see if they are indeed correct. Why not put a few myths that you have heard to the test at school? It would be a great idea to involve your science teacher as they could provide both supervision and supplies necessary to complete the various tasks involved with scientific myths. For example, large ice cubes apparently melt faster than small ones. Really? Many of your myths will have a visual element so it might be fun to use a hall or stage so that more people can see and participate. Just make sure to keep everyone safe!

#58: ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5TH GRADER?

Primary and Secondary

Why not put students and teachers to the test against a group of students in your school? They can be from any age group, as long as they are all from the same year level. The concept for this event includes asking a series of questions from various topics that a certain year level would be taught throughout their school year (i.e. year 5 maths, english, history etc.). The challenge is to see if the contestant can correctly answer the questions compared to the group of people from that class.

#59: QUIZ NIGHT

Primary and Secondary

This is a great opportunity to involve both the school and surrounding community. Be sure to allow plenty of time to advertise the event to the community, making the date, time, location and other details clear. Quiz nights are fun for the whole family and can include questions for both children and adults. Spend some time organising prizes for the winners, which can usually be achieved by asking local businesses to donate suitable items. Extra things you can do to make it creative is have games between rounds, or perhaps a certain theme, which then you can decorate accordingly (such as movie trivia, ancient history, sports).

#60: ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE

Primary and Secondary

One of the best things about science class is the ability to do experiments. By mixing simple elements together you can create a multitude of different exciting things. You will definitely need to have a teacher help you choose the right things to mix! One example is elephant toothpaste, a fantastic foamy mountain that erupts like a volcano. This is made from mixing hydrogen peroxide liquid with yeast, water and dishwashing liquid. Why not make this an event and invite students to participate in the fun? This is a great opportunity not just to have fun but learn something as well. As always, make sure everyone stays safe by wearing the proper safety equipment!

#61: COMPUTER GAME CREATOR

Primary and Secondary

Video and computer games are extremely popular these days. Some students have even gone so far as to attempt creating their own computer games. There might even be students at your school who have created their own games! Host an event that allows students to show off their work and allow others to see just how interesting the world of computer game creating really is. Give plenty of notice before holding the event so that interested students have enough time to prepare their game. Whether the game is very simple or extremely complex, allow for everyone to present their game to the students that attend.

CHAPTER 6

CULTURAL IDEAS

#62: NAIDOC WEEK

Primary and Secondary

NAIDOC Week is held throughout Australia every July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Perhaps hold an event at your school to get students involved in celebrating this week. A few ideas you can do at your school are holding a flag raising ceremony, studying a famous Indigenous Australian, creating your own Aboriginal art, listening to Indigenous music or inviting a local Indigenous elder to come and speak to students. You could add these ideas together so that they span across the whole week, but it's fine to just have one great activity on one day if the idea of organising a whole week event is a little daunting for you.

#63: ANZAC COOKIES FOR ANZAC DAY

Primary and Secondary

Anzac cookies are a known and loved iconic tradition around ANZAC Day every year. They are a gentle reminder of the ANZAC legacy and spirit that is never to be forgotten – lest we forget. Why not involve the students and your school, maybe even the parents, in making and/or distributing Anzac cookies? Perhaps you could involve the entire community and make a day of it, having families bring in their special recipes and showing off their skills. Similarly you could make them at home and bring them to school to sell, or take them to the local retirement village and take them around as a surprise for elderly people.

#64: MULTICULTURAL DAY

Primary and Secondary

A strength of Australia is its cultural diversity. There is most likely a multitude of different cultures represented by the students at your school. Each culture has things that are specific to it, whether it be food, dance, clothing etc. Why not host a day at your school where students not only represent their culture, but educate the other students about it as well? This will both place value on the students and provide them with the opportunity to raise awareness about their culture. This day could involve a concert, a multicultural food lunch, or a parade of multicultural clothing.

#65: ESCAPE TO...

Primary and Secondary

Escape to... this event works similar to Multicultural Day (#64), but allows for an entire day to be focused on one culture. A great example could be 'Escape to Africa' where the whole day is dedicated to educating students about the various aspects of Africa. Some examples are the animals, landscape, traditional clothing, dance, instruments and chants. If there are any people in the community who are educated in the culture and history of the country then invite them to participate. Perhaps choose a room in the school in which you can decorate and theme a full experience of that country and allow students to walk through the room at lunchtime.

CHAPTER 7

EATING AND DRINKING IDEAS

#66: HOT CHOCOLATE IN WINTER

Primary and Secondary

When it's cold outside, there is nothing like a steaming cup of hot chocolate to warm you up. Maybe even with marshmallows on top. Yum! This could be a great idea for that really chilly winter morning. When students arrive to school, why not have a stand set up ready to hand them a cup of hot chocolate as they enter. All you need in order to make a large amount of hot chocolate is an urn for hot water, a tin of hot chocolate, cups and spoons to stir. This is a very easy event to organise and could be used as a fundraiser, or just a way of brightening up your fellow students on a cold day.

#67: BAKE SALE

Primary and Secondary

Bake sales have always been a popular idea in schools. They allow for students and teachers alike to show off their creative baking skills to the world. From small cupcakes to apple pies to three-tiered cakes, bake sales provide an excellent opportunity to come around one of the best conversation starters, food! A few different ways of doing a bake sale is setting a theme (i.e. Valentine's Day), choosing a specific type of pastry or dessert, or even holding a 'School's Best Cupcake' competition. Another fun idea could be to have students participate in a workshop presented by a teacher or parent, showing them how to make and bake their best chocolate chip cookies.

#68: THE MUFFIN MAN

Primary and Secondary

The Muffin Man (or Woman) is a fun idea to do at any time of the year. It involves students putting on their best chef uniform (which could easily be an apron) and walking around the school delivering muffins to students. Perhaps you could try to find an old picnic basket and some metal tongs for 'The Muffin Man' to use to distribute the muffins. They could also skip through the school singing the Muffin Man song. Muffins could be made at school or brought in from home and this could be a fundraising idea, or a great way of demonstrating generosity as a leadership team.

#69: MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA

Primary and Secondary

This event is about placing value back on the mums of your school community by hosting a morning tea just for them, possibly on the Friday before Mothers Day. This could involve anything from simple snacks and drinks to a fancy high tea. This works well when you give plenty of time to inform the mothers about the event date and time. Another suggestion is to have students write letters to their mums saying thank you for all that they have done. Then invite the students to read them aloud to their mum during the morning tea. For younger students, you can have them draw or paint a picture of their mum, then place them around the room for all the mums to see. You could also set up a photo wall with a slogan "I love my mum" on top and take photos of students then place them around the room.

#70: GRANDPARENT'S MORNING TEA

Primary and Secondary

The Grandparent's Morning Tea works similar to the Mothers Day Morning Tea (#69). This event places value on grandparents and can be a great opportunity for students to hear great stories about the lives of people who grew up in different eras around the world. Why not invite grandparents of students and teachers to participate in a morning tea that is both encouraging and educational? You might want to ask a few grandparents to speak about their life and experience as a primary or secondary school student. Your grandparent's will probably love visiting your school, so schedule in some time during the event to give them a quick tour of the main places at your school.

#71: BOOST JUICE DAY

Primary and Secondary

One of the most popular drinks today is a cold cup of freshly prepared Boost Juice. This company provides delicious healthy juices and smoothies that are enjoyed in fourteen countries around the world. These drinks are simple to make and provide a fun, healthy alternative to meals and snacks that might not exactly fit in any 'health' category. Why not choose a day in the term where students and/or teachers bring blenders from home, along with fresh fruits and juices, and sell your school's very own version of Boost Juice! In the lead up to this event you could also hold a competition for students to suggest the best combination of ingredients and then include your preferred winner in the choices available on the day.

#72: BREAKFAST CLUB

Primary and Secondary

It has been said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Why not enjoy the most important meal with friends at school? This can be held daily, weekly, fortnightly, it's really up to you! Perhaps ask different people to bring in their favourite breakfast food to share each time, and ask why it happens to be their favourite. To get your breakfast club started, organise to cook pancakes which are easy to make and will send a tempting smell around the school. You could even use Breakfast Club as a great support group for new students or students who may feel excluded at school.

#73: MYSTERY BLENDER

Primary and Secondary

This event has two variations that are both equally hilarious. Both require nominating a student or staff member to consume whatever gets put into a 'Mystery Blender'. The first variation involves having a number of food items on a table with different prices associated to them at lunchtime (or any other time throughout the day). Students and teachers can then purchase an item to go into the blender (if you want to make this a fundraiser). When time is up, all the purchased items are then blended together and given to the nominated teacher or student to drink. This will work best if done on a stage or in a hall so that everyone can see them attempt to drink it. The second variation is very similar to the first, only the blender is covered with black tape so that the nominated person cannot see what is in it. Items could include a blended cheese burger, sardines, limes, olives, century eggs, baked beans. Be sure to only include items that the nominated person is NOT allergic to!

#74: MASTERCHEF

Primary and Secondary

Masterchef has become an extremely popular television show in recent years. It provides a creative way for people to show off their true cooking skills by making some incredible dishes. Why not create your very own Masterchef event at your school and ask students of all year levels to participate? Don't feel that you have to run it the same as it is on television. It could be as simple as having contestants create their own gourmet sandwich live on stage in your school hall. You can even ask staff members or parents to bring in various dishes they have created and ask the students to prepare the same dishes, just like on the show! Another suggestion is to ask an adult to put on a cooking workshop for students. Make sure you have the right ingredients!

CHAPTER 8

OTHER IDEAS

#75: DRESS UP DAY

Primary and Secondary

Why not spice up a normal school day by offering different dress-up days for students to participate in? You can always resort to a mufti day (casual clothes), but take the extra step and choose a theme to dress-up days like 'come dressed as your favourite superhero', fancy hat day, pajama day and people in history day. Other theme ideas are 'my worst outfit' day or 'once upon a time' day. Once upon a time day involves students dressing up like characters from their favourite childhood books or movies. To turn this event into a fundraiser, ask students for a small donation for the privilege of wearing different clothes on this day.

#76: A DAY AT THE MARKETS

Primary and Secondary

Just like you might see at a weekend market, this event involves having various stalls setup throughout the school where students and teachers can buy/sell/trade items of choice. Students who have extra clothes can set up an op-shop. Other students who make things like bags, jewelry and paintings will see this event as a great chance for them to show their skills off to the whole school. Choose a place in the school that's not too big and in the first instance restrict this to a lunch time, so that you get great atmosphere. If it's a success then hold it regularly, just like the real markets!

#77: MOVIE NIGHT

Primary and Secondary

Whether your school has a simple projector or a giant theatre-style auditorium, a movie night is a great social activity for students. Carefully consider what movie to show as the goal should be to encourage as many students as possible to participate. To add to this event organise to sell popcorn and drinks to those who attend. In summer, you might even like to hold an outdoor movie night, projecting onto the side of a large wall. If you're really keen, you could even have a movie marathon with a certain theme associated, such as Disney movies.

#78: LONGEST COIN LINE

Primary and Secondary

This is a great event that provides a fun visual aspect and is a simple fundraiser. The goal is to create the longest straight line using coins. The longest coin line is a great competition between houses, year levels or classrooms. When students see other lines getting longer, they will get motivated to make their line the longest. Make sure that you clearly tell students what you are fundraising for, as this will encourage them to see their involvement as a positive thing. One variation of this is to stack all the different types of coins next to each other and see who can create the largest stacks of coins.

#79: LONGEST CANNED FOOD LINE

Primary and Secondary

This event works similar to the longest coin line (#78). This event is an opportunity to partner with a local food shelter or non-profit organisation that helps those less fortunate in your local area. You can easily use this as a competition to see who can create the longest line of canned food. Another suggestion is to add other non-perishable food items like pasta, cereals, sauces. Depending on the time of year you do this event, perhaps you can create the longest line of Christmas toys for underprivileged children, or warm clothing and hygiene products for the homeless.

#80: VALENTINE'S DAY

Primary and Secondary

Flowers and chocolate have become synonymous with Valentine's Day. Why not set up an area at school with red and white flowers for students to purchase and give to someone special? Another suggestion is to provide small bags of chocolates, heart lollies and cards. If you really want to go over the top for Valentine's Day then organise to have a small choir of students (with the direction of a staff member) walk around the school singing Disney love songs to students. Any student can approach the choir director at the beginning of the day and request a song for that 'special someone.'

#81: BOX IT

Primary and Secondary

This event involves every student in the school receiving a box about the size of half a tissue box. The box also has their name and class printed on it, so that it is personalised. Give each student approximately two months to fill the box with donations and encourage them to be creative in the way they contribute. Money they donate could be their personal money, donations from friends and family or the proceeds of fundraising efforts that they have initiated themselves. The two key factors for the success of this event are that students must feel connected to the cause and that students need ideas as to how they can find money and "BOX IT". One way to do this is having leaders stand up at weekly assemblies for the whole campaign and give ideas. Have a special assembly at the end of the time period for students to come to the front and hand in the box containing their money.

#82: CRAZY HAIR DAY

Primary and Secondary

Crazy Hair Day is a fun and exciting event for all ages. Make sure to encourage students and teachers to be as creative as possible. You could even create a 'crazy salon' at lunchtime and have different hair products and accessories for students to make their hair crazy. Some examples could include spray cans of hair colouring, small pieces of wire to create shapes and letters, as well as a range of colourful hair clips and headbands. This can easily be transformed into a fundraiser by asking students to make donations or for charging for the activities at your salon.

#83: OP SHOP

Primary and Secondary

What happens to all those old clothes that are left in a large pile in your wardrobe? All they do is take up valuable space. Why not ask every student to bring in all of their old shirts, pants, shoes and jackets to set up an Op Shop at school? Perhaps you can use it as a fundraiser, asking for a gold coin donation for every article of clothing. Another suggestion is to add unused sporting equipment like uniforms, football boots, sport balls and tennis racquets. At the end of the event, select a charity that will benefit from receiving all of your unsold items.

#84: POOL PARTY

Primary and Secondary

This event works great, assuming that you have a school swimming pool! Your pool party does not have to be the biggest thing on earth, but is best held during a hot summers lunch time, when it is usually difficult to get students to participate in other events. You will definitely need to organise suitable supervision from teachers and control how many students participate. Arrange music and simple items such as beach balls, pool noodles and other fun toys. If you do not have a pool available, another idea is to find or purchase a number of small inflatable pools and put them together in the oval at school.

#85: BOOK SWAP

Primary and Secondary

Reading is a major way to increase your knowledge, vocabulary and diction. There could be a number of books you have already read sitting your shelf collecting dust. Why not host a book swap? This allows students from all ages to bring in their old books and swap for 'new' ones. You could even ask for a gold coin donation for each book collected if you want to make it a fundraiser. This is an extremely easy event to organise as it only requires a large room and table for all the books to be displayed. It is, however, only successful if lots of students bring books in so be sure to promote it well in advance.

#86: SPEED DATING WITHOUT THE DATING

Primary and Secondary

Student leaders should always be encouraging students to get to know the other students in your school. One great way to do this is to host a 'Speed Dating Without the Dating' event. This sort of event is easy to set up, simple to run and a lot of fun. All you need to do is set up a number of chairs facing each other (in pairs) or a few tables with chairs on both sides. Have students sit in the chairs and give them a few minutes to get to know each other. An easy way to do this is have each person describe themselves and their likes and dislikes for one minute, then switch. After both have spoken, ask everyone on one side to move one chair to the left or right (make sure everyone goes the same direction!) Do this until the students moving have met everyone on the other side. Make sure you using the dating example as something to laugh about, not something to focus on!

#87: HOMEWORK HANGOUT

Primary and Secondary

For students that might need some extra help doing homework, a homework hangout is something that provides both support and encouragement. Perhaps ask teachers of certain subjects to come along and provide extra help to students and be present as leaders to create an enjoyable atmosphere, as it is not supposed to feel like detention! You can also ask older students to help the younger students, or even invite former students to be involved. This creates a social activity as well as building relationships between the older and younger students, which could be another way of building unity across year groups at the school.

#88: TALENT OF THE DAY

Primary and Secondary

Everyone is good at something. What's fascinating is that different people are good at so many different things! During lunchtime you could ask different students to put on workshops to teach others different talents like karate, origami, magic tricks or break dancing. The talents are endless! Make sure you look for an area big enough for students to participate, which could be inside or outside. This could be something you do once a week, or perhaps every lunch time for a whole week. Choose to use your best ideas first, so that as they become successful more and more students will want to be involved in future days.

#89: BLANKET DRIVE

Primary and Secondary

During winter there are a number of people young and old who are not able to keep warm. A blanket drive is an excellent way to support your community by asking students to bring in blankets of all sizes. You could turn this into a house competition by laying out blankets on the school oval to see which house section is the largest. You may even be able to totally cover your school oval. To take this idea further you could create different fabric squares and put together quilts you have made yourselves or even ask a few people who know how to knit to come in and teach students how to knit blankets.

#90: CAR WASH

Primary and Secondary

A classic fundraiser is a Car Wash. These work best in the spring and summer months because of the warm weather. These are always a fun event because students work together while having fun. You could even have students holding large signs on the day advertising the car wash, or keep it simple by washing the cars of the teachers. Make sure you hold the car wash in a large place (like your school car park or oval) which is easy to get to with a car. You will also need access to an outdoor water source.

#91: PET PARADE

Primary and Secondary

Some people say that pets and their owners eventually start to look like each other. Why not put that to the test by hosting a pet parade at your school? This could range from a simple 'Show and Tell' day to a full fledged parade line on the school oval. Students can bring their pets and show them off to the school. During the parade you could see which pets can do tricks, and even hold a fashion competition to see what sort of outfits their owners put on them.

#92: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Primary and Secondary

Why not hold a Christmas in July party for your school? Pull out all the decorations, from Christmas trees to Santa hats and sing your favourite Christmas carols. You could even go as far as creating fake snow out of cotton from old pillows and blankets. Another idea is to have students create their best snowflake using a piece of paper and some scissors. Then you can hang them up around the school as decorations. Some of the major stores also hold the biggest toy sales of the year in July, so if you want to make this a charity event you could also invite students to purchase brand new toys that could be taken to children at local hospitals as part of your Christmas in July focus.

#93: PICNIC IN THE PARK

Primary and Secondary

Having a picnic in a local park is a great way to get students outdoors and enjoy some free time in the fresh air. Pull out all those picnic blankets and baskets and organise with your teachers to head to your closest park. If you don't have a park nearby, you could just as easily use a large grassy area around your school. Bring frisbees, footballs, board games and enjoy some time in the sun. If you wish, organise a barbecue lunch or invite students to bring a plate of food to share.

#94: LAUNCH A TIME CAPSULE

Primary and Secondary

A time capsule is something that you will enjoy in years to come. It's really simple, easy to do and will help you leave a legacy that will be remembered well into the future. To organise this ask the students of your class to bring simple items that remind them of their time at school (things they probably won't get back) and placing it into a time capsule. A few suggestions could be having students write notes about their typical day, photos, the current canteen menu, a piece of school uniform and current school work. Have a special ceremony where each item is placed into a container which will be sealed and stored for ten or twenty years.

#95: TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Primary and Secondary

Teachers are some of the most influential people in the world. They work diligently to share their knowledge with others so that they might live well. Why not put on an event that places value back on to teachers and shows your appreciation for all they have done? You could ask students to write encouraging letters to teachers and put them in their pigeon holes. Another idea is to have students draw or paint pictures of various teachers and place them around the school, or to host a special morning tea that the students put on for the teachers.

#96: BUDDY FOR A DAY

Primary and Secondary

A great way to build unity in your school is hosting a 'Buddy for a Day' event. This involves having an older student 'buddy up' with a younger student for a day. The older student could play sport with the younger student, help with homework, share lunch or just walk them to class. These events help build relationships between older and younger students, as well as building trust and confidence between them.

#97: GUESS THE OUTFIT

Primary and Secondary

This event is hilarious when done correctly. Whenever possible use a stage or some sort of elevated platform to allow everyone to see. This event involves having students dress up to model clothes owned by teachers, in outfits that the teachers have not worn for many years. The students gathered at the event then have to guess which outfit is owned by which teacher. Have a student host the event, music for the models to walk to, and slips of paper for all students to write down the names of the teachers they believe own each outfit.

#98: LINKED GAMING

Primary and Secondary

Video and computer games are popular around the world. It is so easy to connect online and play with others these days. Why not take advantage of this and host an event where students come together and play games online. Ask students and staff to bring television or computer screens, game consoles, controllers and set up a room with chairs or couches. Another suggestion to get students active is to use game consoles like the Nintendo Wii or Xbox Kinect. If students are playing against each other find a way to create a large scoreboard and award a prize at the end of the session.

#99: INTERGALACTIC DAY

Primary and Secondary

This event has the potential to be seen from space! Not really. But it is a fun idea that involves having as many students as possible create costumes purely out of aluminum foil. You could even hold a competition to see who can come up with the best outfit from head to toe. Some other ideas include covering entire walls with aluminum foil, creating a space station feel, or hanging blank CD's from the ceiling. This creates an environment of all things reflective. Perhaps place a few tables at school with rolls of aluminum foil so that students can cover themselves when they arrive.

#100: THE CRUD WAR

Primary and Secondary

If you have a large grass area that doesn't mind getting dirty, then this event is for you. This is one of the most simple events to run, you might just have to worry about how to clean up afterwards (students need to wear clothes they don't mind throwing away). All you have to do is collect as many different items as possible to be used in the world's largest food fight. Make sure that you don't include anything that has a glass container or sharp metal container. You could even fill buckets with baked beans and spaghetti. Next, line up every item in a straight line and split the students into two sides. When everything is set, someone can blow a whistle to signal the Crud War has begun. Keep the event non-contact and sit back and watch as colourful clouds burst into the air. Better yet, watch out!

#101: BYE BYE BULLYING

Primary and Secondary

GRIP Leadership encourages students to consider running a 'Bye Bye Bullying' campaign to take a stand against any bullying that may exist in your school. In fact, there is a full resource available for running a campaign in your school that lasts for a whole term. However, you may prefer to run an event that takes place on a single day in order to get your message across loud and clear. This day could involve a special assembly with role plays and videos. Perhaps consider having a 'Bye Bye Bullying' barbecue for students who take the anti-bullying pledge. You could also sell of badges for students to publicly display their commitment to say "Bye Bye" to bullying.

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