Egging on young in games scramble

GETTING egged on by fellow competitors will take on a whole new meaning at Darebin Parklands' picnic races this weekend.

An egg toss is among the all-ages novelty events on the program, which also include gumboot throwing, sack races, three-legged races and King and Queen of the Mountain.

"I really like doing the egg toss because last year I won," Alphington's Jemima, 8, said. "It's fun because lots of eggs break."

She said the event involved competitors standing opposite each other and stepping back each time they tossed the egg to their partner. The last one with an unbroken egg wins the contest.

Jemima and her friend Jessica also won the three-legged race last year and this year she hopes to add the sack race and gumboot throw to her victories. "The gumboots are really heavy and hard to throw," Jemima said.

"With the sack race you have to do some training jumping up and down, but not too much because then you'll get tired in the race."

The picnic races will be held Sunday, March 20, from noon-4pm at Darebin Parklands in Alphington. Enter via Separation St or Parklands Ave.