

Anyway you slice it, this big vanilla thriller's a winner

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SLICE OF LIFE: Olivia 11, Dulwich baker Amy Kaur, and Sam, 9, prepare for the vanilla slice record attempt. Picture: TRICIA WATKINSON

IMAGINE a vanilla slice, creamy custard, flaky pastry topped with silky sugar icing. Then, times that by a few thousand.

That's about the size of a Guinness Book of World Records attempt to bake the world's biggest vanilla slice and raise funds for disadvantaged children.

Dulwich Bakery aims to topple the Victorian record of 677kg. The SA bakery chain's owner, Wayne Duffy aims to "smash" that record on July 3, with an 800kg creation, or 2500 standard vanilla slices.

The slice will involve 600kg of custard, 150kg of pastry, 50kg of icing and will take six bakers to assemble the 12m by 2m sweet treat. "It's a huge feat, but we are up for the job and hopefully our team and our customers will be helping some local children along the way," said Mr Duffy.

Through buy-forward and gold-coin donations, the slice is expected to raise \$10,000 for Kickstart for Kids, which runs breakfast programs for disadvantaged primary students in 280 schools across the state.

Budding baker Olivia, 11, said she loved the idea because "helping kids less fortunate is really important for everyone".

"I love vanilla slices, and I hope all the kids will too," she said. Samples of the slice will be offered for donations at the Dulwich Bakery bakehouse in Beverley on July 3.

