Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here is your chance to make a difference to our school community and provide that little extra to benefit all the students in our school.

On March 17 from 5-8pm the P&F have arranged to hold their biannual fundraiser. This year we are being invited to participate in the **Fiesta on Goderich**.

This event will draw some great entertainment. The Crazy Bikes you have to see in action and won’t believe how they ride until you are game to have a go. How do you ride a bike backwards? There will be some amazing foods, live music, jumping castle, rides on a ram drawn cart (yes I did say a sheep), drinks, fairy floss, chocolate wheel and lots lots more.

There are notes coming home soon inviting you to participate in any way that you can. We are hoping that you will bring your family plus another. We have lots to show others in our local area and the best part is the warm welcoming community atmosphere of our great little school. All proceeds raised will go back into providing resources for all of our students to make school an exciting and engaging place for them to be.

Come join in the fun – give a little of your time, make a donation, man a stall for 30 minutes or more, help with the setting up, packing down or buy a table ($25) to sell your wares. There is something for everyone and we ask that you all do what you can to make this a great night for the whole of Deloraine and the wider area.

Please put March 17 in your diaries now,

**Mary**
Upper Primary Term 1 Camp
Grade 5 and Grade 6 students tested their tent assembling skills yesterday in preparation for an overnight camp at Mole Creek on Monday, 6th March. It was a great success with students supporting each other and displaying wonderful teamwork skills! Well done!

Ash Wednesday Mass
All families are invited to join us as we begin the 40-day journey of Lent at Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, 1st March 2017 at 9.00pm at the Holy Redeemer Church. All welcome.

2017 Sacramental Candidates
The Meander Valley Parish would like to welcome candidates for our 2017 Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

A Sacrament is a special sign of God’s presence. Sacraments are God’s gift to the church and it is through these Sacraments that we fully become members of God’s family. The preparation and the celebration of the sacraments for school-aged children are ideally family focused, parish based and school supported.

First Reconciliation workshops commence on Saturday, 11th March at 3.30pm in the Father Terence Yard Centre.

Please contact Di Murray at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School on 6362 2323 or Fr Richard to register your child or children for 2017.
**Kindergarten**
Our Kinder students have settled well into school life.

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**Grade 3/4**
Grade 3/4 has had a busy start to the school year! On Monday we were lucky to have Mitch come in and work with us. Whilst Mitch was here, he tuned us in to the Spirit of Jesus moments by teaching us to take notice of the great people and actions around us. We have also been working on using our iPads in class and cyber safety. We look forward to updating you in the coming weeks!

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**Athletic Carnivals**
Due to changes to the Northern Midlands Athletics Carnival we have to schedule our carnival in the week beginning March 13. Further details will be sent home as soon as possible.

The St Leonards Athletics Ground is unavailable for the Northern Midlands Athletics Carnival this year. The carnival will be held at Longford. As the Longford ground is used for football the carnival has been moved forward and will be held on Wednesday, March 22.
**Performing Arts News**

**Choirs**

Congratulations to the following students who will form the Chamber Choir for 2017: Caitlin Clippingdale, Hailie Tome, Amelia Burbury, Phoebe Bennett, Amali Blair, Saxon McDermott, Scarlett Dunne, Ross Clippingdale, Tumai Bennett, Sarah Tiver, Drew Leguis, Preston Wadley, Charlie Kelly, Mia Dunk, Isabella Darrow, Gypsey McDermott, Peter O’Malley, Elizabeth Dunne and reserves Sarah Donovan and Phoebe Wadley.

There were a large number of budding choristers lining up for auditions this year and with only a small number of places available, the decision process was made even more difficult. All students were given an individual audition and all were given the same pitch, memory and harmony tests. It was wonderful to see so much improvement amongst the students this year. All students are encouraged to continue to sing in the School Choir if they were not successful this year. The Chamber Choir rehearses each Thursday from 12.30-1pm.

**School Choir** is open to any students from Grade One to Grade Six who enjoy singing. Prep students will be invited later in the year to join the choir. There are no auditions for this choir. The School Choir rehearses each Friday from 12.30-1pm.

**Private Instrumental and Dance Tuition**

If your child is interested in learning piano, violin, cello or dance during school hours please ask for a form at the office.

Mr Ian Howard currently has no vacancies for drums or guitar tuition. There are only very limited places available for the other instruments. There are dance places for Upper Primary Girls and Boys Only dance. Lower Primary Girls dance is almost at capacity.

Individual instrumental lessons are half an hour’s duration and take place during school hours. Dance lessons are in groups and take place on Fridays. Upper Primary Girls are at recess, Lower Primary Girls are at lunchtime and Boys Only is from 12.30-1pm.

Further information is available on the Instrumental and Dance Tuition form or by contacting me in person.

I look forward to inviting you to our performances throughout this year and sharing the wonderful talents of our students.

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Performing Arts Teacher
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Art Classes
After school Art classes 🎨@ Old school house
behind the Westbury Holy Trinity Church 🏛,
starting 6th March 2017.
Mondays: 3.30 - 4.30pm
5- 6pm (focus on drawing skills)
Wednesday: 3.30 - 4.30pm
Maximum class size: 12
Cost: $20 per class (to be paid in full per term,
6weeks) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: contact Susannah
Curtis, BVA, M.Ed.
PH: 0402 685 122. Instagram:@susannah.curtis
Email: curtissusannah@gmail.com
Skills outcomes of creativity, self-confidence and
curiosity. Encouraging student interest through
exploring techniques and mediums of drawing,
acrylic paint, found objects, printmaking, oil pastels
and charcoal. Don't expect finished identical works
to come home.

DELORAINE JUNIOR BASKETBALL CUB
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE
2017 SEASON
To register go to the clubs website Deloraine
Junior Basketball Association Inc or facebook
page and follow the link.
Aussie Hoops registrations will open in May.
The Deloraine Junior Basketball Club’s AGM is
at 7pm on February 19th 2017 at the Deloraine
Community Complex. All executive members
are stepping down and many committee
members no longer have children playing or
have children that are in their final years of
junior sport. We would love to see some new
faces with fresh ideas. Being a committee
member is an extremely rewarding opportunity
that builds lifetime friendships and confidence.
The following positions are available: President,
Secretary, Treasurer, general committee, U10
age group coordinator, Aussie Hoops
Coordinator and experienced coaches’
positions for all age groups.
For all inquiries or nomination forms please
send an email to
delorainejuniorbasketballclub@gmail.com

Noticeboard

Canteen
Canteen will commence next Thursday, March 2.
Orders must be returned to school by each Wednesday.
Please send your order with correct change in an envelope clearly marked with the order and your child’s name and grade.

FIESTA on Goderich
Friday 17th March 5pm - 8pm
Burger Bar
Coffee & desserts
Chocolate Wheel
Live Music
Fun kids activities
Face Painting
Jumping Castle
Plus Much More!