Great news, the St Laurie’s School/Parish Fete is back on for 2016. A special ‘expression of interest’ meeting was well attended by parents and parishioners in early November at the school. It was agreed that there was enough support to run the fete in some form in 2016. Sharon Stephens, the previous Fete Coordinator also passed on all the organizing materials to Jo Denbrok the current President of the Parent & Friends.

How we actually get this event up and going again after the year’s hiatus was discussed in detail at the Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting last week. While there has been a show of support for the fete returning, the reality of needing to evolve was also mooted. The concern was if we just repeat what has been done previously we will find ourselves in a similar situation that is, not building enough support to make the event sustainable.

Previously the fete was situated around mid-November the weekend prior to St Josephs Korumburra fete. Given our status as ‘Parishes in Partnership’ it was proposed we hold the fete around a month earlier. This will give both fetes the opportunity to target parishioners and support from both communities. The proposed date for 2016 would be Saturday 22nd October 2016.

This date was checked with Fr Peter and presented to Parish Council, whom were happy with the change in date.

The feast day of St Laurence O’Toole will still be celebrated in a similar fashion to this year involving a family mass and choirs from both schools on the weekend of November 12th/13th 2016. The next challenge is to assemble the fete committee for 2016.

So far the following roles have been filled:

- Fete Coordinator – Sam Wright
- Parents & Friends representative – Jo Denbrok
- Activities Coordinator – Gez Power
- School Liaison – (Volunteer needed - school staff member)
- Parish Liaison – (Volunteer needed)
- Community Liaison – (Volunteer needed)
- Fete Financial Manager – Ann Heming (Parish Secretary)

If you are able to fill one of the remaining roles, please contact myself or the school.

Regards,
Sam Wright
(Fete coordinator)

GRADUATION MASS: After 7 years of schooling the Grade 6’s are more than ready to move onto their secondary education. It has been a delight to see these children grow and flourish in their primary education. This is always a very rewarding moment for staff at the school. To mark the end of their primary years we will celebrate Mass tomorrow evening (Thursday, 10th) at 7:00pm in the church. You are all most welcome to come along and join us in this celebration.

LAST DAY OF TERM 16th DEC: SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3:15pm.
YOU MAY COLLECT YOUR CHILD AFTER THE END OF SCHOOL MASS.
Pleasesign them out before you leave.
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“No hat, No play”

Cricket Style $10.00

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Size 4, 6, 8 Summer dresses $5

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ICY POLES
FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES
TERM 4

50 cents

To be sold at the kitchen window

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SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

BAKERS DELIGHT SCHOOL REWARDS: EASY FUNDRAISING. When you buy your bread and baked goods at Bakers Delight mention that you would like your points to go to St Laurence’s Primary School. A portion of your purchase goes to the school. At the end of the year we receive a cheque that goes to the P & F to buy resources for our school.

Don’t forget about Michael’s Supa IGA Community Rewards program. Have you changed your old white tag to the new black ones? To support our school community simply present your black tag during checkout OR you can donate your points to the school. See in store or contact the office for more information.

As the program is solely reliant on the number of active tags to generate the funds, the question is, how many supporting families do we have? In other words if the majority of our school community families are not using the program, we are missing a great opportunity. The number of tags that have contributed to our school is 45. We have 139 families at school, so jump in and get on board this fantastic program.

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Amen

Christmas Mass Timetable 2015

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Christmas Day 10am St Laurence’s Church |
| Mirboo North  | Christmas Day 8.30am |
| Tarwin Lower  | Christmas Eve 6pm |
| Korumburra    | Christmas Eve 7.30pm |
| Loch          | Christmas Eve 6pm |
| Toora         | Christmas Day 10am |
| Foster        | Christmas Eve 7.30pm |
| Fish Creek    | Christmas Day 8.30am |

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS IN THE CHURCH 11:30AM  16th December "All most welcome to attend. School finishes at 3:15 on this day. However, you are most welcome to take your children home after Mass. You will need to sign them out before you go.

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St Laurence’s Choir bringing joy to the locals.

**PICTURES:** Choir singing carols outside Memorial Hall at lunchtime today.