Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

I hope everyone had a restful Easter break and you were able to relax just a little!

Partnerships
With the establishment of the new Community Council, a strong focus this year will be further developing partnerships between the family and school and the wider community. Already three subcommittees have been established around providing social events, establishing a playgroup for parents of toddlers and pre-schoolers and ideas for upgrading the playground for the students. These committees will flesh out some of their ideas and create a plan during the coming months.

Building strong relationships
Speaking of partnerships...some tips from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg about building a strong relationship with your child:

◊ Keep calm
◊ Don’t talk too much and listen more
◊ Keep it short; only two sentences at a time
◊ Remind them of what they do well
◊ Use humour; never sarcasm
◊ Set very clear boundaries and have both positive and negative consequences
◊ Only argue over things that matter and let some things go by you
◊ Avoid confrontations or ultimatums
◊ Catch them doing something good regularly and give them positive feedback
◊ Help them define the problems and options
◊ Do not constantly remind them of past mistakes
◊ Talk while doing something together
◊ Reduce the number of questions or explain why you are asking them and finally,
◊ Spend time with them

Thank you Sherree
Our Junior Girls (Francesca, Tegan, Alice and Holly) and Senior Boys (Darcey, Sam, Taylor and Tim) Relay teams have made it to the State Catholic Swimming Carnival along with Thomas and James who are swimming some individual events. They have been coached by the amazing Sherree Bush of Yass Swim Academy. Sherree has run extra training sessions at Gungahlin Leisure Centre due to the closure of the Yass pool for the season. Thank you to Sherree for her dedication and commitment to the students of Mt Carmel. It is very much appreciated by the staff, students and parents.
Reflection
After Jesus rose from the dead, the first thing Jesus said when He appeared to the assembled apostles was:
“Peace be with you.”
Luke 24:36

Community Council Meetings
Thursday 6.30pm
12 May 2016
16 June 2016

K-6 Assemblies
Fridays at 2.15pm
1 April
1EB and 4JG
27 May
2LS and 5/6JH

CatholicCare Student and Family Counsellor
Kirsten Stafford will be at Mt Carmel every Monday from 9am until 1.30pm

St Augustine’s Parish
Priest Fr Mick Burke PP
Secretary Irene Carr
Office hours
Mon, Tues, Fri 9am-4pm
Parish Office
Meehan St Yass NSW 2582
PO Box 24 Yass NSW 2582
Phone 02 6226 1086
Fax 02 6226 2220
email sta.yass@cg.catholic.org.au

Weekend Mass Times
Vigil Saturday 6pm Yass
Sunday
8.30am Gunning
(5th Sun Liturgy of the Word)
10.30am Murrumbateman
(5th Sun Liturgy of the Word)
10am Wee Jasper (5th Sun)

Feedback
I would like to remind parents and carers to contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions. Please do not wait to see if ‘things will improve’. Your concerns are my concerns. Of course any positive feedback is always welcome as well; I love to be able to pass on encouraging feedback to the teachers.

Please note the Year 6 Peer Support Training Day will be held this Friday. Year 6 students may come dressed in ‘mufti’.

Best wishes to our swimmers tomorrow at the Catholic State Primary Swimming Carnival. Swim well and enjoy!

May God bless you and your family

Gaye McManus
Principal

School Band —Wednesday 1.30pm-2.10pm
School Choir —Thursday 1.30pm-2.10pm
Conductor: Jacqueline Hansson

Mt Carmel Playgroup
for toddlers and pre-schoolers
Thursdays 9am-11am
24 Dutton Street Yass
Hartigan Centre (entry from Meehan Street)
Facilitated by a fully qualified teacher
Games, craft activities, music, stories and much more...
Everyone is welcome!
$3 for first child and $1 for each subsequent child in family.
Morning tea provided for parents and children
www.mtcarmel.msw.edu.au
ANZAC DAY MARCH AND CEREMONY
Monday 25 April 2016

Please return this form to the front office by Friday 8 April 2016 (end of term)

I give permission for my child to participate in the Anzac Day Street March and Ceremony at Yass Memorial Hall on Monday 25 April 2016.

I will collect my child/children from the front of the Yass Memorial Hall in Comur Street at the end of the ceremony.

Student Name/s: .................................................................

Parent Name: .....................................................................

Contact Mobile on Anzac Day:........................................

Parent Signature:.................................................................
"My child worries, how can I help?"

A series of four workshops for interested parents commencing in Term 2 at Mt Carmel School

Monday 2 May | 9.15am-9.45am
Monday 9 May | 9.15am-9.45am
Monday 16 May | 9.15am-9.45am
Monday 23 May | 9.15am-9.45am

Little ones welcome!

Where: Staff Professional Learning Room

Facilitator
Kirsten Stafford
CatholicCare Student and Family Counsellor

To register (limited to 10 places), please ring Carol or Emma at the front office on 6226 3357

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF DATE

1 April 2016
1EB and 4JG Assembly
School Disco

Thursday 31 March

Where: Performing Arts Centre

Theme: 80’s

Times:
K - 2 4.30pm - 5.30pm
3 - 6 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Cost:
$3.00 per student
$5.00 per family

Drinks: $2.00
Chips: $1.00

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion registration will be held on Wednesday 30 March and Thursday 31 March between 5-6pm at the presbytery.

If your child is in Year 3 or older, has made their First Reconciliation and wishes to continue their journey in faith please attend registration on one of the above dates.

For further enquiries contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 (Sacramental Team Leader)
Thank you to 3TC and Miss Cassidy for preparing our Easter Prayer Service this morning. It was a beautiful way to conclude our Easter Celebrations.


‘Till this moment they (and we) had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Christ Jesus must rise from the dead.’

John 20:1-9

The cross is the standing statement of what we do to one another and to ourselves.

The resurrection is the standing statement of what God does to us in return.

Christ Crucified is all of the hidden, private, tragic pain of history made public and given over to God.

Christ Resurrected is all suffering received, loved, and transformed by an All-Caring, MERCIFUL God.
How else could we have any kind of cosmic hope?

How else would we not die of sadness from the tragedy of life and for what humanity has done to itself and to one another?

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*The resurrection is the standing statement of what God does to us in return.*

In the Risen Christ, God reveals the final state of all reality. God forbids us to accept "as-it-is" in favour of "what-God's-love-can-make-it." Something different! To believe in Resurrection means to cross limits and transcend boundaries. Because of the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus, we realistically can believe that tomorrow can be *new, different and better than today.*

We are not bound by any past. There is a future that is created by God, and much bigger than our own efforts. We should not just believe in some kind of survival or immortality or just "life after death"—but Resurrection, an utterly new creation, a transformation into Love that is promised as the final chapter of all history. God does not ordinarily intervene to save us from struggle, hard times, pain, suffering, passion and death; rather God redeems, transforms us (and all creation) into glory. The death and resurrection of Jesus reveals a redeeming, not a rescuing God.

*Adapted from Easter Reflection 2012 by Richard Rohr*

**PRAYER**

**Redeeming God,**

"Why do we seek the living among the dead?
Christ is no longer in the tomb."

**Risen Christ,**

Let nothing stop us seeking you,
whom love brought back to life in full.
Night surrendered to day,
Fear to courage, death to resurrection.

**Christ Jesus,**

Give us your Spirit.
Let us tell the story of your life as our life.

**Spirit of God,**

Let us seek the newness of Christ.
Gentleness, kindness, tenderness
patience, love, humility
**MERCY**

Let the Peace and Spirit of Christ
*Easter* in us.

*Alleluia, alleluia*
What Pope Francis had to say….

'The women who go the tomb....something completely new and unexpected happens....something which will upset their whole life..... Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks of us. We are like the Apostles in the Gospel: often we would prefer to hold on to our own security, to stand in front of a tomb.....We are afraid of God’s surprises; we are afraid of God’s surprises! God always surprises us!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won’t be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up: there are no situations which God cannot change, there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him....... How often does Love have to tell us: Why do you look for the living among the dead?.” (Lk 24:5-6). .......

Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive! Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won’t be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don’t be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.”

(Excerpts from Pope Francis Easter Homily)

Please return your Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible – Thank you for your generous donations!

Next Tuesday the Stage 3 Students (Years 5 & 6) will be hosting a Cake and Biscuits stall to raise funds for Project Compassion. Each item will cost 50c.

I hope everyone had a restful and prayerful Easter.

Jan Harvey
Religious Education Coordinator
Northern Region Cross Country Carnival
The Northern Region Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Friday 29 April at the Showground in Crookwell.

Matt Giteau Cup
Thank you to Rob McColl for coaching our Year 3/4 team at the Matt Giteau Cup in Queanbeyan last week. The boys played well and reached the Shield semi-final.

MacKillop Swimming Carnival
The following students are representing the Archdiocesan of Canberra and Goulburn at the MacKillop Swimming Carnival in Sydney tomorrow: Alice Henman, Darcy Bush, Francesca Bush, Tegan Davis, Taylor Doyle, James Field-Ripphausen, Thomas Field-Ripphausen, Timothy McPhillips, Sam Pack and Holly Regan. We wish them all the best!

Deon Norval
Sports Coordinator
K-2 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The K-2 Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 8 April** on the school bottom oval from 9.30am-11.00am.

All parents are invited to come along and watch their child/children participate in this enjoyable school event and at the conclusion of the races, to stay and share morning tea with your child. Please bring a seat and shade for your comfort.

Stage 3 students will also be attending to cheer and support their buddies.

The **Juicie Lucie** van will be available for parents who wish to purchase great coffee and delicious fresh fruit juices. It will be parked at the school gates in St Augustine’s Hall carpark.

Yass Valley Early Learning
School Holiday Program

**Monday 11 to Tuesday 26th April**
Closed Anzac Day

Available from 7.00am to 5.30 each day.
Minimum 3 hours

Bookings essential
Limited numbers

Fun, games, sport, art and crafts, dress ups and excursions!

Please contact Lynette Cram on 0458 028 990 for further information or bookings.
St Francis Xavier College 2017

St Francis Xavier College 2017 enrolment period will be from Monday 2 May – Friday 20 May 2016. Applications may be submitted during this time directly to the College Reception, or by mail.

The **Year 7 2017 Enrolment Information Evening** is being held on Monday 9 May, 2016. The evening will commence at 5.00pm with tours of the College. This will be followed at 6.30pm with an information session in the Gymnasium.

The **Year 11 2017 Enrolment Information Evening** is being held on Wednesday 11 May, 2016. The evening will commence at 5pm with tours of the College and Course Advice. This will be followed at 6pm with an information session in the Theatre.

**SFX Open Day** is on Friday 13 May between 9.00am - 2.30pm. This gives prospective students and their parents an opportunity to tour the school with a staff member or student while classes are running.

For more information regarding enrolments please contact Jennifer Madgwick via email-jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au or telephone the College on 6258 1055.

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THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

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**Holiday Workshops—Do you like making and building things?**

**Questacon Maker Project** delivers hands-on workshops for young people exploring the process of innovation. Workshops are delivered in the Maker Space at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre, Deakin.

Workshops cover creative thinking in the development of ideas, using simple tools and materials, as well as advanced technology such as 3D printing, robotics and materials science. Each workshop poses a different challenge and learning experience where students explore science, maths, design and technology.

In workshops, students expand their lateral and logical thinking, as well as increase confidence in their ability to work through problems to reach a solution. The **Maker Project** is part of the Questacon Smart Skills Initiative.

For bookings and more information:

Ph: 1800 889 995  
Fax: 1800 641 171  
Email: bookings@questacon.edu.au
Have you ever thought about playing the Trumpet/Cornet? Trombone? Saxophone? Clarinet?

Now is your chance to experience the thrill and excitement of playing these instruments at Mt Carmel

Lessons will begin next term on WEDNESDAYS
Cost: $25 /half-hour

If you are interested please return the slip below to the front office by NEXT THURSDAY 7th April

Thankyou
Mrs Robin Winterflood

YES! I/We would like to learn the following instrument/s (please circle the instrument/s of your choice)

Trumpet/Cornet  Trombone  Clarinet  Saxophone

Name/s.................................................................
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS**

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Bookings: 62261305
Yass Show Scarecrow Competition

Get ready, clear your calendar for the next four weeks, grab your hay bales and let your imagination fly for this year’s Yass Show Scarecrow Competition, hosted by the Yass Show Society in conjunction with the Yass Tribune.

The exciting part about this year’s comp is that it’s open to EVERYONE!

Bales of hay really will be the hot commodity this month as both residents and business owners around the Yass Valley are asked to participate in the competition in preparation for the 2016 Yass Show.

This year’s theme is ‘Cowboys’

To participate all you have to do is come up with an idea for a perfect COWBOY scarecrow, create it, display it either in the window of your business or the front yard of your home and place near/on/around it a sign reading: YASS SHOW APRIL 9-10.

There are PRIZES for both individual scarecrows and business scarecrows.

To enter the competition simply take a photo of your scarecrow and send it to the Tribune: editorial.yasstribune@fairfaxmedia.com.au with your name and contact details.

Entries must be in by LATEST Monday, April 4.

The staff at the Tribune will be printing each scarecrow in the paper with a coupon to vote for your favourite scarecrow!

Yass Show Poets Breakfast

Below is a great opportunity for students to be involved in and experience a poetry show with a difference. There will also be the opportunity for children to participate in a performance, which will be great fun.

There’ll be two prizes of $50 each:
* Best Presentation of a Poem (Junior); and
* Encouragement award for presentation of a Junior’s own original poem.

Juniors are school aged or below. Groups acting out poems (eg Bush Christening by Banjo Paterson) are encouraged to also come along.

We’ve got a fantastic morning of laughs, action and more planned! It’s all happening on Sunday April 10 at the Yass Show 8.30-10.30am in the Shearing Pavilion - near the Lions Catering Van.

For more information, please see Mr Green or call Robyn Sykes on 6227 4377 / 0401 289 178.
MAISIE'S CHOIR

& THE KITCHEN BAND

Maisie's Choir & the Kitchen Band is a free, fun, inclusive choir group looking to expand its member base. The choir meets every Tuesday during term from 10am-12pm at Yass Soldiers Club.

A LOVE OF MUSIC AND SONG IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT TO JOIN

ADMIN@STARTS.COM.AU  |  4823 4407