Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Just a few updates for this week…

Shade Shelter…Hopefully this will be replaced within 4-6 weeks.

Catholic Schools Week commences at the beginning of Week 7. This year’s theme is “I belong. You belong. We belong.” Open classrooms will be held on Monday 7 March from 3.30pm until 5pm. Invitations will be coming home soon!

Welcome BBQ…Thank you to Elizabeth Young and Lexie Young who organised themselves and others to provide the yummy slices for our Welcome BBQ. Thank you also to Emma Ritchard for the watermelon on such a hot afternoon!

Northern Region Swimming Carnival…Thank you to Deon Norval for a fantastic swimming carnival. Thank you to our wonderful parents who completed time-keeping duties and thank you to David Cassidy, Ian Wynne and Leanne Goode; very much appreciated.

Student Leadership Training Day…Thank you to Mrs Harvey and our 2016 student leaders for their involvement in the training day. We had a fabulous day with the students really enjoying the activities immensely, even public speaking. Thank you to Mr Green for cooking delicious hamburgers.

Staff Professional Learning…Thank you to staff who have stayed back after school on a number of evenings already this year updating their training. Training has included Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Students Experiencing Trauma and a refresher course on the mathematics learning framework, Count Me In Too (CMIT).

Community Council…we would love some parents to be involved in two council committees - Playground and Social. Please see Kate Seselja’s letter within the Carmeletta and a flyer which should have come home with your eldest child.

Enjoy the week and may Christ’s peace be with you!

Gaye McManus
Principal

Carmeletta
Our mission is to encourage each individual to achieve their personal best in a meeting place where Christ’s teachings are learned and lived.
“Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy” Matthew 5:7
Thought for the Week
"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow.
You have to trust God."
Pope Francis
A Lenten message

Community Council Meetings
Thursday 6.30pm
10 March
12 May

K-6 Assemblies
Fridays at 2.15pm
26 February
2AH and 5/6MA
1 April (Change of date)
1EB and 4JG

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)

Claim the Date 2016
Primary Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 1 March at Queanbeyan Swimming Pool

Chess Club
Can you play chess? Would you like to learn? Are you in years 3-6?
Chess Club could be for you!

When: Monday Lunchtime 1:10-1:40pm
Where: 4JG
Parents and Grandparents who would like to come along and share tips and strategies, or challenge the kids for a game, are more than welcome – please remember to sign in at the front office.

Any questions or queries please contact me.

Jaclyn Green
jaclyn.green@cg.catholic.edu.au

K-6 Open Classrooms
Monday 7 March 2016
3.30pm-5pm
Invitations coming home soon.
Come and visit your child’s classroom. They will love it!
Dear Parents and Caregivers

At our Community Council meeting last week, we welcomed our members back. Your community council for 2016 includes:

Kate Seselja - Chair (Lily Year 6, Hope Year 2 and Jonah Year 1)
Leigh Bush - Vice Chair (Francesca Year 3, Annaliese Year 1)
Stephanie Harding - Secretary (Jack Year 4, Catalina Year 2)
Paul Twohill - Treasurer (Susannah Year 6)
Michael Green - Staff Representative (Louis Year 3, Fergus Year 1)
Fr Mick Burke - Parish Priest, ex-officio
Gaye McManus - Principal, ex-officio

I am delighted to be Board Chair again for 2016. I have been involved with the school since 2006 when my eldest children (Ethan year 10 and Isabelle year 8) joined the Mt Carmel community, and my youngest Zoe only 3 years old, we have plenty more years at Mt Carmel ahead of us. The participation by the parent community in the life of the school has always been and will remain central to the successful operation of a Catholic School. The question being raised in many Catholic schools across our Archdiocese is how do we involve the parents in the life of the school given the dramatic societal changes that have occurred even in the last decade. The Community Council hopes to host two community building events this year.

Community Council Constitution
One of the first items discussed at our Community Council meeting was its new Constitution. This will be forwarded to Archbishop Christopher Prowse for his approval and ratification.

2016 Committees
The following committees have been established with the following members:
Mt Carmel Playgroup: Zuzy Webster, Erica Richards, Kellie Field, Gaye McManus
Playground: Michael Green
Social Committee: Leigh Bush
Finance Committee: Paul Twohill, Carol Cassidy, Gaye McManus

Obviously we would love some parents to become involved in the playground committee and social committee. If you have a particular passion and/or skills in building, design, creating a friendly playground, social event planning, please consider getting involved. Please complete the flier which will be sent home as a hard copy with your children otherwise contact the Committee Chiefs via email
Leigh Bush (Social) leigh_blackwell@hotmail.com
Michael Green (Playground) michael.green@cg.catholic.edu.au

Mt Carmel Playgroup is already operational with 15 children attending with their parents last Thursday. This is a fantastic way to engage with young families as well as providing a much needed service.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year in this very special School Community that I for one am blessed to be a part of.

Kind regards
Kate Seselja
Council Chair
0404 059 462
Mt Carmel School Yass
celebrating
Catholic Schools Week
6-12 March 2016
I Belong. You belong. We belong.

Enrolling now for 2017

Enrolment forms now available
from the front office

Monday 7 March 2016
Open Classrooms
3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 9 March 2016
Open Day Tours
10am | 12noon | 2pm

Wednesday 4 May 2016
K-2017 Parent Information Evening
7pm-8pm
Venue: Hartigan Centre
Mt Carmel Playgroup
for toddlers and pre-schoolers

Thursdays 9am-11am
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

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www.mtcarmel.nsw.edu.au
Our 2016 school theme is “Blessed are the Merciful for they will receive mercy.” (Matthew 5: 7) These inspirational words encourage us to extend Christ’s love and compassion to others through our actions in our everyday lives.

**Project Compassion**

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning More Creating Change”. Caritas Australia has programs in place in over 30 developing countries. Our programs help break the chain of poverty and injustice. They are a beacon of hope for women, men and children in marginalised communities.

Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate: how can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry? As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.”

Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Last week the Project Compassion Boxes were distributed to students. Please donate generously this Lent to this important fundraising mission.

Lent is a time to clear away the clutter so that we can focus on the more important relationships in life. What things will you give up and what actions of mercy will you do to deepen your relationship with God this Lent?

**SET THE GADGETS ASIDE**

We are often not willing to let go of our work or reliance on technology because we cling on to the things we find meaningful in the material world. While technology itself is not a bad thing, our dependence on technology leaves us vulnerable to being disconnected from those around us, surrounded by unhealthy ways of thinking, and too distracted to take actions that might help us live better lives. Instead of checking your phone first thing in the morning, make a Lenten commitment to instead check in with God each day. Setting the gadgets aside, even for a few hours each morning or evening, can help free you for the things that matter.

By Anna Watt (Australian Catholics Magazine Summer 2016 – Mercy in Spirituality, p 28)
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

Last Friday, the Student Representative Council spent the day preparing themselves for their roles during 2016. Throughout the day the SRC participated in various activities. This involved defining leadership, teamwork initiatives and public speaking. Thanks to all our members for their enthusiastic participation and best wishes for your roles throughout the year.

A Leadership Poem
written by our SRC Members during their leadership training day
L is for leading and learning
E is for encouragement and explaining
A is for accepting and achieving
D is for determination and duties
E is for enthusiasm and empathy
R is for responsibility and reliability
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 10 February or Thursday 11 February between 5-6pm.

For further details contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

Sacramental Programme 2016 - Claim the Dates

1st RECONCILIATION Wednesday 16th March 6pm

Reconciliation Registration at the Presbytery
Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February between 5-6pm

Commitment to the programme will be held during 6pm Mass,
Saturday 13th February at St Augustine’s Yass or
10.30am Mass, Sunday 14th February at Uniting Church Hall, Murrumbateman.
First Eucharist - Sunday 29th May, 10am
Confirmation - Sunday 18th September, 10am
**Cross Country Carnival**
Our annual Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Friday 11th March at the grounds of Walker Park from 9.30am until 11.00am.

We would like each student to participate on the day even if it means that they walk the course. Medallions, ribbons and certificates for the first three places in each age group will be awarded to the students (ribbons on the day and medallions/certificates for age champions and certificates for second and third place getters) at morning assembly on Monday 21st March.

**Northern Region Swimming Carnival**
I would like to thank all the parents who were officials during the Northern Region Swimming Carnival last week and Thursday.

**Archdiocesan Winter Trials**
The Winter Trials nominations are closed and no more nominations can be accepted. The Winter Trials are scheduled for Monday 7th March at various locations in the Archdiocesan.

**Individual Summer Sport Trials**
Congratulations to Susannah Twohill for her selection in the Archdiocesan Tennis Team to compete in the MacKillop Trials.

**Yass “Come Try” Rugby League Gala Day**
The Yass Come Try Rugby League Day has been postponed due to the extreme heat.

*Deon Norval*
*Sports Coordinator*
2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2016 Challenge is about to begin. Please return your notes ASAP. If everyone enters this year Mrs McManus will be coming to school in her pyjamas.

Please contact me if you've any questions at jaclyn.green@cg.catholic.edu.au

Happy reading,
Jaclyn Green
PRC Coordinator

The Book Fair
Books Have Arrived!!!
Book Fair and Grandparents/Older Friends

Morning Tea

New BOOK FAIR times!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Friday 4th March 2016 we will hold a Scholastic Book Fair in the Lacey Library. The students will be able to purchase books for themselves from the great range which Scholastic have provided. The more books sold, the more free books can be bought for the Lacey Library! Parents you are most welcome to visit the Book Fair on Friday with your child or children. If you can’t make it, I will visit the classrooms and collect any student who wants to purchase a book or resource and take them to the Book Fair.

There will be four browsing afternoons, where you can purchase the books or place an order before the actual book fair. The orders will be sent off by email and returned to the school as soon as possible. This reduces disappointment when there is a particular popular book.

This year you will be able to visit the Lacey Library on Friday 26th February at 3.30-4.00pm, Monday 29th February at 3.30-4.00pm and Tuesday 1st March at 3.30-4.00pm to browse, purchase or order books.

We would like to invite our grandparents and older friends to the Book Fair and have morning tea at Mt Carmel. If you can provide some food for our morning tea that would be Fantastic!

There is an invitation attached which you may like to give to your grandparents or older friend. Please come and enjoy the day.

Regards, Evelyn Turner (teacher/librarian)

When: Friday 4th March 2016
Where: Lacey Library

Browsing Days:
Friday 26th Feb 3.30 - 4.00pm
Monday 29th Feb 3.30 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 1st March 3.30 - 4.00pm

Time: Book Fair 9.00am - 3.45pm
Morning Tea 10.00am - 11.30 am
Book Fair/ Grandparents Morning Tea

When: Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March 2016
Where: Lacey Library
Time: Book Fair 9.00am-3.45pm
\textbf{Morning Tea:} 10.00am-11.30am

Ask your Mums and Dads to visit the Book Fair!
Invite your Grandparents or an Older friend to come and have morning tea!

Grandparents and Older Friends

You are invited to the Mt Carmel Book Fair and Morning Tea.

\textbf{Time}: 10.00am until 11.30am
\textbf{Date}: Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March 2016
Yass Montessori Preschool is pleased to announce we have extended opening hours for 2016! Now open from 8.30 am to 4 pm, Yass Montessori has vacancies for children ages 3 to 6. Yass Montessori is a not-for-profit preschool run by the community, for the community.

Fees are only $36 per day (or less for eligible concessions). To enroll your child or grandchildren for Term 1, or for more information please call Kathy on 6226 1596.

Yass Music Tuition

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the Guitar / Drums / Saxophone?

Currently offering Guitar and taking bookings for many other instruments.

Individual and Group Lessons Available.
All levels and ages catered for.
Locally based.

Ben & Jo Haare
0408 505 797
Mt Carmel Drums & Percussion Programme 2016

Held Mondays at school during class time for students
   Year 1 & above
   ♦ Drum Line Group
   ♦ Mixed Percussion Group
   ♦ Private lessons in Drum Kit
   ♦ Wagga Eisteddfod entry in 2016
   ♦ Examinations in drums also offered

Tutor: Gerard Noonan (CPMIII, Honours)
Phone: 0408 622 819 or email gerardnoonan11@hotmail.com

Instrumental Music Tuition

The myriad benefits of learning a musical instrument have been well documented over recent years. Many studies have proven that young people who learn a musical instrument are better organised, achieve well academically, have increased self-esteem and work well in group or ensemble situations among many other benefits.

Instrumental tuition is again being offered at Mt Carmel this year. We definitely have teachers for piano, violin, guitar, drumkit, Swiss Drum Corps and voice. Generally lessons cost around $30 for a half hour lesson but this does depend on which instrument the child chooses. This is an approximate figure. Please fill in the expression of interest form below and you will be contacted as soon as possible in regards to lessons. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter. Please note, there are only limited places and these will be given to those who express interest first. Of course you may wish to email me with the details below which is fine –

Michael Green
Assistant Principal

Please cut off this slip and return to school office

My son/daughter _______________________________ in class ______________
would like instrumental tuition in _______________________________ (instrument).

Parent name ______________________________  Parent signature ___________________________

Parent contact number ________________________
OUR 2016 SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING
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Please contact: yass.netball@bigpond.com or 0481159079 if you have any question

To register go to yass-na.nsw.netball.com.au or follow the link on our Facebook page

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Net-Set-Go $55 Juniors
11 – 17yrs $60
Seniors 18 & Over $80 plus online processing fee

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Net Set Go Competition (3/4 division),
5/6 division,
7/8/9 divisions
FRIDAY Nights.
Times TBA
commences 29th April

Opens division Tuesday nights 6.30pm Commences 26th April

Online Registration and Payment Only
YASS FARMERS MARKET

St Augustine’s Hall
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
10am to 1pm
All the usual goodies including bread, fruit and vegetables, farm produce, meat, wine, craft, cakes, oils, and much more
*Jumping Castle weather permitting*

www.yassfarmersmarket.org.au

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COME TO THE INTERACT FAIR!!

SATURDAY 12 MARCH

8.30 am – 1.30 pm at Banjo Patterson Park
- Gold coin entry -

GREAT FOOD, STALLS, & FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES!

RIDES, JUMPING CASTLE & FACE PAINTING!

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PLUS THE HUGE YASS SCAVENGER HUNT!

Great family fun & prizes up for grabs!

Come on! ENTER THE YASS SCAVENGER HUNT!

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Enter on the day / via email:
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