Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Proud to belong to Mt Carmel School

Mt Carmel School Yass will celebrate this year’s Catholic Schools Week with a number of special events starting next Monday 7 March 2016. ‘I belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ is the theme for NSW/ACT Catholic Schools Week (CSW), which runs from 6-12 March 2016. The list of planned activities include

- Open Classrooms on Monday 9 March from 3.30pm until 5pm. Invitations will be coming home this week.
- A series of tours on Open Day next Wednesday 9 March conducted by our school captains, Tallara Howard and Fraser Weller
- A Stage 3 History Expo with students showcasing their learning using iPads in the classroom
- Community Council Meeting
- K-2 Cross Country Carnival Tuesday 8 March 2016 11.30am-1pm
- 3-6 Cross Country Friday 11 March 2016 9.30am-11am

Mt Carmel School has established an excellent reputation within the Yass Valley community over many years. Scores of past students proudly cite belonging to the Mt Carmel School community as integral to their achievements. Mt Carmel School has turned out skilled and successful students across a vast array of chosen fields from professional and business people, to civic leaders and sports people. Past and present dedicated and skilled teachers are also proud to have played a part in the education of so many wonderful students. The current student body are also justifiably proud to belong to Mt Carmel School and are looking forward to the opportunity to welcome as many visitors and guests as possible to our school next week. Parents, grandparents and members of the community are encouraged to participate in the many activities organised.

To remind everyone of what we are able to offer your child/ren at Mt Carmel...

♦ Development of the whole child – social, intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual
♦ A welcoming, inclusive community with hardworking teachers who love what they do
♦ A differentiated curriculum which considers the learning needs of all students
♦ A secure, safe environment where challenges await for students to move onto their next stage of learning and development
♦ A friendly playground that caters for differing social needs
♦ Japanese K-6
♦ Year 5 and 6 BYO iPad program

So to remind everyone of what we are able to offer your child/ren at Mt Carmel...

before and after school care 2016

Please contact Rebecca Hodgkinson on 0458 969 206 or Lynette Cram on 0458 028 990 for further information
Thought for the Week
You must learn to fail intelligently. Failing is one of the greatest arts in the world. One fails forward towards success.
~Thomas Edison~

Community Council Meetings
Thursday 6.30pm
10 March 2016
12 May 2016

K-6 Assemblies
Fridays at 2.15pm
1 April (Change of date)
1EB and 4JG
27 May 2016
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)

- A resilience program, BOUNCE BACK, which has a multi-strategic approach across all year levels containing more than five different aspects of social and emotional learning and focuses on both the promotion of positive behaviour and the reduction of anti-social behaviour
- A CatholicCare Student and Family Counsellor
- Before and After School Care offering 14 places in both sessions
- A Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddy reading program
- A Numeracy Intervention Program for targeted students
- Instrumental music tuition in piano, keyboard, violin, voice, drums and guitar
- Air conditioning and heating in every classroom
- Electronic whiteboards in every classroom
- Two computer laboratories as well as computers in each classroom and access to laptops and iPads
- A contemporary Library and modern Performing Arts Centre
- Specialist rooms for Art, Food Technology, Japanese and Music
- A Sporting complex which offers tennis, basketball, netball, cricket and volleyball
- Acknowledgment of student achievement in the classroom and on the field
- Extra curricula activities including Band, Choir, Student Representative Council, Chess Club, Gardening Club
- Celebrations including Pancake Day, Book Fair, Easter Bonnet Parade, Mt Carmel Day, Book Week Activities and Parade, Walkathon, Year 6 Graduation, class assemblies and much more
- Very pleasing results in NAPLAN testing particularly in Reading with improvement showing in Numeracy
- An enthusiastic Community Council

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

Gaye McManus
Principal

K-6 Open Classrooms
Monday 7 March 2016
3.30pm-5pm
Come and visit your child’s classroom. They will love it!
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
Chess Club 1.10pm
Open Classrooms | 3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 9 March 2016
Stage 3 Expo
Student Representative Council Meeting 1pm
Band Practice 1.30pm
Open Day Tours 10am | 12noon | 2pm

Thursday 10 March 2016
Choir Practice 1.30pm
Community Council Meeting 6.30pm
To be sure, to be sure...

Mt Carmel School is celebrating

St. Patrick’s Day

St Patrick’s Day
Thursday 17 March 2016

The SRC warmly invites students, staff and parents to wear green and raise money for Project Compassion 2016

Gold coin donation

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF DATE

1 April 2016
1EB and 4JG Assembly
Book Fair and Grandparents/Older Friends
Morning Tea This Friday!

When: Friday 4th March 2016
Where: Lacey Library

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

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.

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)
Book Fair/ Grandparents Morning Tea

When: Friday 4th March 2016
Where: Lacey Library
Time: Book Fair 9.00am-3.45pm
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.

Time: 10.00am until 11.30am
Date: Friday 4th March 2016
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.
“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life”

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, 4 March starting at 12 noon. This is a worldwide event led by Pope Francis and we will begin the response in the Parish to the Pope’s call to have “24 Hours with the Lord” during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This “24 Hours with the Lord” is an opportunity for all to be fed at the “oasis of mercy” that is our Church.

ADORATION TIMETABLE for Friday

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Jan Harvey
Religious Education Coordinator

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?

TRY A NEW WAY OF PRAYING

What we often miss in our Lenten promise is that the pre-Easter period is not so much about the things that we lose, by more importantly the love and blessings of God which we gain as a result of our sacrifices. Explore some new ways of praying this Lent, and pick one out to practise each week, eg. praying with the Blessed Sacrament in Church. Replacing time in front of a screen with time spent in prayer or gazing on the Blessed Sacrament, we can fully appreciate God’s love and focus ourselves on the more satisfying and real life we can lead in God’s presence.

By Anna Watt (Australian Catholics Magazine Summer 2016 – Mercy in Spirituality, p 28)
This Sunday, 6 March, is Clean Up Australia Day and Mt Carmel will be participating in the Schools Clean Up Day on Friday. Our clean up will take place straight after lunch and we ask students to please bring a gardening glove and a plastic bag to help out.

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**CHANGE OF DATE**

**K-2 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Due to continuing hot weather conditions the K-2 Cross Country Carnival will now be held on **Friday 18 March 2016** on the school bottom oval from 9.30am-11.00am and the 3-6 Carnival will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at the grounds of Walker Park from 9.30am until 11.00am.

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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2016 - CLAIM THE DATES**

- **1st RECONCILIATION**  Wednesday 16th March 6pm
- First Eucharist - Sunday 29th May, 10am
- Confirmation - Sunday 18th September, 10am
Sporting Notes and Payments
To guarantee the school can submit individual students and teams into the various sporting events throughout the year, please ensure all notes and payments are handed into the school by the due date. Going forward, any notes or payments made after the due date will not be accepted. This is to ensure that the school can arrange teams and/or transport for students prior to the event and also confirm our participation with the event organisers.

Cross Country Carnival
Our annual Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd 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 5th April.

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. The following students nominated for the trials:
- Girls Football – Tayla Silcock and Alice Ruwald
- Boys Football – Axel Healey and Edward Field-Wilson
- Netball – Alice Henman, Tegan Davis, Lexie Young, Charlotte McPherson, Sequoia Felizardo, Jasmine Field, Jessica Field and Darcy-Rose Payne.
- 11Yrs Rugby League – Charlie Hall & Timothy McPhillips.

Milo T20 Blast School Cup
Our year 3 - 6 students have been invited to participate in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup on Tuesday 15 March at Victoria Park in Yass. The School Cup is an 8-a-side Milo Cricket Fun Day. This event is conducted in a fun, safe and learning environment, with girls and boys teams experiencing cricket in participation based format. Games start at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm. The teachers and students will walk to Victoria Park after morning assembly and return before 3.00pm.

Deon Norval
Sports Coordinator
YASS BABY AND KIDS MARKET

SECOND-HAND AND PRELOVED BABY AND KIDS GOODS INCLUDING TOYS, BOOKS, CLOTHES, DVDS, ACCESSORIES AND PLENTY MORE

STALLS SELLING NEW PRODUCTS AND HANDMADE CHILDREN’S GOODS

FOOD ★ DRINKS ★ CAKE STALL ★ JUMPING CASTLE ★ FACE PAINTING ★

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 9.30AM-1.30PM

BANJO PATtonER PARK MEEHAN ST YASS

RAFFLE TICKETS $2 EACH OR 3 FOR $5

Supporting Yass Early Childhood Centre Association

RAFFLE DRAWn MARCH 21, 2016
PRIZES INCLUDE FAMILY PASS TO QUESTACon, 2 X FAMILY PASS To COCKINGTON GREEN, VOUCHER TO ROBYn ROWE CHOCOLATE AND LOTS MORE
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

ENTER THE GREAT YASS SCAVENGER HUNT!

SATURDAY 12 MARCH
11.00 AM
BANJO PATTERSON PARK

PART OF THE INTERACT FAIR
A great day of food, fun & entertainment
8.30 am – 1.30 pm

Rotary
Interact

GREAT FUN!
GREAT PRIZES!

ORGANISE A TEAM OF MATES OR YOUR FAMILY FOR THIS FUN EVENT!!

ENTER ON THE DAY OR VIA EMAIL: YASSINTERACT@GMAIL.COM