Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Holy Week
This week, we have begun the most important time in the liturgical year. Holy Week began with Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It is a celebration but the mood soon changes and by Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum begins with the memory of the Lord’s Supper, the night before Jesus died. In the following days we will celebrate Jesus’ passage from death to new life. It is a time for each of us to be awakened to the presence of God in our lives and become messengers of hope and mercy. We experienced a very beautiful and prayerful Stations of the Cross this morning. Thank you to Mrs Harvey, teachers and our wonderful students.

Pupil Free Day tomorrow
Please note that tomorrow Thursday 24 March 2016, students do not attend school. Staff will be participating in professional learning focusing on the threshold concepts of Mathematics.

National Day of Action Against Bullying
Thank you to all staff and students for their participation in promoting action against bullying last Friday. At Mt Carmel, a report of bullying is taken extremely seriously and I take this opportunity to encourage you to report bullying whether your child is a victim or a bystander; silence is not a satisfactory response. By standing together we are so much more powerful in combating bullying than if we try to tackle these issues as individuals. The role of the individual or group of bystanders is vital in creating a culture where bullies cannot operate under cover of silence. We are all called upon to find the courage to speak up when we see a person treated without dignity or respect. The overwhelming majority of our students treat each other with kindness, compassion and mercy but there are times when poor choices and/or a lack of maturity can create poor relationships between the students. Not all of this is bullying, but when relationships are broken and issues left unresolved, the preconditions for bullying are created. Let us stand together to counter behaviours that lead to bullying.

ANZAC Day March
Within the newsletter is an Anzac Day note. If you would like your child to participate in the activities on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016 (end of the school holidays), please return the note before the end of term. There will be a Mass at 9am in St Augustine’s Church followed by the Street March at 11am. Mt Carmel students (in winter uniform) need to assemble outside the Liberty Theatre in Lead Street at 10.30am. The Anzac ceremony will conclude outside the Yass Memorial Hall at approximately 11.45am.

Before and After School Care 2016
Please contact Rebecca Hodgkinson on 0458 969 206 or Lynette Cram on 0458 028 990 for further information.

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
**Good Friday Reflection**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

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**Community Council Meetings**

**Thursday 6.30pm**

12 May 2016

16 June 2016

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**K-6 Assemblies**

Fridays at 2.15pm

1 April

1EB and 4JG

27 May 2016

2LS and 5/6JH

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**CatholicCare Student and Family Counsellor**

Kirsten Stafford will be at Mt Carmel every Monday from 9am until 1.30pm

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**St Augustine’s Parish**

Priest Fr Mick Burke PP

Secretary Irene Carr

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9am-4pm

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Email sta.yass@catholic.org.au

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**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)

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**NAPLAN**

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Year 3 and 5 parents will receive a letter next week which will provide more information regarding this assessment. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 10-12 May 2016.

A happy and Holy Easter to everyone and I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Enjoy the break!

*Gaye McManus*

Principal

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**School Band — Wednesday 1.30pm-2.10pm**

**School Choir — Thursday 1.30pm-2.10pm**

Conductor: Jacqueline Hansson

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**Mt Carmel Playgroup**

for toddlers and pre-schoolers

**Thursdays 9am-11am**

Hartigan Centre (entry from Mechen 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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Holy Week and Easter Services

**Tuesday 22 March 2016**
5pm-5.30pm Reconciliation | 6pm-6.15pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Holy Week Mass

**Wednesday 23 March 2016**
5pm-5.30pm Reconciliation | 6pm-6.15pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Holy Week Mass

**Thursday 24 March 2016**
5pm-5.30pm Reconciliation
7pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper St Augustine’s Church, Yass

**Friday 25 March 2016**
8.30am-9am Reconciliation
10.30am Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Murrumbateman
3pm Commemoration of the Passion St Augustine’s Church, Yass
Reconciliation: Following celebration of the Lord’s Passion

**Saturday 26 March 2016**
9am-9.30am Reconciliation
7pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass St Augustine’s Church, Yass

**Sunday 27 March 2016**
8.30am Easter Sunday Mass St Francis Xavier Church, Gunning
10.15am Easter Sunday Mass St Augustine’s Church, Yass

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**ANZAC DAY MARCH AND CEREMONY**
**Monday 25 April 2016**

*Please return this form to the front office by Friday 8 April 2015 (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
Enrolling now for 2017
Enrolment forms available from the front office

Chess Club
Mondays
1.10pm-1.40pm
Where: 4JG

School Disco
Thursday 31 March 2016
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
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. Please donate generously in your Project Compassion box to this important fundraising mission.

*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?

**COMMIT TO REALLY LISTENING TO PEOPLE**

Often we listen to people just so we can get a chance to respond to them – either agreeing with them or putting forward an alternative view. But that’s not only way to engage in conversation. This Lent practise listening to people with the aim of simply understanding what they are saying to you. Listening for understanding sets aside your own needs, and places the needs of the person we are listening to at the centre. If we can just try to listen, not with the intention to speak but to grasp what the person is talking about and sympathise, empathise or celebrate with them, we grow not only as Catholics but as humans. Sometimes the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all.

By Monique Pueblos (Australian Catholics Magazine Summer 2016 – Mercy in Spirituality, p 29)

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**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)
Congratulations to everyone who celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last Wednesday evening!

Jude Barry
Imogen Bradley
Courtana Congdon
Brodie Doyle
Carlo Ghirardello
Owen Hopwood
Isabella Jarratt
Cooper Lees
Grace Miller
Joey Timmer
Tahlia Wullaert

Sean Bell
Ella Broers
Phoebe Cooke
Denver Field
Louis Green
Josh Inkster
Jack Kelk
George Locke
Alexander Scanlan
Mia Watchorn
Ella Young
Cross Country Carnival
Thank you to all of our parent helpers for your assistance yesterday during the Cross Country. 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 Tuesday 5 April. The students who have qualified for the next level, will receive a note next week.

Catholic Schools Soccer
Unfortunately due to the lack of interest, Mt Carmel will not be submitting a team into the Catholic Schools Soccer competition this year.

Deon Norval
Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY

Earn and Learn Resources

Thank you parents, grandparents and friends for supporting Mt Carmel students in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

We have just received some wonderful resources that your children will be able to use at the school. These resources include two class sets of calculators, a class set of junior dictionaries, a class set of thermometers, four large dice, eight Australian History books, two tubs of percussion instruments, two world globes, twelve sport balls, counters, and books relating to the new Australian Curriculum.

We are all very grateful.

Regards
Ev Turner
Teacher / Librarian
**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.

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**Canteen News**

Thank you to all the students who purchased a green cupcake for St Patrick’s Day last Thursday.

*The canteen sold 295 cupcakes!!!*

The below items are no longer available to purchase from the Canteen: These items are no longer carried by our supplier.

- Smiths Chips—BBQ
- Zombie Monster Munchies—Chicken
- Paddle Pop—Vanilla

*Have a wonderful Easter break.*
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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**Yass Valley Early Learning**

**School Holiday Program**

**Thursday 24th March (Pupil Free Day)**

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
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS**

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***Activities are free for Library members. Library membership is free***

**Bookings:** 62261305
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!

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.