



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.

"Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, so I am sending you" John 20:21

Term 3 Week 5

12 August 2015

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him. He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love— according to the promise he made to our ancestors—of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 5

- 12 Northern Region Public Speaking, Braidwood
- 13 Archdiocesan Athletics Talkfest, Berinba
- 14 Feast of the Assumption Prayer Service—4AA Talkfest, Berinba Wakakirri Dress Rehearsal
- 15 Feast of the Assumption

Week 6

- 18 Wakakirri Performance, Canberra Theatre 7pm
- 20 Combined P&F/School Board Meeting

2015 TERM DATES

Term 3

17 Sept End of Term 3

Term 4

5 Oct Labour Day Holiday
6 Oct Students return
16 Dec End of Term 4

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2015

Please contact Julia Morphett for further information 6236 8305
Country Children's Early Learning
www.ccel.com.au

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

The Feast of the Assumption

This Saturday marks the Feast of the Assumption, on which we celebrate that, "Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." (Pope Pius XII, 1950) Mary, through her faith, trust, hope, strength and grace is a role model to us all; she was the first disciple of Christ. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, but given that it falls on a weekend this year, we will be celebrating this important Feast Day with a prayer service at school on Friday morning.



Walkathon

Sponsorship cards for this year's Walkathon were sent home this week and the event will be held on the last day of Term 3, Thursday 17 September. 10% of all funds raised will be donated to Bobanaro School in Timor Leste and the balance will go towards upgrading the school's playground equipment. All students are encouraged to do their best to help raise money for this project to help make our playground a better place for everyone; but please pay attention to the DOs and DON'Ts of safe and respectful behaviour (outlined on your sponsorship card) when seeking sponsorship. A separate page with more detailed information and a call for volunteers is included on a separate sheet in this newsletter. Please return the attached slip if you are able to help out on the day.

The Mt Carmel Cup



Every year on Mt Carmel Day, students participate in a variety of fun activities to help celebrate our school's feast day and earn points for their house. Points have been tallied and last week, amid great fanfare and a shower of green confetti, the Mt Carmel Cup was awarded to McAuley House.

Fun and games and trophies aside, all students are to be congratulated for their participation on the day; it was a wonderful expression of school spirit.

School Uniform

Mt Carmel has a lovely school uniform and I would like to give all students a gentle reminder of the importance of wearing it correctly and with pride, with particular reference at this time of year to add-ons such as jackets, hats and scarves. Please also ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that they can be returned if misplaced—lost property is an ongoing concern!

The Mt Carmel School Website contains a detailed description of the uniform requirements: <http://mtcarmel.nsw.edu.au/aboutus/ouruniform.html>

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Thought for the Week

'Love one another and you will be happy.' It's as simple and difficult as that. There is no other way.

Michael Leunig

Parents and Friends Association

Joint meeting with School Board
20 August
Email: pandf@mtcarmel.nsw.edu.au

Board Meetings Thursday 7.30pm

20 August
10 September

Class Assemblies

Fridays at 2.15pm
21 August 2LS
4 September 6JH

CatholicCare Student and Family Counsellor

Kirsten Stafford will be at Mt Carmel every Monday from 9am until 3.30pm

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)

WriteOn



There are a little under two weeks remaining for students to submit entries for the 2015 WriteOn competition. Use this photo as inspiration for a short story—not more than 500 words—and send it to me via email (michael.green@cg.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 21 August.

Although only one entry per Stage can be submitted to the official competition by the school, every story that is sent to me will be published in the Carmelitta for us all to enjoy. Full details can be found at the NSW Board of Studies website: writeon.bos.nsw.edu.au
Get writing!

Joke of the Week

Thank you to Ella Young, Harriette Maguire, Charlie Miller, Grace Miller and Shelby Connolly for sharing their jokes this week; keep 'em coming in, everyone. I hope that you all get a giggle from Wendy Morton's contribution — I sure did!



Why was the crab arrested?

Because it kept pinching things!

May God's peace be with you all,

Michael Green
Acting Principal

Enrolling now for 2016



Enrolment forms
available
from the front office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August

The Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all.

Though the Church has always believed in the Assumption of Mary, the dogma was only formally defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 in his Bull *Munificentissimus Deus*. Note that Mary was *assumed* into Heaven -- taken up *by* the power of God, like Elias and Enoch -- while Christ *ascended* into Heaven under His *own* power.

This Feast is associated with herbs and fruits, and the Roman Ritual includes a blessing for such. In some parishes and chapels, congregants will bring fresh flowers to adorn the church in Mary's honor, and will bring the same along with fruit and herbs -- especially healing herbs -- to be blessed and take home. The giving of these blessed herbs, fruit baskets, and flowers is a lovely custom of the day, and our prayer is that we emulate Mary by using the blessed herbs to bring healing to the world.

It would be lovely if you could join us as we come together for prayer at 9.00am this Friday 14th August.



Kassie Miller
Religious Education Coordinator (Acting)



SPORT

NSW Catholic Schools Rugby Union 10-A-Side Competition

Mt Carmel finished 5th place in the NSW Catholic Schools Rugby Union 10-A-Side Competition at St Joseph's College in Hunters Hill on Monday 10 August 2015. It is a remarkable achievement if you take in consideration that it is a state competition and that most of our players departed for Sydney at 4.30am on Monday morning. Our boys were absolutely fantastic in the way they played and they never gave up although they were so tired. The two teams who played in the final were in our pool and we just missed out on a semi-final spot by conceding a last minute try in our last pool game. We only had 10 players which meant that our players had to play all 5 games without been given a rest during the games. It was a fantastic day and I want to congratulate the following players for their commitment and their remarkable achievement: Charlie Crozier, Jarome McGrath, Tom Medway, Tom Bell, Angus Barber, Sam Clark, Fraser Weller, Jesse Brooks, Sam Pack and Darcey Bush. Well done boys an excellent achievement.

Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival

The Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 13 August at the AIS Athletics Track in Bruce, Canberra. I have faxed our consent forms to Sasha but the athletes must please take their original consent with them to the carnival on Thursday.

Catholic Primary Schools' Netball Carnival

Our school has been invited to participate in the Catholic Primary Schools Netball Carnival in Canberra. The format of the day will be a gala day with schools playing in a round-robin competition. This carnival has been scheduled for Sunday 25 October at the Tuggeranong Netball Association Courts, Were Street, Calwell from 8.30am until 3.30pm. The cost is \$20.00 per player.

Your child's registration of \$20 will include participation on the day, provision of a water bottle, sunscreen and entry to an exciting raffle! Whilst there will be plenty of netball, there will also be other activities on the day to keep the young at heart entertained - jumping castles, a photo booth and other novelty events and activities. For your convenience, there will also be food stalls selling a range of sweet and savoury items.

NSW Legends Shield Competition

Unfortunately Mt Carmel had to withdraw from the NSW Legends Shield Competition in Sydney due to a lack of players to compete in this competition. It is very unfortunate for our boys to miss out on an opportunity like this.

Girls League Tag

The Girls League Tag competition has been postponed by the Raiders until term 4. The first round is now scheduled for Wednesday 28 October and the finals for Wednesday 25 November.

Important Sport Dates:

Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival (Canberra) – Thursday 13 August
Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival – Friday 16 October
Catholic Schools Netball Carnival (Canberra) – Sunday 25 October

Deon Norval
Sport Coordinator



LACEY LIBRARY

Book Week 22nd-28th August 2015 "Books Light Up Our World"

The Children's Book Council of Australia has shortlisted the 2015 books from a large selection of books. Each class from K-6 has been assigned a book to study. Students will then create a display based on the book for exhibition in the Lacey Library during Book Week. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to Mt Carmel to enjoy the Book Week Parade and the Class shortlisted Book Displays for 2015.



Book Week Book Parade: 12.00pm, Friday 28th August

Dress Up: The children are encouraged to dress up as a book character for the day. They can use the clothes they have at home and change them slightly. They do not have to buy a costume but if you wish to that's your choice.

WHY NOT try this....

- *Swap last year's costume with a friend or a cousin in another town.
- *Use what clothes you have at home and add a few props.
- *Visit St Vincent de Paul's dress up rack.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: The Mt Carmel P&F is providing a **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR STUDENTS** on Friday 28 August. Parents are welcome to order a sandwich and will be able to **pay on the day** by **gold coin donation**. You can order using the form below or by ringing Carol and Emma on 6226 3357 and leaving your order with them.

Book Week Sausage Sizzle

I wish to order _____ sausage sandwiches for Friday 28 August and will

pay on the day by gold coin donation.

Name _____ (Name of parent/s)

Parent/s of _____ (Name of eldest child)

PEER SUPPORT

During Peer Support next week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout the game.

Next week, help your child practice these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

Jan Harvey
Assistant Principal (Acting)



CANTEEN NEWS

It has been great to see so many parents and children using Qkr to order their lunches online since the start of Term 3.

When ordering online, a lunch bag is not required to be sent in with your child, as the canteen will provide the lunch bags for all Qkr orders.

Orders can be made and paid using this app and can be placed up until 9.00am on the morning of Canteen days.

Milo (hot and cold) has now been added to the Drinks menu online.



LACEY LIBRARY



Parent and Child Shared Reading Time

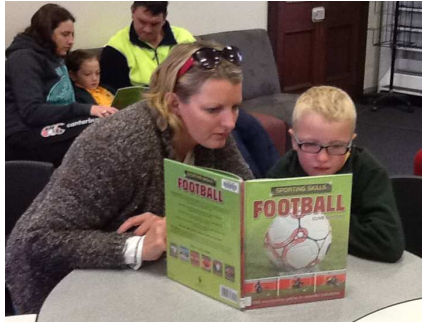
During this term leading up to Book Week parents are invited to visit the library on Friday at 8.30am until 8.50am and read with their child or read a story to their child. If you would like to have this time in the library with your child, come to the library, enjoy the time then return your child to morning lines. Please find the timetable below.

This Fridays Shared Reading Time is scheduled for Year 3 .

Regards,
Ev Turner
Teacher/Librarian

Date	Students and Parents
Friday 14 th August	3AL, 3TC
Friday 4 th September	4AA, 4EG
Friday 11 th September	5DN, 5MA, 6JH, 6MH

Year 2 Parent and Child Shared Reading Time



5MA - using iPads in their learning!

In Stage 3, the iPad program is engaging our students in all areas across the curriculum. From Literacy to Science, Religion to Creative Arts, we are using our iPads in all kinds of ways to learn and demonstrate our knowledge, creativity and thoughts!

Try it yourself!



This QR Code gave us an example of a personal letter. We then went on to generate our own letters to a character from our Book Week novel, 'Withering by-Sea'

Letter by Alice Ruwald

Dear Stella,

Stella you need help from that horrible PROFESSOR!!! You might be able to make some traps and lead him into it. You could also hide. But you know how you have to keep that promise about the package. Maybe you have to tell someone. You never know what could be best.

From Alice

We also love the [Picollage](#) app. Check out these examples we completed around our Religion unit and our 'It's Electrifying!' unit in Science.



Phiona Barril



Susannah Twohill



Paris Scheffler

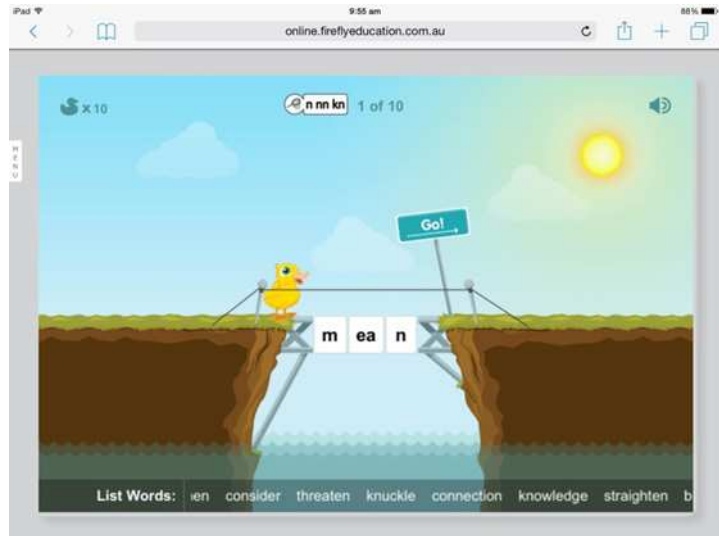


James Gray



Xavier Makin

We use our iPads during Silent Reading to read our iBooks and during the Literacy Block to access our Soundwaves spelling units.



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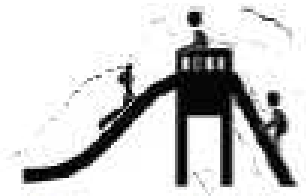


The 2015 Mt Carmel School Walkathon Is Coming!

Planning for the Mt Carmel 2015 Walkathon has commenced and this year's event is being held on the last day of Term 3, Thursday 17 September.

In the morning Kindergarten will complete a 2km round-trip walk with a drink and games break at Riverbank Park. The rest of the students in Years 1 to 6 will walk 5km up Rossi St and Irvine Drive, returning to school for a well-earned sausage sizzle lunch. After lunch students in Years 3 to 6 will finish the day off with a final 5km leg around Walker Park and surrounds and then back to school for afternoon roll-call and dismissal.

10% of funds raised this year will again go to Bobanaro School in the district of Maliana in Timor Leste; the balance will be used to upgrade playground equipment in the school.



The Walkathon relies on volunteers to make the day a success. If you are willing to be involved or can assist in some capacity at the Walkathon on Thursday 17 September, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please complete the below slip and return it to the office by Friday 28 August. Further information will follow in the Carmeletta between now and the end of Term 3.

Michael Green
Acting Principal

Volunteers Required!

To help make our Walkathon a success, parent volunteers will be required. Please circle the options below if you can assist. Return the note to school as soon as possible.

Parent Name: _____

Contact number during the day: _____

Tasks I would be willing to assist with include: (Please circle any of the options below)

Kindergarten Walkers	(11:15am - 12:45pm)	
Water Stations	(11:15am - 12:45pm)	(1:45pm - 3:00pm)
Marshalls	(12noon - 1:00pm)	(2:30pm - 3:25pm)
Checkpoint Marshalls	(11:30am - 12:15pm)	(2:00pm - 2:45pm)
BBQ	(10:30am - 12noon)	(12noon - 1:30pm)

Any of the above as required (please specify any time constraints): _____

The 2015 WriteOn Competition is underway!



WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1 to 6. To participate, interested students need to write a short imaginative piece of up to 500 words, using this photograph for inspiration.

Entries are due to the NSW Board of Studies by August 26 and must be submitted via the school. Each participating school can submit only one entry per Stage; that is, one from Year 1/2, one from Year 3/4 and one from Year 5/6. Therefore, if necessary, a local judging panel (of teachers) will be convened to decide on which entries to submit.

Entries must be submitted via email to michael.green@cg.catholic.edu.au by **Friday 21 August (Week 6)** with the Subject heading: WriteOn. Please remember to include your name and class at the top of your writing.

Whatever the result, all entries will be published locally, either over a series of weeks in the school newsletter or, if enough entries are received, in a book for the library.

More information can be found at <http://writeon.bos.nsw.edu.au>

2015 Premier's Reading Challenge

Please Note

The 2015 PRC closes on Friday 21st August. Students must have a validated 2015 Student Reading record when the challenge closes to complete the challenge and be eligible for a certificate in Term 4. Many students are very close to completion, but need to read a few more books before the completion date.

Please call Ms Luchetti at school if you need assistance with the PRC.



HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers needed for the
Book Week BBQ.

Friday 28th August, 10am
until parade.

This is a great job for Dads to help
with – cooking on the BBQ!

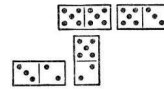
Please leave your name and contact number with
the front office if you are able to help.

Toys Needed

We are seeking donations of items that can be included in our activity tubs that are provided to the students to use at lunch time.

Any donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Sanded wooden blocks/offcuts
- Wooden off cuts with holes drilled in them for students to fix nuts and bolts
- Nuts and bolts
- Toy cars
- Kitchen tea sets – plastic or wooden
- Pretend play food set
- Hand puppets
- Lego
- Dominoes
- Dolls
- Dolls clothes
- Rubber backed picnic rugs



If you have any questions, please contact Kassie Miller on 6226 3357 or kassie.miller@cg.catholic.edu.au

Country Women's Association of NSW Southern Tablelands Group Educational Grant

The Southern Tablelands Group of the Country Women's Association of NSW, is offering five educational grants to students completing Year 6 this year.

The funding for each Grant is \$500.00.

Applications close Wednesday 30 September.
Application forms can be collected from the school office.
Successful applicants will be announced in early December.



Country Women's Association
of New South Wales



Yass' 2015 Cancer Council Relay For Life

The 2015 Relay For Life is on again on the weekend of the 10/11 October. Again, it will be held up at the Yass Showground.

The Committee are inviting both the students and teachers of your school to support this fantastic fundraising event in any way they choose. Whether it is forming a team and joining other teams up at the showground for the overnight event, or making some money to donate to an already registered team or even coming to entertain the teams up at the showground during the Relay, or even just coming up to support us. The choices are limitless, but we would love to see you up at the Showground on this weekend.

If you would like to register a team (of both adults and children), just go online to Yass Relay For Life and follow the links.

The Relay is a 24 hour fundraising event. It starts at 10.00am on Saturday morning and goes through to 10.00am Sunday morning. Teams enter to raise money any way they choose, and then with a Team Leader and a team of anything from 10-20 people, pitch a tent up at the Showground on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Settle in with chairs, tables etc and have at least one member walking the 'walking track' for 24 hours. Yes, we do stay the night up there (some do go home and come back the next morning), and we have entertainment all night long to keep you going.

Join us on this weekend... and if you can sign or dance, please contact Mandy Reed on 0408 449 484



Yass Valley Relay For Life

10th & 11th October 2015
10am Saturday - 10am Sunday
Yass Showground

Register. Participate. Donate.

visit relayforlife.org.au
and search 'Yass'

[facebook.com/Yassrelayforlife](https://www.facebook.com/Yassrelayforlife)

GUITAR TUITION

Is your child interested in learning guitar?

Guitar tuition is available here at Mt Carmel School. Please fill in the expression of interest form below and I will contact you as soon as possible in regards to lessons. Most tuition will take place during school hours, however, there will be some exceptions after school. Completed forms can be delivered to the front office. Or you can email this information to denhanrahanmusic@gmail.com.



Den HANRAHAN
Guitar Tutor

My son/daughter

in class _____

Parent name

Parent contact number

Email address

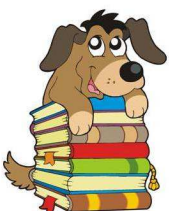
Parent signature

Read-in at Yass Library

**How many people can we get reading in the same place, at the same time?
That is the challenge the Yass Library has set itself as we celebrate The
Reading Hour.**

**On Friday 21st August we invite everyone to join us at the Yass Library from
6pm to 7pm for a Read-in. Young, old, singles, families, friends are all
welcome at our Read-in. It doesn't matter whether you are reading by your-
self or reading aloud to your children—everyone will count towards the
number of people we have reading in the same place, at the same time!**

**Reading can be incredibly fun and rewarding no matter how old you are.
Sharing a book with your child, ten minutes a day, an hour a week will help
prepare them success later in life. As an adult, reading can offer work-life
balance, improve analytical thinking, and give you a better understanding
of the world.**



**The Read-in is going to be lots of fun
and will include lucky door prizes and
a free sausage sizzle for everyone that
borrows on the night.**



Yass Library Celebrates Book Week

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2015



BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

Friday 21st August : 6 to 7pm Great Yass Read-in

Monday 24th August : 11am Story time Glitter CDS

Tuesday 25th August : 11am Story time Make your own book

Wednesday 26th August : 11am Story time Decorate your
own book bag

Wednesday 26th August : 3.30pm Celebration Fun Hour

Thursday 26th August : 11am Story time Stars on sticks

You're invited



AUGUST

16



MAISIE'S CHOIR & THE KITCHEN BAND

Showcase Concert

Yass Soldiers Club
68 Meehan St, Yass

16 August 2015 2 - 4pm

RSVP giselle@starts.com.au

ph 4823 4407

Maya's Rest is a custom built home offering respite to families of children with life threatening illnesses, due to open in January 2016, just outside of Yass.

Families will be offered a place to stay, all meals and optional activities, at no cost, so they can concentrate on spending time together as a family. They will be given the chance to relax, recharge and gather strength to continue on their difficult journeys.

Maya's Rest is owned and operated by a Mount Carmel family, Tash, Mark and Amelia (KNB) Maguire.

If you would like to learn more, or offer your support please visit www.mayasrest.com or www.facebook.com/respitateatmayasrest

Thank you.



Maya's Rest

Before and After School Care

We have increased places at Mt Carmel
Before School Care with Jessica Pointon and Lyn Cram
After School Care with Rebecca Hodgkinson and Lyn Cram

We are CCB and CCR approved, for more information contact:

Julia on 02 6236 8305
www.ccel.com.au



7.30am to 5.30pm Mon to Fri
39 Place Centre
6 weeks to school age

41 Orion Street Yass 2582
Ph: 02 6226 6598

www.yassprekindergarten.com.au

CCB & CCR Approved

What? Family Disco
(pre-schoolers to Year 6)

When? Every 2nd Sunday afternoon of the month, 5pm - 8pm

Where? Yass Golf Club Function room (upstairs)

How much? Free entry!! (kids' drinks (ie fruit poppers) \$1)

Parents can sit back and have a refreshing beverage at the end of the weekend, overlooking the first fairway (and their children!) while the kids burn off some energy and tear up the dance floor...

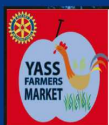
Mobile DJ is DJ'N4U

And if you are hungry, 'Gil & Sue @ The Golfie' is open with a choice of a Snack Menu or two dinner menus including a dedicated Thai menu.

See our [Yass Golf Club](#) Facebook page for updates.



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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