



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 2 Week 3

6 May 2015

**Today's gospel reading from
John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Week 3

- 7 Cross Country Carnival Crookwell
- 8 Mothers Day Prayer Service 9am
Peter Lucas Cup Goulburn
1ML Assembly 2.15pm
- 10 Mothers Day

Week 4

- 11 School Photos
- 12 NAPLAN
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2015 TERM DATES

Term 2

- 8 June Public Holiday
- 25 June End of Term 2

Term 3

- 13 July Students return
- 17 Sept End of Term 3

Term 4

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

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
CARE 2015**

Please contact Julia Morphet for further information 6236 8305
Country Children's Early Learning

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

MADD Night

A spectacular evening showcasing our extraordinary students was held last Friday at the school's 6th Annual Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) night. I was so proud of the students and their incredible talents. Their confidence was overflowing! As well, it was a fun, entertaining family night with some quite emotional moments. My thanks to Michael Green for being Master of Ceremonies as well as Jane Edwards and Margaret Hanson for preparing the students so well. We are very blessed to have them as part of our community as specialist music tutors. Thank you to all students who auditioned and 'had a go'. This year, every student who auditioned, made it through to MADD night. Thank you to the students who willingly displayed their artwork and Mrs Broers who organised the display. Thank you to Tara Cassidy for organising the front of house and to the teachers who mentored particular groups of students. Thank you Darryl Edwards for assisting backstage and Trish O'Dell for coordinating the supper and ensuring clean up. I would also like to thank the parents for their support in providing supper and encouraging their children to participate. It was a wonderful world at our school last Friday evening! All monies collected at the door, \$400, will be donated to Caritas Australia's Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

We love our winter uniform!

Now that we have changed over to the winter school uniform, it would be very much appreciated if students could come to school in the correct uniform each day. If there are any uniform variations, please write a short note of explanation to your child's class teacher. Wearing the uniform well, says much about our school and who we are as a community and what we value. Students may only wear navy or white coloured ribbons or bands in their hair and any hair which is shoulder length or longer, should be tied up.

School Photos

School photos are next Monday 11 May, so it would be lovely if all uniform matters could be addressed by this date. You should have already received photo envelopes with family photo envelopes available from the front office.

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy

Year 3 and 5 students complete the NAPLAN tests next week which run from Tuesday to Thursday. Best wishes to each of our students as they prepare for these tests.

Mothers Day Prayer Service

Just a reminder that there will be a prayer service this Friday to give thanks for our mums, grandmothers and significant women in our lives. All parents are very warmly invited to attend at 8.55am.

God bless

Gaye McManus

Gaye McManus
Principal



Happy Mothers Day!

Thought for the Week

The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge~

Parents and Friends Association

Tuesdays at 7pm

Email: pandf@mtcarmel.nsw.edu.au

Board Meetings

Thursday 7.30pm

18 June 2015

20 August 2015

Class Assemblies

Fridays at 2.15pm

8 May 1ML

15 May 4EG

5 June KSS

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

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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)

11am Wee Jasper (5th Sun)



*****Claim the Date*****

**Mt Carmel School
Trivia Night**

**Friday 19 June 2015 | 7pm for 7.30pm
Venue: Yass Soldiers' Club**

Enrolling now for 2016



**Enrolment forms
available
from the front office**

2015 NAPLAN TESTS

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 12 May	Language Conventions Writing
Wednesday 13 May	Reading
Thursday 14 May	Numeracy
Friday 15 May	A 'catch up' day

Kindergarten~2016 Enrolments

Our enrolment drive for 2016 has already begun. If you have a pre-school child ready for Kindergarten next year, please contact the front office for an enrolment form. An interview will be organised very soon (after the enrolment application is received). If your friends have a child starting in Kindergarten next year, please encourage them to consider Mt Carmel as an option for the education of their children.

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School Fees

A gentle reminder if Term 1 school fees have not been paid. Please make every effort to pay as soon as you can.
With much thanks.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

2015 Pupil Free Days

Please mark these dates in your calendar

Term 2

Friday 26 June 2015

Term 3

Friday 18 September 2015

Enrol your family now for 2016

Enrolment packs available from the front office

Interviews have already commenced

'Educating for TODAY and TOMORROW'

NSW education audit: staged learning, composite classes are the new classroom

One-in-three public primary school students in NSW are taught in a composite class, with Catholic schools increasingly abandoning single year classes in favour of group learning.

A new class audit by the NSW Department of Education reveals that last year, 160,734 primary students from 1616 schools were in a composite class and while some schools had none, others had as many as 12 composite classes.

The audit shows there were 6586 composite classes in 2014. The department says composite or multi-age classes are used if there is an "uneven pattern of enrolment" in the school, if the school is small or if mixing students of different ages would be academically and socially beneficial.

It stresses that research shows "it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class – it's the teacher who makes the difference".

A leading researcher in composite classes, Linley Cornish, said when done well, multi-age classes produced students who were "self assured and independent learners".

"A lot of parents worry about the academic side of composite classes but there are a lot of social benefits of these classes," Associate Professor Cornish, chair of teaching and learning at the University of New England, said.

"They are a lot more like real life because you have different ages and abilities working together."

She said teachers no longer taught "rigidly in one year" and because the NSW syllabus stretches over two years, known as a stage, composite classes often worked very well.

"The times when I have seen it not work well is when a principal puts very bright younger kids with slower older kids and what happens is the younger kids overtake the older ones and that causes all sorts of problems," Dr Cornish said.

Multi-age classes are not unique to public schools and in some Catholic schools, the traditional classroom structure has been replaced with staged learning, where students are grouped by the stage they have reached not their age.

At St Monica's Primary School in North Parramatta, the classroom is a thing of the past. Instead, all the school's 200 students are together in one large open space, with mini libraries and quiet reading areas dividing the room.

The school's principal, Louise O'Donnell, said staged learning meant students in two grades, such as year 3 and 4, learnt together in one space with two teachers, ensuring learning could be tailored to each student's needs.

"The students are learning over two years, teachers are working in collaboration and it gives children a voice in their learning so what we find is that the students are engaged and they are excited about learning," Miss O'Donnell said.

Year 6 student Salama Kunambi and her classmate year 5 student, Lachlan Roberts say they make a great team when it comes to projects. They are in stage 3 and each term they all work together on a major project.

This term they are designing their own political party.

"This way you can work with people you have never worked with and you don't just work with your friends," Salama, 11, said.

In the Parramatta diocese, about 1000 students in 11 of its primary schools are in staged classes while in the Sydney diocese, which has 113 primary schools, 30 schools have one or more multi-age class. The most common is a combined year 5 and 6 class.

The executive director of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, Dan White, said parents were often nervous about the idea of multi-age classrooms because they did not understand them.

"Which ever way we group the children, it is always about the learning and we know we need to explain this to the parents," Dr White said.

"But multi-age classes can be very effective, and although we tend to avoid it in kindergarten, what we find is that they allow for more flexible grouping of children."

By Alexandra Smith, Education Editor for The Sydney Morning Herald 3 May 2015

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our 2015 school theme is "Peace be with you!" As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." These inspirational words encourage us to extend Christ's peace to others through our actions in our everyday lives.

PRAYER GUIDE

It is becoming increasingly clear that our Pope Francis is a man of his people, and a father who communicates to his people in a fashion that they seem to like.

More evidence of this is a means to prayer that the Holy Father authored when he was still the Archbishop in Argentina. It is a lovely way to pray, and it showcases Pope Francis' sense of simplicity, his priority for family, his love for the poor and also his recognition that prayer is powerful.



You may already know the prayer: Pope Francis' five finger prayer guide.

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."
2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



Jan Harvey
Religious Education Coordinator

SPORT

Archdiocesan Primary Touch Trials

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Archdiocesan Primary Touch Team: Tom Carey, Sam Clark, Jacob Garner, Ella Clark and Alice Ruwald. Well done!

Land Rover Cup Grand Finals

Mt Carmel's year 5/6 rugby union team has now qualified for the Land Rover Cup Grand Finals to be played at Canberra Stadium on Friday 29 May, as a curtain raiser to the Brumbies v's Bulls Super Rugby match that night.

In the respective year 3/4 and year 5/6 competitions we will play a tri-series against the winner of the Southern Inland Primary School Championships and the winner of the South Coast/Monaro Primary School Championships. Games will likely start from 5.30pm on the night, with the Brumbies main game kicking off at 7.40pm. Each team will be provided with 20 tickets to the main game and to be used to gain entry to the stadium.

Cross Country Carnival

The Northern Region Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 7 May in Crookwell.

Venue: Crookwell Showground

Date: Thursday 7 May 2015

Time: 9.30am - Athletes walk the course. First event starts at 10.00am.

Cost: \$2.00 per athlete - payable at the school office

Transport: By private car

Uniform: Mt Carmel sport uniform

Distance: 9 & 10 years boys / girls - 2000m

11, 12 & 13 years boys / girls - 3000m

Peter Lucas Cup

Mt Carmel entered seven teams in the Peter Lucas Cup. There will be four divisions; tackle for years 3/4 (1 team) & 5/6 (1 team) and touch rugby for years 3/4 (3 teams) & 5/6 (2 teams). The year 3/4 students will compete in a different division than the year 5/6 students.

Date: Friday 8 May 2015

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Location: Carr Confoy Oval, Park Road, Goulburn

Format: 10-a-side Rugby competition (5 backs and 5 forwards) and 6-a-side Touch rugby competition.

Important Sport Dates:

Northern Region Cross Country - Thursday 7 May

Peter Lucas Cup (Rugby Union) - Friday 8 May

Archdiocesan Cross Country - Wednesday 20 May

K-2 Athletics Carnival - Friday 22 May

Sullivan Shield Round 1 - Thursday 28 May

3-6 Athletics Carnival - Friday 29 May

Mt Carmel School to play the curtain raiser for the Brumbies v's Rebels at GIO Stadium – Friday 29 May

Sullivan Shield Round 2 - Wednesday 10 June

Sullivan Shield Finals Day - Wednesday 24 June

NSW CPS Rugby Union Knockout Competition - Monday 10 August

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Four Mt Carmel boys played in the MacKillop Rugby League Trials in Canberra on Friday 1st May.

Tom Carey was selected for the MacKillop team, being the second MacKillop team he has made this year!

Wonderful achievement Tom!



From left: Tom Carey, Ryan Prins, Thomas Medway and Jarome McGrath

*Deon Norval
Sport Coordinator*

CANTEEN NEWS

New items on the menu

Sushi - freshly made each week and available in three options - Teriyaki chicken, tuna and vegetarian (cucumber and carrot). Price - \$2.00 per roll, soy sauce - \$0.20
Zombie Monster Munchee chips (chicken, cheese and barbeque flavour) - \$1.00 each

Changes to the menu

Slushies are now only available at lunch time and come in a small size only - \$2.50 each
Paddle Pops are now \$1.50 each due to a price rise at Streets Ice Creams.

Gluten Free items now available

Chicken nuggets - \$0.60 each
Sausage Rolls - \$3.50 each
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - \$5.50 each
Zombie Monster Munchee chips (chicken, cheese and barbeque flavour) - \$1.00 each
Please outline 'Gluten Free' on your child's lunch bag to ensure we provide the correct item.

Service times for ice creams and slushies

Recess - ice creams will only be served until 11.20am
Lunch - ice creams and slushies will be served until 1.30pm.

Please remind your child that if they have ice cream's or slushies on their lunch order, they will need to collect them within the above times.

Special Items

Each week at recess and lunch, we will now offer a special item for \$0.50 each. Items will include pikelets with jam, muffins, raisin toast, biscuits and more! All items available will be within the Green and Amber Canteen Guidelines.





St Francis Xavier College

Enrolling now Years 7-12



Open Evening
Year 7-12 in 2016
Monday 11 May
5:00pm-6:30pm Tours
6:30pm Information

Information Evening
Year 11 in 2016
Wednesday 13 May
5:30pm Course Advice
6:30pm Information

SFX Open Day
9:00am-2:30pm Friday 15 May

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

WILD COLONIAL RE-ENACTMENT OF THE SHOOTING OF FLASH JOHNNY GILBERT IN BINALONG

- **SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015**
- **COLONIAL PARADE IN PERIOD COSTUMES**
- **ACTION FROM 11AM**
- **SEE 150 YEAR OLD HISTORY BEING REPEATED**
- **SEE A RUNNING GUN BATTLE WITH MUZZLE LOADED FIRE ARMS**

For more information email: balgalal.past@activ8.net.au or phone 0413 922214



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
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For more information email vinecommunityfoodcare@gmail.com
or phone 6226 4848

This service is available to all Centrelink concession card holders



OPENING THURSDAY 7 MAY



After School Care Increased Availability

We now have two additional After School Care options for Mt Carmel students.

One

We have increased places available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at the new program at the school.

Two

Katie Williams is offering After School Care at her home on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Centrelink subsidies apply to both options.

Call Julia and Tania for

Further information:

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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