



# 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 4**

**13 May 2015**

**Sunday's Gospel reading from  
John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY**

**Week 4**

- 14 NAPLAN
- 15 4EG Assembly 2.15pm

**Week 5**

- 19 ICAS Digital Technologies
- 20 Archdio. Cross Country
- 22 K-2 Athletics Carnival

**Week 6 RECONCILIATION WEEK**

- 25 Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians Prayer Service 9am
- 26 National Sorry Day  
K-2 Athletics Carnival Back Up
- 28 Da Vinci Decathlon  
Sullivan Shield Round 1
- 29 3-6 Athletics Carnival

**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

" The primary right of parents to educate their children must be upheld in all forms of collaboration between parents, teachers and school authorities, and particularly in forms of participation designed to give citizens a voice in the functioning of schools and in the formulation and implementation of educational policies.

**Pontifical Council on the Family  
CHARTER OF THE RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY**

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

**Community Council Discussions**

Last week the School Board and P&F attended a joint meeting listening to Tim Smith, a Senior Officer in Strategy and Public Policy for Catholic Education, speak about how a Community Council functions in a school as the governance body. In this diocese of 56 schools, 47 of them operate using the Community Council structure. School communities, such as Mt Carmel's, are constantly facing new demands and challenges that cause them to search out new solutions to engage with parents. Catholic Education in Australia across the last two centuries has responded in interesting and creative ways to past challenges. Responding courageously to challenge and change is not new to Catholic Education. The participation by the parent community in the life of Mt Carmel School has always been and will remain central to the successful operation of the School. The question raised in many Catholic schools across our Archdiocese was 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? Some of the observations made in many schools include:

- ◆ A decline in the number of parents attending parent meetings
- ◆ Difficulty in attracting parents to executive roles on Boards and Parents and Friends Associations
- ◆ Parents taking on multiple roles within school organisations
- ◆ Financial accountability arrangements have become complex

In effect, a new Community Council takes the best of the operational functions of the School Board and Parents and Friends Association and creates a new mode of operation for the parent community. Schools do not have to form a Community Council. If current structures are working well for the school there is no compulsion to change. This does not mean that school communities cannot discuss what other schools are doing to improve the home-school connection. A brochure providing information about school Community Councils has been sent home today in your child's school bag. If you have any further questions please discuss with one of the parent representatives on the school Board (listed further in newsletter). If a decision is made to form a Community Council, it will be a trial for two years. The school Board's next meeting is Thursday 18 June 2015.

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### **Thought for the Week**

*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
John 15:13-14*

### **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

15 May 4EG

5 June KSS

19 June 3AL

### **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

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Mon, Tues, Fri 9am-4pm

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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)

*Christ is Risen!*

### **National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy**

Year 3 and 5 students have completed the Reading, Language Conventions and Writing components of the NAPLAN with Numeracy to be completed tomorrow. Best wishes to each of our students for the final day. Make up day for NAPLAN tests missed will be on Friday.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Peter Lucas Cup last Friday in Goulburn. The 5/6 tackle team won the Cup and as such are the 2015 Champions. Thank you to Mr Norval for organising and thank you to parents who transported students. As well congratulations to our cross country runners who braved very cold weather in Crookwell. Great effort by all our sports people. Well done to all.

God bless

*Gaye McManus*

Gaye McManus  
Principal

## **\*\*\*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**

### **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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Step 4: Register your children. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.



## 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

## 2015 NAPLAN TESTS

Term 2 Week 4

Thursday 14 May  
Numeracy

Friday 15 May  
A 'catch up' day

# Enrol your family now for 2016

Enrolment packs available from the front office

Interviews have already commenced

**'Educating for TODAY and TOMORROW'**

## Mt Carmel School Board Members

Chair	Mrs Kate Seselja (children in K, 1 and 5)
Vice Chair	Mrs Meaghan Medway (children in 3 and 6)
Secretary	Mrs Stephanie Harding (children in 1 and 3)
Treasurer	Mr Paul Twohill (child in 5)
Parent Representatives	Mrs Zuzy Webster (child in K) Mrs Kate Seselja
P&F Representatives	Mrs Stephanie Harding Mrs Meagan Medway
Staff Representatives	Mrs Melissa Allan (children in 1 and 3) Mr Michael Green (children in K and 2)
Ex-Officio Members	Fr Mick Burke (Parish Priest) Mrs Gaye McManus (Principal)

All parents are interested in their child's education.  
Every parent has something to contribute.

## Wakakirri 2015

Our school is preparing to enter Wakakirri 2015 - Australia's Search for the Best Story!  
Our Story Dance Performance will include students from Years 4-6 who are very excited to be taking part.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item - A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

This term, students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Tara Cassidy through the Front Office on 6226 3357

or via email at [tara.cassidy@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tara.cassidy@cg.catholic.edu.au).

Perhaps you:

Can assist with props and set making?

Can assist with transporting props and sets to or from the Canberra Theatre on show day?

Have skills you can offer the group in costume making, make up or hair design?

Have another skill that could be utilised in creating our fabulous Wakakirri entry?

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

# Road safety

## Key points to remember around schools

### Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

At an unsupervised children's crossing when 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.



Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtime.

### 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazette school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

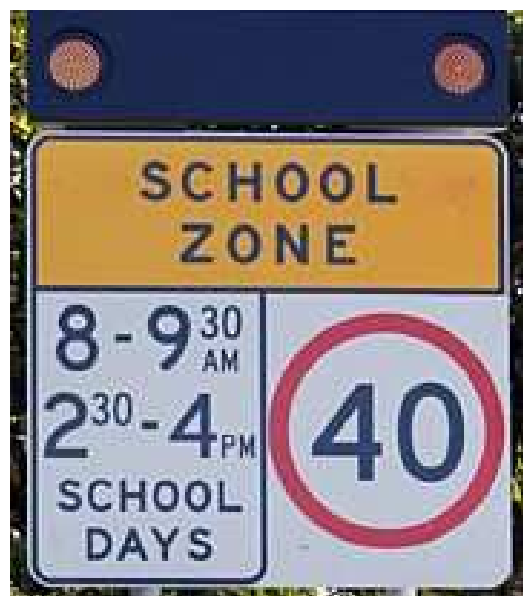
While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

### Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

### Flashing Lights

Flashing lights have recently been installed in Rossi Street. Further line marking around the Rossi Street crossing will be happening very soon.



## 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.

### Today's Prayer with Pope Francis

Holy Spirit of love, you moved the waters and gave light and form and colour to our world.

You fill all things with life and beauty and give to our hearts the joy of love; fill my mind with your light, so that I may rejoice in your creation and in my happiness raise my heart to you. Amen.

With Mary, the mother of our Lord and of the Church, I pray for this month's intentions as proposed by the Holy Father:

**Universal:** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

**For Evangelisation:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

**Openness to mission:** Pope Francis has a great love for Mary, the Mother of God. He had hardly been elected when he asked the Bishops of Portugal to place his pontificate under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima. At the end of his own consecration to her on 13 October 2013 he said: '.... bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus.

When we are one with Jesus we are more ready to proclaim him to others. He was received and hidden in the tiny dwelling, miraculously prepared by the Holy Spirit, of His Mother's virginal womb, after the Incarnation.

He was entrusted to her in his humanity; blood, flesh, breath, food, love to enable him to grow in her womb each day, and then, after birth, each year, always close to the mother.

She is intimately associated with her Son, Jesus; she collaborates with Him in his work of salvation, during his infancy, his adolescence, his thirty years of hidden life at Nazareth, his public ministry, during his sorrowful passion and up to the Cross where she offers and suffers with Him receiving his last words of love and sorrow, in which she is given to all humanity as true Mother.

We too are called to imitate Jesus in everything and so we must also imitate him in this, his complete reliance on the heavenly Mother. It is for this reason that she seeks now our offering to her with our consecration. She will mould and strengthen us to always be ready to proclaim her Son in secularised cultures.

- Michael Maher, S.M., extracted from *Living Prayer*

Jan Harvey  
Religious Education Coordinator



### ICAS COMPETITIONS – DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Best wishes to all of the students who have elected to participate in the ICAS Competition – Digital Technologies. It will take place next Tuesday, 19 May.

## SPORT

### Land Rover Cup Grand Finals

Mt Carmel's year 5/6 rugby union team has now qualified for the Land Rover Cup Grand Final 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.

### MacKillop Winter Trials

Tom Carey was selected in the MacKillop Rugby League Team during the MacKillop Winter Trials in Canberra. Well done Tom, excellent achievement!

### Peter Lucas Cup

Mt Carmel entered seven teams in the Peter Lucas Cup. The years 5/6 tackle team won the Peter Lucas Cup for the second year running and the years 3/4 tackle team won the plate final. It was fantastic to see so many of our students participate in the touch competitions. Thank you to all the coaches for your assistance on the day!

### ACT Brumbies U12

Tom Carey was selected in the ACT Brumbies U12 Team during their trial games against Southern Inland and Monaro South Coast. Tom will now compete in the NSWJRU State Championships during the June long weekend.

### Important Sport Dates:

Archdiocesan Cross Country – Wednesday 20 May

Mt Carmel K-2 Athletics Carnival – Friday 22 May

Sullivan Shield Round 1 – Thursday 28 May

Mt Carmel 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Friday 29 May 2015

**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 (Sydney) – Monday 10 August

NSW Legends Shield Competition (Sydney) – Wednesday 19 August

## **K-2 Athletics Carnival**

When: Friday 22 May 2015

Where: School Oval

Time: 10.00pm–1.00pm

Information letter to be sent home tomorrow



## BOUNCE BACK — A WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Bounce Back is a long term, whole-school program we have implemented at Mt Carmel this year. The program is taught through PDHPE units. It uses a multi-strategic approach, contains 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.

In Year K-2 students are introduced to the acronym of BOUNCE! In Year 3-6 students are introduced to the acronym of BOUNCE BACK!

The acronyms are formed by the key principles underpinning the coping statements:

- B**ad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic
- O**ther people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
- U**nhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.
- N**obody is perfect – not you and not others
- C**oncentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter
- E**verybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life.
  
- B**lame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?
- A**ccept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first)
- C**atastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture
- K**eep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

Since its implementation, the program is proving to be a fabulous teaching resource, supporting the wellbeing and resilience levels of our students. Not only can it benefit our children but, potentially people of all ages. In taking a whole-school approach, I would like to share the key principles of BOUNCE BACK with each of you.

Today, each family will receive a copy of the BOUNCE BACK acronym in the form of a fridge magnet. I hope you and your family will find this beneficial.



# MOTHERS DAY PRAYER SERVICE



# MADD NIGHT



Thank you to Robbie Nash for the photos

# MADD NIGHT



## Mt Carmel Junior Jazz Group

Experiencing Jazz at an early age opens doors to a broader range of musical abilities

From Term 3, 2015 students from age 6 can join a rhythm focused jazz group that offers performance orientated training in keyboard, xylophone and drums—leading to knowledge in essential notation, chord inversion, rhythm and improvisation structure.

Mr Noonan has been a jazz percussion performer for over a decade and will run sessions in the school's music room each Monday.

Session 1: 2.40pm—3.10pm

Session 2: 3.20pm—3.50pm (after school). Parental supervision is encouraged, but not essential and children will be required to be picked up by 4.05pm at the latest.

Fees for 2015/2016 are \$90 per term per student and numbers are limited to six per session.

**Enquiries:** email gerardnoonan11@hotmail.com or phone 0408 622 819



**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](mailto:jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au) or telephone the College on 6258 1055.

## Struggling to put food on the table?

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For more information email [vinecommunityfoodcare@gmail.com](mailto:vinecommunityfoodcare@gmail.com)  
or phone 6226 4848

*This service is available to all Centrelink concession card holders*



# WILD COLONIAL RE-ENACTMENT PROGRAMME

Friday night, 15 May

Gilbert's Last Supper, Binalong Golf Club

Saturday 16 May

11am – 1pm

Music and Poetry in the Village Centre  
Open mic. All welcome.

12pm: Carlton Clydesdales

1pm: Street Parade

2pm: Judging of Colonial Costumes and  
Beard Competition

2.30pm: Re-enactment of the shooting death of  
John Gilbert by Police

4pm: Unveiling of the new Gilbert Mural, painted by the  
Binalong Community. Unveiling of Commemorative Police  
Plaque by the Great-Great-Grandson of Constable Hall

7pm: Bush Dance with Franklin B Paverty  
Binalong Hall. BYO alcohol

Sunday 17 May

Gilbert's Wake

Binalong Hotel, BBQ Breakfast

*Programme updated 3 May, still subject to changes and alterations*

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

**When?** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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](http://www.ccel.com.au)



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Ph: 02 6226 6598

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The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Wednesday 20 May 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Yass Soldiers Club Meehan St Yass	Ph: 6226 9248 Or email <a href="mailto:Melissa.Weller@yass.nsw.gov.au">Melissa.Weller@yass.nsw.gov.au</a>

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## YASS FARMERS MARKET



## St Augustine's Hall

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month  
10am to 1pm

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