

Parish Pastoral Council 12Feb20
Principal's Report

The 2020 school year has started well, although numbers are lower this year than we had anticipated. The Leadership Team is analysing causes of this and is preparing a strategic response.

2020 is the bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia. We are yet to hear details of celebrations that CE has planned, but we have already engaged in discussion about Mt Carmel's inclusion in any promotions.

Our school theme for the year is focused on stewardship and staff have already begun to break open Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home. Many projects across the year will be drawn from this.

Fr. Mick is celebrating our opening school Mass tomorrow and throughout the year classes will continue to attend parish Mass on Fridays.

Mt Carmel is undergoing its registration process this term (occurs on a 5-year cycle).

Sacramental program begins with Reconciliation in April; the school will continue to support families as they undertake the parish-based program of preparation for the sacraments.