



Mount Carmel College

Celebrating 60 years

A day to give thanks



AS IT WAS: Former students Damian Cooper, 6, and sister Virginia, 8, in 1973.



DAY OF DELIGHT: Students Emma Harris, left, Jessica Shearman, Annabell Harris, Morgan McVilly and Kate Luttrell.



DINNER GUESTS: Co-captains Kate Stockford, left, and Grace Lawless who will attend the anniversary dinner.

NEXT Tuesday about 500 Mount Carmel students and their teachers will set out on a day of discovering their history and celebrating their community.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been celebrated by the college on this day, for the past 60 years and in this birthday year celebrations take on special significance.

The entire college will attend a morning Mass at St Joseph's Church, the site of the original Sisters of Charity convent and school in Hobart.

This will be followed by a journey into the foothills of Mt Wellington acknowledging that this is the International Year Of The Mountain.

On our way we will travel past what was the second site of the Sister's of Charity school, St Joseph's, at the corner of Molle and Macquarie Sts.

At the Waterworks Reserve, all students will participate in a walk-a-thon to raise money for Community Aid Abroad's Walk Against Want.

This is an appropriate activity as the school aims to continue outreach work, serving the needs of the poor, which the Sisters of Charity began in Hobart in 1847.

In previous years Mount Carmel has celebrated the day in many different ways, such as concerts with young and old getting on stage and performing, followed by whole-school barbecues in the college grounds.

Last year the school experienced the exhilaration of Hobart's winter weather first hand, celebrating Mass beneath a gum tree on the banks of the river, at Mt Field National Park.

The following is an account of Mount Carmel Day by a student who attended the College in

the 1970s: "Mount Carmel Day started to be celebrated as a day of fun and thanksgiving. The decision of how to organise the day was done in consultation with the secondary students.

"Thanksgiving was done at a morning Mass. I can remember long luxurious lunches spent chatting and lounging around the college grounds. After lunch we would participate in fun activities. The best day I remember was in Grade 6 and we had sporting competitions with a difference — I won the slow bike race at the University oval. I think I enjoyed that so much because we were not allowed to ride bicycles to school as Sandy Bay Rd was thought of as being far too dangerous.

"We would usually have a school assembly at some stage throughout the day where the principal would describe the Sisters of Charity and why they wanted to teach Mount Carmel College students and how they hoped we would develop as young ladies of the Catholic Church.

"Often this was held at the beginning of the day at line-up time. This was how we started every day. The whole primary school would line up on the netball court and the secondary students would come and say prayers with us and tell us the news of the day."

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MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

Principal Mrs Bobby Court and the Mount Carmel College Community Extend a cordial invitation To all past students, former staff, former parents and friends of the college to join in the celebration of its

60th Birthday

on Friday 30th August 2002 at an

Anniversary Mass

to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 6pm followed by an

Anniversary Dinner

at Wrest Point Hotel-Casino, Tasman Room \$60 per head for 4-course meal

For further information please contact

The Principal's Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Mann on 62251674

Anniversary celebrations

MOUNT Carmel College will mark 60 years since its beginnings in a little house in View St, Sandy Bay on August 30.

Celebrations will include a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Hobart where Monsignor Phillip Green, an old scholar, will speak and the Mount Carmel College Special Occasions Choir will lead the singing.

A dinner at Wrest Point Casino will follow. Guests will include the principal and staff, past principals, parents, old scholars and college co-captains.

On the following day there will be an open afternoon at Mount Carmel College featuring displays prepared by students.

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