

# ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 1  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

## Our Vision

*St Munchin's Catholic School aspires to reflect the life and love of Christ for His people.*

## Our Mission

*In the tradition of Eucharistic sharing, St Munchin's Catholic School community aims to reflect the life and love of Christ for His people.*

*The school community works together to provide pastoral care for each person and to nurture the development of the whole child.*

Lord God,  
As we move into this school year,  
Bless our school community  
Help us to make good choices following the example you set for us.  
At St Munchin's people are welcome to share their gifts.  
We strive to be helpful, patient and forgiving.  
Please keep us healthy and safe.  
Help us to have faith in you.  
Thanks you Jesus for showing us the way.  
Amen

St Munchin's School Prayer

## Dates to Remember

Please note dates for Year Assemblies and Class Masses are to be confirmed.

**Week 1**  
Wednesday 31 January *First Day for All Students*

**Week 2** *Swimming Lessons*

**Week 3** *Swimming Lessons*  
Wednesday 14 February  
*Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9am*

**Week 4**

**Week 5**  
Tuesday 27 February  
*Parent Information Night 6pm*  
Friday 2 March *Pupil Free Day*

**Week 6**  
Monday 5 March *Labour Day (Public Holiday)*  
Friday 9 March *Year 6 Mass*

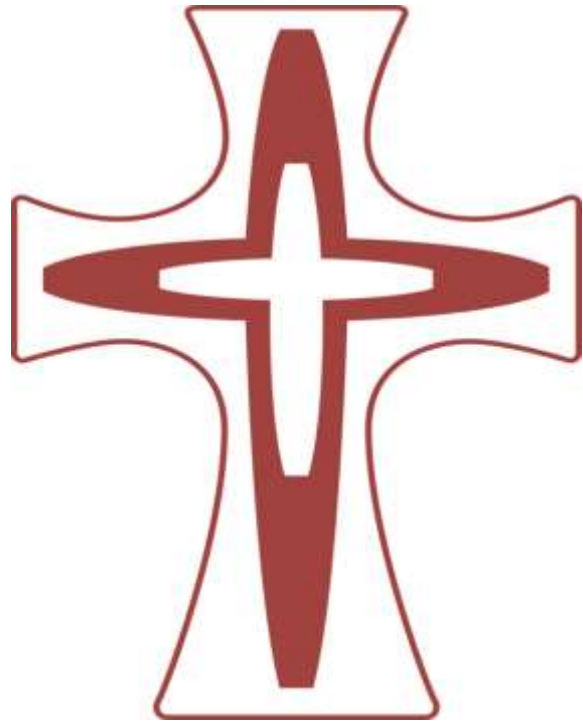
**Week 7**

**Week 8**  
Monday 19 March  
*Senior Faction Swimming Carnival*  
Wednesday 21 March *Harmony Day*  
Friday 23 March  
*Family Welcome Night (Play4Life)*

**Week 9**  
Wednesday 28 March  
*Last Supper Re-Enactment*  
Thursday 29 March  
*Stations of the Cross Re-Enactment*  
Friday 30 March *Good Friday (Public Holiday)*

**Week 10**  
Monday 2 April *Easter Monday (Public Holiday)*  
Tuesday 3 April *Easter Tuesday (Public Holiday)*  
Thursday 5 April *Interschool Swimming*

**Week 11**  
Monday 9 April *Yr 6 Adventure Day*  
Tuesday 10 April  
*Parent Meeting - Confirmation*  
Friday 13 April *Whole School Mass - 9am*  
**STUDENTS' LAST DAY**



## Opening School Mass 2.00pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year One to Year Six

At this Mass we will celebrate the beginning of our school year and farewell Fr Konrad who has been appointed Assistant Parish Priest at Clarkson Parish.

Please join us as we give thanks for our community and ask God to bless our work for the year ahead.

**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
to mark the beginning of Lent  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am.**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

Welcome back for the 2018 school year. We trust that you and your family experienced a safe and enjoyable festive season and relaxing and refreshing holiday. We have had a very smooth start and it was pleasing to note the excitement and enthusiasm of the students as they resumed school routines and catch up with friends and classmates.

We especially welcome the many new families to St Munchin's and I am sure that they will quickly come to recognise the warm and friendliness of our wonderful community.

We continue this school year with our whole school focus in our growth and development by having specific areas to reflect on as part of our daily school life. The areas are BE SAFE; BE RESPECTFUL; BE RESPONSIBLE, and BE A LEARNER. As the year progresses, we will explore the various practical ways that we achieve these focus points and continually strive to carry out each area well.

We welcome to our staff Mrs Margaret Crowley, Year 5M teacher (3 days per week), Mrs Anna Giuffre Year 2W, Miss Mikayla Bramley, PPM and Mrs Christine Williams, KW. I am confident that our wonderful community will make them feel at home very quickly.

### **Sports Shorts for Girls in Year 4-6**

The Skort which is currently part of the girls' sports uniform will be phased out over the next few years. The boys' sports shorts are unisex which means they can be worn by boys and girls. This year girls in year 4, 5 and 6 may wear the sport shorts instead of the skort. If you have purchased a skort recently you cannot replace it with the shorts. It is parents' choice to purchase the shorts but it is not yet compulsory. The phase in period will cover 2-3 years as we still have stock to sell.

### **Student Supervision**

Supervision of students commences at 8.30am and concludes at 3.30pm each day. Students should not be arriving before this time unless they are involved in an event conducted by teachers such as choir, sport practice and early morning reading.

There are three entry points to the school: the main gates on Isdell Place, the staff car park entry also on Isdell Place and the back car park entry off Corfield Street.

There are two student collection points after school dismissal. The front pick up point is located behind the year 5 classroom near the front car park crosswalk and the second pick up point is located behind Year 3 classroom at the back car park. Students must make their way to one of these areas as soon as possible after the final bell. Supervision of students in these areas ends at 3.20pm and remaining students will be escorted to the main office. We understand that parents and guardians are sometimes late in collecting children. In the event of this happening parents/ guardians must contact the office to inform the school of their lateness. Students that remain uncollected by 3.30pm regularly with no notification to the school they will be taken to Out of School Care and parents/ guardians will be billed for the stay.

### **Safety Around Schools**

The safety of all school community members is paramount therefore all members must be vigilant and follow all regulations set out by the City of Gosnells. These regulations can be found on their website [council@gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://council@gosnells.wa.gov.au), [www.gosnells.wa.edu.au](http://www.gosnells.wa.edu.au). Whilst driving in the car parks the driving speed should be 8 kms per hour. Students must not walk to their cars through the car park unescorted by an adult.

**Kiss and Drive** in the car park is not a parking area. It is designed for quick drop off and quick pick up. If parents choose to use this area you must train your child/children to be prompt after the dismissal otherwise the flow of traffic is disrupted and could be potentially dangerous.

Have a great week! God bless you all.

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



## Children with Medical Requirements / Medic Alerts

St Munchin's requires a medical form to be completed for **all children** who need to take any form of medication or have a medical condition of which the school staff needs to be made aware. If you have kept medication in the office from last year, please call in to check the expiry date. It is important that if your child requires medication, particularly over the next two weeks with swimming, that this medication is handed in to the class teacher or the office.



## At St Munchin's we have students with severe (life threatening) allergies to nuts and kiwi fruit.

Please support us in providing a safe environment for all our students by avoiding kiwi fruit and all nut based foods in your child's morning tea/lunchbox.

Children with severe allergies only need to touch or inhale the scent of certain foods to have severe reactions.

By avoiding these foods in the school we help to create a safer environment for them.

Please remind your child/children not to share food with their friends or other students.

**Wherever possible please avoid the following foods in your child's lunchbox:**

**Kiwi fruit**

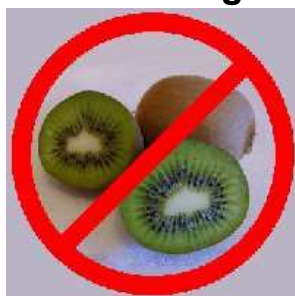
**Nuts**

**Nut bars**

**Peanut paste**

**Nutella**

**Satay sauces**



## Parent Contact Details

The school needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date. On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone. Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making day time contact by phone or email difficult. We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible. **Please call into the office to advise any changes, phone 9234 7555 or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)**

## School Fees

Accounts detailing 2018 school fees will be sent home with your child next week. You may call in to the office to pay your account annually or over three terms by cash or cheque. If you do choose to pay your account by term please note that payment must be made in the last week of the term. St Munchin's utilises the services of the Catholic Development Fund as a means of paying your school fees by direct debit. Please ask for an application form from the office or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) and a form will be sent to you.

A sign for "Coffee Corner". It features a black coffee cup with steam rising from it. The steam is shaped like the word "Friday". To the left of the cup is a red triangle. Below the cup are three small white flowers. The text "Coffee Corner" is written across the cup. Below the cup, it says "In the Parish Centre". At the bottom left is a small white trapezoidal sign that says "Come Enjoy". At the bottom right is a yellow rectangular sign that says "8:30 - 11:00" and a white rectangular sign that says "First Friday of every month".

.....Click on the link from the St Munchin's home page

OR Go to [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet)>Student Username>Password



# Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event, celebrated globally in 130 countries. It is an event which aims to encourage a better internet. This year it will be held on Tuesday 6 February 2018, with the theme being ‘**Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you**’.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is the official Committee for Safer Internet Day in Australia—responsible for driving the initiative nationally.

St. Munchin’s will be celebrating the day by delivering lessons which cover this topic during IT sessions over the first few weeks of term.

You can help your child/children by discussing with them what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. Children need to have the online social skills to take part in online community life in an ethical and respectful way.



Responsible digital citizenship also means:

- behaving lawfully – for example, it’s a crime to hack, steal, illegally download or cause damage to other people’s work, identity or property online
- protecting your privacy and that of others
- recognising your rights and responsibilities when using digital technologies
- thinking about the impact of what you do online on yourself, on other people you know, and on the wider online community.



The links below may help you to help educate your children in this area:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

Info from <https://www.esafety.gov.au/saferinternetday>, downloaded 30012018

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/digital\\_citizenship.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/digital_citizenship.html)



## Summer Uniform

Please ensure that your child’s name is CLEARLY written or sewn onto each item of school clothing, particularly the hat. You will need to check these regularly to ensure your child has their own belongings and return any items that have another child’s name and that have been accidentally picked up.

Reminders:

- Hairstyles for both boys and girls should be neat and tidy and reflect accepted standards. Shoulder length hair or longer is to be tied up. Parents are requested to refrain from allowing children to dye their hair during school terms. Scrunchies or ribbons need to be in school colours (maroon or white). The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hair styles. Boys’ haircuts are not to have tattoo cutting.
- A watch and / or necklace with a Christian symbol may be worn. A signet ring may be worn. No nail polish, tattoos, makeup may be worn during school hours.
- All students – one pair or set of earrings, that is, only one stud or sleeper in each ear lobe.
- Sports Socks **ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR WHITE SPORTS SOCKS WITH THE ST MUNCHINS LOGO**

### Girls

- Maroon and white check dress
- Short white fold-over socks
- Black lace up or Velcro school shoes

### Boys

- Grey shorts
- Grey shirt with motif (shirt must be tucked in)
- St Munchin’s grey school socks
- Black lace up or Velcro school shoes