

ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

Dates to Remember

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

Week 1
Monday 1 February *First Day for All Students*

Week 2
Wednesday 13 February *P&F Meeting: 6.30pm*
Friday 15 February *Whole School Mass: 9.00am*

Week 3 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 19 February *School Board: 6.30pm*
Wednesday 20 February *Parent Information Night: 6.00 – 7.30pm*

Week 4 Swimming Lessons

Week 5 Monday 4 March Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 5 March *Pupil Free Day*
Wednesday 6 March *Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass: 9am*

Week 6
Friday 15 March *Lego Day – Yrs 3 & 4*
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 March
Enrolment Mass Confirmation

Week 7
Wednesday 20 March *Unplugged Workshop Early Years: 3.30 – 4.30pm*
Thursday 21 March *Harmony Day*
Friday 22 March *Year 3 Mass Play for Life*

Week 8
Monday 25 March
Senior Faction Swimming Carnival Acqualife, Vic Park
Wednesday 27 March *"Brilliant at being Resilient" Incursion*

Week 9
Thursday 4 April *Interschool Swimming Carnival*

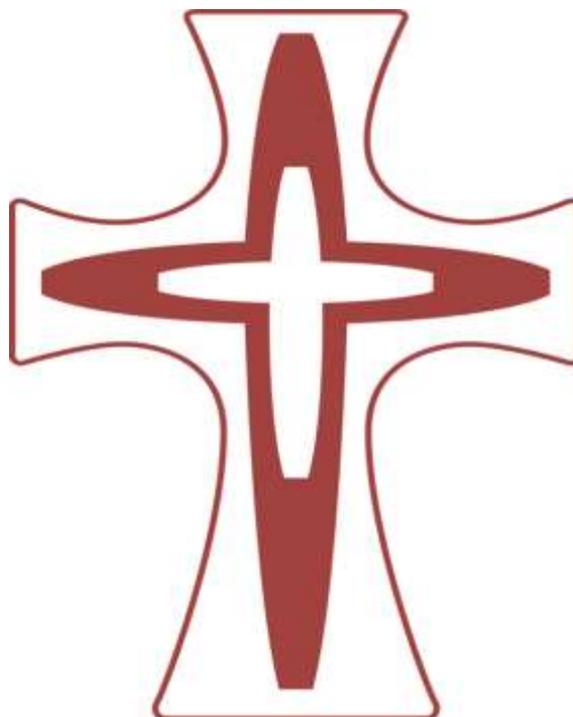
Week 10
Monday 8 April
Pre-Primary & Yr 5 – Palm Sunday Re-Enactment
Thursday 11 April *Last Supper Re-Enactment Yr 4*
Friday 12 April *Stations of the Cross Re-Enactment – Yr 6*
STUDENTS' LAST DAY

Term 1 Week 1
Thursday, 7th February 2019

God our Father,
You call us as partners in the St Munchin's Catholic community, to work as one and to be inclusive of all who seek to learn in the light of faith.

Grant that your Holy Spirit might continue to guide us so that by the power of Your grace, we may live our call to be a light for the world illuminating the Good News of Jesus and pointing to a future that is filled with hope.

We ask you to bless our work, that it may serve to protect, nurture and guide in the Catholic vision those children You have entrusted to our care.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord and light.
Amen



Whole School Mass

to begin the new school year next

Friday 15th February 2019

Please join us when we gather to pray that our community will always be a place where God's love is felt by all.

(Adapted RCCDSB Prayer for Our Vision)

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Welcome back for the 2019 school year. I trust that you had a joyous festive season and a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your family. It was pleasing to have the students return and they and the teachers have settled into routines quickly and smoothly.

Parent /Caregiver Information Night: Wednesday 20th February commencing 6.00pm

The information night for parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 20th February commencing at 6.00pm with a community gathering in the school hall. The class teachers will present two information sessions. One beginning at 6.35pm and one at 7.05pm in the classrooms. At least one parent/caregiver must attend. Very important information will be provided and student and parent expectations will be covered. A crèche will be provided for those unable to find suitable care for their child/ren. This will be held in the Early Learning block.

Those unable to attend for some reason will be contacted by class teachers to arrange an appointment to meet at a suitable time.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY.
THE INFORMATION NIGHT IS FOR ADULTS ONLY – NOT THE CHILDREN.**

Student Supervision and Bell Times

Student supervision commences at 8.30am each day and ends at 3.30pm. Students are discouraged from arriving at school before 8.30am but must be here by 8.30am. First bell sounds at 8.35am and lessons and instruction commences at 8.40am. Students arriving after 8.35 am are **Late**.

School Uniform Phase

The phase in period for the uniform changes has commenced. The phase in period will be for 2019 and 2020. From the beginning of 2021 all students must be in new uniform items. Orders for uniform will now consist of the new items.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that apart from white socks and school shoes all other items must be purchased from the school uniform shop.

Black shoes must be worn with school uniform and predominantly white joggers for sport. No fluoro colours.

Swimming Lessons

These commence for Yr 1-6 on Monday 18th February. All students will be participating in these lessons, as they are part of our sports curriculum. Mr Marino has sent home a special note with comprehensive details, and permission slip. **Please complete and return the permission slip to your child's class teacher.**

Parents and Friends Meeting

The first meeting of the St Munchin's Parents and friends for 2019 will take place next WEDNESDAY 13th February commencing at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held in the school staff room. You are cordially invited to attend as the meeting is for all parents and caregivers. The wonderful fundraising and social events arranged by the committee contribute immensely to the education of our students.

Work Completed during the holiday break

- Refurbishment of Senior Toilets - junior toilets will be refurbished in April and July holidays
- Carpeting of 5 classrooms
- Replacement of verandah posts outside Yr1 and 2
- Painting of school hall and all new classroom doors
- Purchase of new classroom furniture and resources
- Cupboards in Kindergarten

Term Calendar and Year Planner

The calendar for Term 1 will be emailed to you shortly, and this calendar as well as the Year Planner will be posted on www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au for easy reference.

The staff and students are looking forward to a rewarding and fruitful year and we appreciate the support and cooperation of our parents and caregivers.

Have a terrific fortnight!

Kind regards
Rob Romeo

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 Weeks 3 and 4 with swimming lessons, 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.

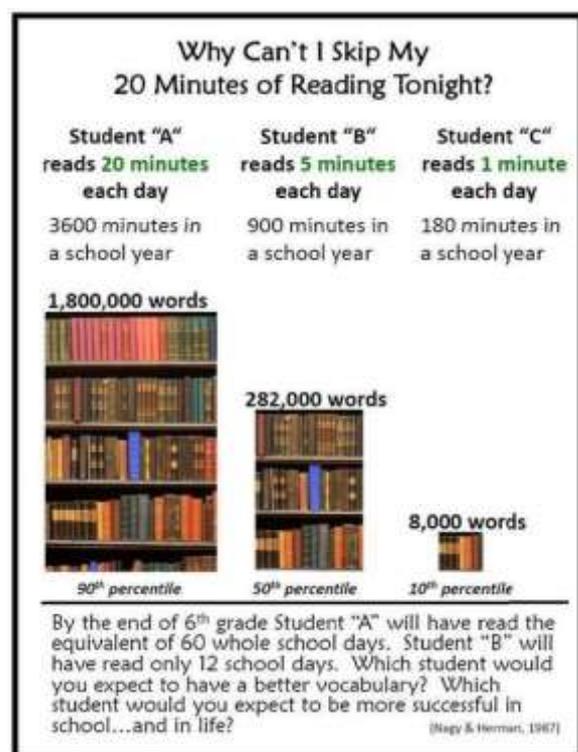
Children with severe allergies only need to touch or inhale the scent of certain foods to have severe reactions. By avoiding these foods in the school we help to create a safer environment for them.

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 ***

The Importance of Regular Home Reading



You were your child's first teacher and you taught them many important skills, including how to speak. Your child will experience the most success in Reading when school and home work together.

It is an expectation at St. Munchin's that children read at home each night (Monday-Thursday) for at least 10-20 minutes. Children will have a Home Reading folder until they reach Level 30 and their book will be changed daily. Longer books may need 2 or 3 nights to complete. If your child has not finished reading the book, please do not sign the folder so the book is not changed.

Once children have achieved Level 30, Home Reading does not stop. Children will then move to Lexile books (borrowed from the library) and they are expected to complete an online quiz after reading each book to check their comprehension.

School Fees

Accounts detailing 2019 school fees will be sent home with your child shortly. You may call in to the office to pay your account annually or over three terms by cash or cheque or EFTPOS. 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

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