

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.



Term 1 Week 3
Thursday, 15th February 2018

Project Compassion Prayer 2018

God of all peoples and nations,
You accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Through the life and mission of your son,
you give us the gift of mercy.
May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion
with all your people.

In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men
around the world who are most vulnerable
to extreme poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they
recognise that through their efforts,
their desire to change and their generosity,
they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers,
our fasting and our Lenten gifts to
Project Compassion.

Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your
grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,

Amen

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

Aqualife, Vic Park

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*

Aqualife, Vic Park

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



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

We have come to the end of week three and it is pleasing to note the enthusiasm of the students as they engage in their day to day activities. I commend the students for their wonderful efforts and their eagerness to learn.

Swimming lessons finish this Friday and Mr Marino has reported that they have progressed smoothly with the students actively participating and behaving very well. Well done boys and girls! We are very proud that you have acted safely, responsibly, respectfully and have learned new skills.

We began the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The teachers and students will be participating in a range of activities to prepare for Easter. I encourage you to talk to your child/ren and discuss what aspects they have been learning during Lent and as a family put some ideas into practice at home.

Our first Whole School Mass was held last Friday and we also said farewell to Fr Konrad who has been posted to the Clarkson Parish. Fr Konrad has been assisting Fr Philip whilst preparing to be ordained in December. He has been a great presence in the school during his time here and enjoyed visiting the students, teachers and attending school events. We will miss him and wish him the very best in his new parish.

Parent Caregiver Information Night

This will take place on Tuesday 27 February commencing in the school hall for the Principal's Address. This will be followed by two individual class sessions, one commencing at 6.35pm and the second at 7.05pm. It is expected that one parent/caregiver attend as very important information will be provided by the class teachers concerning your child's education throughout 2018. If you are unable to attend please send apologies to the class teachers and they will arrange an appointment with you at another convenient time for both of you.

Pupil Free Day FRIDAY MARCH 2ND

Students do not attend school on this day as the staff will be participating in professional development.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE WILL BE OPEN and Casual Bookings can be made. Contact Rebecca Curtis on 92347511 if you would like to book your child to attend for the day. This must be done as soon as possible so staffing can be arranged.



Enrolments 2019 and Beyond

Interviews for 2019 Kindergarten will commence at the beginning of term two. Parents and caregivers are reminded that enrolment of siblings is necessary as it does not happen automatically.

Parents and caregivers are urged to obtain enrolment forms now and lodge them as soon as possible. If you are aware of new families intending to enrol their child/ren at St Munchin's please inform them to contact the school office to obtain enrolment information.

Parish families who do not have children enrolled at St Munchin's and who may be considering enrolling are encouraged to contact the school and obtain information. You may also arrange an appointment with the Principal to discuss enrolment and have a guided tour of the school.

Health Care Card

Parents wishing to apply for a Health Care Card or Pension Card discount for this year's school fees are required to meet with the Principal. Please call 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au to arrange an appointment. Appointments must be made this term and a current Health Care Card brought to the interview with the Principal. In the absence of a current Health Care Card or Pension Card, full fees will be charged.

Principals Study Tour to Canada

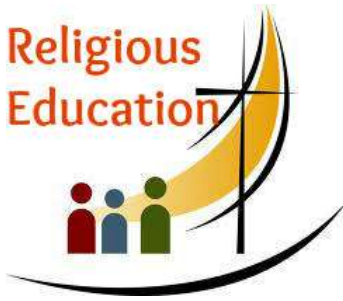
From April the 4th to April 27th, I will be joining 29 principal colleagues in a study tour in Canada organized through the Catholic Education Office. In my absence Mr Musitano will fulfil the role of short term principal.

Wishing you all a happy and safe week!

Kind regards

Rob Romeo
Principal

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Yesterday we began the Season of Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass. On Ash Wednesday, Christians are signed with an ashen cross as a reminder of their call to become more like Jesus and as an acknowledgement that at times they don't live up to their Christian call.

Do you know where the ashes come from?

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the palms that were blessed at the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. On Palm Sunday people welcomed Jesus as their King and vowed to follow him but in only a week they turned their back on him and shouted to have him crucified. The ashes remind us that though we profess to follow Jesus, often our words and actions let us down. The 6 weeks of Lent calls us to reflect on our lives and to take up words and actions that make us more like Jesus.



Project Compassion

During Lent Catholic schools and churches support the aid agency Caritas and their Project Compassion appeal which brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Every child will bring home a Project Compassion box. During this time, we encourage one another to go without luxury items and treats and to donate the money to our Project Compassion boxes so as to improve the lives of those living in extreme poverty. In their individual classes children will be learning about the work of Caritas and how the coins they donate to their small box can change lives in a big way. To read more about the work of Caritas visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

This Lent take on a spirit of generosity and be a channel of love and change the world for the better!



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, that this medication is handed into the class teacher or the office.



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**



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 and a form will be sent to you.



The following items are available from the office:			
School Diary	\$15.00	Display Folder	\$ 5.00
Chair Bag	\$15.00	Library Bag	\$15.00
Desk Mat (Yrs 1 – 3)	\$15.00	Desk Mat (Yrs 4 – 6)	\$15.00
Class Satchel	\$15.00		

Chair Bags and Desk Mats for both Yrs 1-3 and Yrs 4-6 are now available for purchase.



Music enrolments for 2018 - We have a few places available in our Primary Instrumental Program for Piano or Guitar Tuition in 2018. If interested please phone Terry Walsh at Lumen Christi College 9394 9300 for a brochure and further information.



Early in 2018, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year 5 students who are due to start Year 7 in 2020. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College and have not yet requested a Prospectus, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about the enrolment process is available on our website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au



OPEN DAY
Friday 9 March 2018

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2020

We have commenced our enrolments for 2020. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.



Junior Choir will begin Thursday 22nd February at 8.00am sharp in the Music Room.

All students in years 1, 2 and 3 are very welcome to come along. I look forward making musical magic with the 2018 St Munchin's Junior Choir.

Mrs Hogan



- St Munchin's School Office 9234 7555 • Out of School Care 9234 7511 • Canteen 9234 7510
- KM 9234 7516 • KW 9234 7515 • PPM 9234 7517 • PPW 9234 7522