

# ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

## 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*

Wednesday 20 February *Parent Information*

*Night: 6.00 – 7.30pm*

### Week 4 *Swimming Lessons*

Tuesday 26 February *School Board: 6.30pm*

### 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*

*Harmony Day Assembly & Play for Life*

### Week 8

Monday 25 March

*Senior Faction Swimming Carnival*

*Acqualife, Vic Park*

Wednesday 27 March *"Brilliant at being Resilient"*

*Incursion*

Friday 29 March *Dental Screening: PP, Yr 3 & Yr 6*

### 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**

Heavenly Father,  
Look with love upon all your people gathered in this community  
Bless them and keep them safe.

Guide their coming and their going and all that they do.

May they turn to you in times of joy and sadness,  
knowing that you will always be there.

Be their constant companion, their light and their salvation.

Help them to endure the pressures of society  
and to be a light to the world as they  
grow together in love and peace,  
through Christ your Son.

Amen



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

**Whole School Mass**

**9:00am**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Please join us to celebrate the beginning of Lent**

The season of Lent in the church calendar is a season that calls us to a change of heart. It is a 'journey' of 40 days, calling us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others, to "turn away from sin" (the things that distance us from God) and to use prayer, fasting and almsgiving to deepen our relationship with Him.

The forty-day Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Thursday evening with the Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It is primarily the Church's time of preparation for the Easter mystery.

The ashes which will be used to mark a sign of the cross on our foreheads are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolise our sorrow for the times we have not lived as God wants us to, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful and always ready to forgive and welcome those who turn to Him.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

The students are engaging and participating fully in the daily routines and activities. Currently classes from Year 1 to 6 are undertaking swimming lessons and they are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and attention to their instructors.

We are very pleased with the attendance at our Parent Information sessions yesterday evening. I encourage parents and caregivers to communicate frequently with class and specialist teachers concerning the progress of your child/ren. We appreciate your support and look forward to a very fruitful and rewarding year.

Parents and caregivers not able to attend last night are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with the teachers who will provide you with the necessary information. If an appointment is not made in the next few weeks, teachers will contact you to arrange an appointment.

### **Staff Professional Development**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March all staff will be participating in Child Safe training. This is mandatory for all staff working in Catholic Schools. This is the Tuesday following the Labour Day long weekend.

This is a pupil free day and students do not attend school.

### **OSHC WILL BE OPEN AND BOOKINGS ARE NECESSARY**

**Ph: 9234 7511 or email [oshc@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:oshc@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)**



### **Car Park Safety**

Parents and caregivers are urged to follow rules when driving in the carparks and Kiss and Drive. Speed should not exceed 8km.

Please do not park along the fence where signs read "NO PARKING." Other vehicles are blocked from entering the Kiss and Drive area and car park causing congestion.

This Kiss and Drive is a flow through area and vehicles must not stay parked in the area for long periods.

### **Health Care Card Discount**

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](mailto: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.



### **Enrolments for 4-year-old Kindergarten 2020** *for children born from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016*

We invite parents and caregivers to submit an application for enrolment as soon as possible. Please call [9234 7555](tel:92347555) or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Alternatively, you can print an enrolment form from our website [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au)

The enrolment process for 2020 starts with the completion of an enrolment form followed by a formal interview with the Principal which will begin towards the end of term one.

If you are aware of relatives and friends who are hoping to enrol their child/ren in 4-year-old Kindergarten for 2020, please encourage them to contact the school to arrange enrolment.

Have a happy, safe and pleasant fortnight!

Kind regards

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 Weeks 3 and 4 with swimming lessons, that this medication is handed in to the class teacher or the office.

## School Fees

Accounts detailing 2019 school fees has been sent home with your child. 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](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)



The Bebras Australia Computational Thinking challenge is part of an international initiative whose goal is to promote computational thinking amongst students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. You can find out more about this by visiting the website: [www.bebbras.edu.au](http://www.bebbras.edu.au)

Our school has taken part in the challenge for the last couple of years and we will once again be using the challenge to enhance the Digital Technologies Curriculum.

All students from Y3-Y6 will be participating in the challenge during IT lessons in March. We will not be using childrens' names to register them but will instead allocate number IDs.

If you wish to support your child by helping them with computational thinking you can help them work through the previous challenge questions here: <https://www.bebbras.edu.au/bebras365/> (no log in needed).



## Bicycles, scooters, skateboards will be engraved for FREE

Engraving your bicycles, scooters and skateboards with a family member's driver's licence is a way for police to **identify** your belongings if retrieved after they have been stolen. It is also a **deterrent** to those who want to steal it, as they will know that it is engraved and traceable.

Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are coming to:

**St Munchin's Catholic Primary School**  
**26 March 2019**  
**8:45am**

***Get your item(s) engraved to go in the draw to win a prize!***

On the day, bring in the items that you require to be engraved along with a permission slip. The Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will engrave your property using electronic engraving tools.

A permission slip may be obtained from the office. The permission slip must be signed by a parent and include a driver's licence number. It is important to note that the number provided is a **driver's licence number** and **not** a vehicle registration number or telephone number. The person supplying it must be aware that they will be the one police will contact if the item is ever stolen and recovered.



Music Information Evening

Wednesday 27 February 6:00pm

Lumen Christi College - Performing Arts Centre

For current and new (or interested) students and parents.

There will be a short presentation and then time to meet and greet the instrumental tutors.

**Jayne Pleysier**  
Music Coordinator

.....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**

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**ENJOY SOME FAMILY FUN AT ROTTNEST ISLAND**



Sunday 24 February 2019



Start the day with your kids swimming in the beautiful, calm & shallow waters of Thomson Bay as part of **CHAMPS OF THE BAY 2019**. Afterwards, you can kick back, relax, eat, play and enjoy a **FUN FAMILY DAY OUT** at Rottneest Island sampling many of the island-based activities on offer.

- Ferry from Fremantle B Shed at 7.30am, choice of return times
- Unique bay swim for kids of all swimming abilities (aged 7-14 years)
- Beautiful location in Thomson Bay next to the Just4Fun Aqua Park
- Multiple distances offered:
  - ✓ 150m Splash (1 Lap)
  - ✓ 300m Dash (2 Laps)
  - ✓ 450m Classic (3 Laps)
  - ✓ 600m Olympic (4 Laps)
- Swim cap, race tattoo, fruit, water & finisher's medal for ALL swimmers
- Short 150m swim lap in shallow water close to the shore
- Water safety, chaperones and a pit-stop platform on-course
- Spectator-friendly course to hi-5 your kids at the finish approach



And best of all, take advantage of all these special offers and discounts:

- FREE return ferry ticket with Rottneest Express for ALL swimmers
- 20% off all return ferry tickets with Rottneest Express for family & friends
- FREE Simmo's Ice Cream for ALL swimmers
- Just4Fun Aqua Park Bonus Time Voucher for ALL Swimmers
- Spot prizes (Sportzcorp, Just4Fun Aqua Park & Vorgee)

Enter online now for only \$25 at:

**[www.champsofthebay.org.au](http://www.champsofthebay.org.au)**

Further details:

E: [nick.wyatt@sportzcorp.com.au](mailto:nick.wyatt@sportzcorp.com.au)  
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**HUNTINGDALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB  
2019 REGISTRATION/OPEN DAY  
SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019  
10.30am - 1.30pm  
SUTHERLANDS F RESERVE  
Corner Gay & Balfour Streets, Huntingdale**

**Catering for AFL footballers - Boys & Girls:  
Auskick 2.0: Pre-Primary, Year 1 & Year 2  
Boys: Year 3 - Year 12  
Girls: Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9-11  
Registration Enquiries:**

**Auskick Co-Ordinator: Dean -  
[auskick@hjfc.net.au](mailto:auskick@hjfc.net.au) - 0428 888 907**

**Registrar: Jenni  
[registrar@hjfc.net.au](mailto:registrar@hjfc.net.au) - 0422 945 059  
<http://hjfc.net.au/>**



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LEARN TAI CHI**

**GENUINE TAI CHI for Health, or Self-Defence**

As taught by **Master Rocky Kwong**, we teach authentic Tai Chi classes for **all levels and ages** at the **Sacred Heart Church Hall**, Corner Ovens Road & Discovery Drive, Thornlie. **From 6.30 to 8.30pm every Wednesday.**

- Only \$40/month!**
- Staff of **St. Munchin's Primary** train for **FREE** until June 2019
  - School's Year Groups are offered **1 month FREE** training for ONE adults & ONE child
  - Primary School age children train **FREE** with paying parent(s)
  - Primary School age children with no parent/guardian pay full price



Call **Michael** now on: **0417 902 225** - We teach **all ages & all levels.**



**GOSNELLS DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB  
Sutherland's Park, 4th March**

Sign up for the zone cricket carnival for developing players (girls & boys) who are interested in playing at a WACA Premier Cricket Club. Games will be played on **TURF WICKETS** at Sutherland's Park, Huntingdale.

Gosnells Cricket Club talent scouts will be out and about looking for potential new players to the club

**DATE:** Monday 4th March 2019  
**VENUE:** Gosnells Cricket Ground, Sutherland's Park, Gay St, Huntingdale  
**TIME:** 7.00am for a 7.30 start  
**ELIGIBILITY:** u11's, u12's & u13's playing this season and not currently in District Cricket  
**COST:** \$15 per player (to be collected on the day)

**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registrations: Submissions prior to Friday 22nd February 2019. Either click on the "online Registration" link below, or email [cricket@sunah@gmail.com](mailto:cricket@sunah@gmail.com) with the following details:

Full Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Playing age group:  
Community Club / School name:  
Contact mobile:  
Contact email:



Please state in the email subject line the words "ZONE CARNIVAL" and the players name.

**CONTACT**  
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