

ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3
Thursday, 17th May 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.

Dates to Remember

Please note amendments to Term Dates will be advised via the newsletter, special notes, class dojo and the school diary.

Week 1

Thursday 3 May
Yrs 4-6 *Graffiti Incursion – City of Gosnells*

Week 2

Tuesday 8 May *P&F Meeting*
Wednesday 9 May *Parent Meeting – Confirmation P&F Mothers' Day Stall*
Thursday 10 May
Lumen Christi High School Musical
Year 6 Cricket Carnival
Friday 11 May *Mothers' Day Mass & Morning Tea*
Eagles Cup

Week 3 NAPLAN Week

Monday 14 May
Yr 6 Excursion – Parliament House

Thursday 17 May
Lumen Christi Visit Yr 4s
Friday 18 May *Eagles Cup*

Week 4

Tuesday 22 May *Parent Teacher Interviews*
Thursday 24 May *P&F Sausage Sizzle*
Friday 25 May *Yr 4 Assembly*
Eagles Cup

Week 5 Thursday 31 May *Confirmation Retreat*
Friday 1 June *Pupil Free Day*

Week 6 Monday 4 June *WA Day*
Tuesday 5 June *Catholic Day*
Wednesday 6 June *Life Link Day*
Friday 8 June *Eagles Cup*

Sunday 10 June *Confirmation*

Week 7

Monday 11 & Wednesday 13 June *School Photos*
Friday 15 June *Yr 3 Mass*
Saturday 16 June *Mothers' Social Night*
Eagles Cup

Week 8

Thursday 21 June *Lighting Carnival*
Friday 22 June *Yr 1 Assembly*

Week 9

Friday 29 June *Whole School Mass*
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Vienna Cobb Anderson

God of all blessings,
source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown

that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,
for the expanse of space
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work,
who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands
who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:
for life

and one more day to love,
for opportunity
and one more day to work for justice and peace,
for neighbours
and one more person to love
and by whom be loved,
for your grace
and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise:
to be with us,
to be our God,
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,
through Jesus our Lord.
Amen

Read more at

<http://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/christian/gratitude/prayer-of-thanksgiving.aspx#MjDkQx9ce53JY6co.99>



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

I hope that all our mothers enjoyed a wonderful day with loved ones on Sunday. We had a wonderful turn out to our Mothers' Day Mass and Morning Tea last Friday, and included are a few photos from this happy community event.

We have had a very enthusiastic start to our term. Edu dance; a favourite of the students is in full swing. It is exciting to see full participation and enjoyment as well as the practice of many skills during the classes. The final concert should be as the students say, awesome!

The Year 6 students and some Year 5 students are participating in the Eagles Cup with local Catholic schools each Friday of term two. The games played are soccer, netball and football. It is pleasing to see the students coming early on designated training days and I thank Mr Loh, Mr Marino, Mr Rechichi, Mrs Marangoni and Mrs Gallagher for giving their time to training.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday May 22nd has been set aside for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interviews will commence at 3.30pm - 6pm and from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents and guardians unable to attend on this day are able to arrange a time with individual class teachers. Class teachers will provide a timetable of their availability on other days for interviews to take place.

These interviews are very important, as teachers will inform you of your child's progress thus far prior to receiving their formal written report at the end of this term.

Staff Professional Development Days Term Two

All staff will be participating in Professional Development on Friday June 1. (OSHC will be open)

Monday 4th June is WA DAY (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 5th June is a Catholic Day for staff in recognition for extracurricular commitments. (OSHC CLOSED)

Uniform Survey

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have completed the survey either online through the school website or on the hard copy sent home with the previous newsletter. The closing date for completion of the survey is MAY 31st. A committee will be formed and responses collated after this date and actions will be taken based on the support for changing some of the uniform items.

Winter Uniform Transition

May we remind you that the winter school uniform for students in Years 1 - 6, is worn during terms 2 and 3 and students must be in full winter uniform from Monday 21st May. Uniform items on order have arrived with the exception of the school jumpers. In this case sport tops are to be worn until jumpers arrive.

Please call in to the office to arrange payment and pick up of your winter uniform order.

Enrolments - 4year Old Kindergarten 2019



Interviews for 2019 Kindergarten have commenced. 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.

God Bless

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Mother's Day

Mass and Morning Tea



Our Pre-Primary students sang for our Mums at Mass, and our Junior Primary Choir sang during Morning Tea.



Thank You
to all the Mums and
Mother Figures in our lives.

BEBRAS Challenge

A few weeks ago St Munchin's held an assembly to celebrate our Yr3-Yr6 students' achievement in the BEBRAS challenge. Bebras is an international computational thinking challenge which aims to promote computer science and computational thinking among kids. In Australia the BEBRAS challenge is funded by the government and run by CSIRO.

What is computational thinking?

The Australian Curriculum defines computational thinking as a problem-solving method that involves various techniques and strategies that can be implemented by *digital systems*. Techniques and strategies may include organising *data* logically, breaking down problems into parts, defining abstract concepts and *designing* and using algorithms, patterns and models.

Learning to code and developing computational thinking will equip your children for a future where digital technologies will drive nearly every aspect of daily life.

Computational thinking does not have to involve computers. Using patterns, writing procedures and even knowing how to disregard irrelevant information when solving a problem, are all skills that we can learn without computers.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate all our children on their achievement in the challenge, but would like to celebrate particularly, the achievement of two of our Yr4 girls, Angel Villan and Therese Prakash, who were the only children in the whole school awarded High Distinctions with a whopping score of 117. Amazing! Well done Angel and Therese!

If you would like to help your children to practise their skills in this area you might like the following links:

1. <https://www.bebas.edu.au/bebras365/> (no log in needed – for Y3-Y6 children)
2. https://challenge.bebas.uk/index.php?action=user_competitions (for children from age 6, no log in needed)
3. <https://code.org/> (your child should have a user name and a password for this – please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Stockley if you would like this to be sent to you)
4. <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn> (no log-in needed)
5. <https://csunplugged.org/en/> (computer science without a computer/device)

This is just a very small collection of the free online resources available. Also look out for the date of our next parent coding workshop which will be coming up later this year.

Finally, another great activity for your child is to improve their QWERTY awareness by doing some keyboarding practice. All children have access to typing.com and as for code.org, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Stockley if you would like to know their username and password.



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