

ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 5
Thursday 28th May 2020

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.

On Tuesday, our nation acknowledged National Sorry Day. The day we, as a nation, reflect on the hurt and sorrow caused to our Nation's First People, who suffered so much, for so long, because of government policy that saw them forcibly removed from their families, their culture and their land. As a Christian people, we echo the words of the National Apology.

"We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians."

"We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country."

"For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry."

"To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry."

"And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry"

- Excerpt from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology, 2008.



National Reconciliation Week begins with Sorry Day on 26 May and runs through to Mabo Day on 3 June.

This year's theme is

In This Together

National Reconciliation Week is about non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people coming together to celebrate the respectful relationships they share through a process of truth, justice and then reconciliation.

The National Reconciliation Week website provides information on:

Reconciliation Film Club
Getting Involved
NRW Events

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>



Evergreen tree

Holy Father, God of Love
You are the Creator of this land and all good things.
We acknowledge and feel deep sorrow for the pain and shame of our history and the suffering of our First Nation peoples.
We thank you for the survival of our Indigenous cultures and the lessons they teach us about caring for our common home and all who live on it.
Lord Jesus, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

It is hard to believe that we have reached the middle of Term 2. We are delighted to have all our students back and enjoying the many learning opportunities presented to them. It has been a pleasure visiting the classes and interacting with the students at various levels.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and our wonderful parents and carers for the co-operation we receive with drop off and pick up and for the special waves and comments of thanks and small gifts of appreciation. They warm the cockles of our heart on these cold mornings and days.

Student Reports

The students from Pre-Primary to Yr 6 will receive semester reports at the end of this term. Due to COVID-19 they will be less comprehensive than previously as teaching and learning has been impacted. A full explanation will be forwarded with the reports when they are distributed in Week 10.

Out of School Vacation Care

We have attempted to continue the Vacation Care to support our school community in the past but we have only had 3-4 regular students attend on a daily basis. This is not financially feasible so Vacation Care will no longer operate at St Munchin's OSHC.

The centre will operate as normal during the school terms and on Professional Development Days.

Pupil Free Day Friday 29th May and Public Holiday Monday 1st June - Students do not attend school.

OSHC is open and bookings are essential for the Pupil Free Day on 29th May.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

The interview process for enrolments will take place towards the end of term two. Children turning four years of age by 30th June 2021 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Parents/Caregivers are urged to complete the application form located on the school website www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au or contact the school office on 92347555 and request an enrolment package to be mailed to you. If you are aware of new families intending enrolling their child/ren at St Munchin's please encourage them to commence the process now.

Keep healthy and safe.

God bless

Rob Romeo
Principal



MASS & COMMUNION SERVICES IN THE PARISH

The parish will be resuming Mass celebrations and offering Communion Services as of Wednesday 20th May 2020. Unfortunately, with the current restrictions and government regulations, only 20 people can attend any Church liturgy at a time.

Those who wish to attend a Mass or Communion service need to contact the parish (9398 2331) or school office and leave their details indicating which Mass they would like to attend. In trying to make it as fair as possible, Fr Philip will draw names and then contact those who have been drawn regarding Mass times.

Fr Philip invites you to stay connected and celebrate your faith with your community through the various online resources available at <http://www.gosnellsparish.org.au/>

Our Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, First Communion and First Penance are temporarily suspended until further notice and the lifting of current restrictions.

● **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**