

# 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 4 Week 3  
Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

On Friday, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints and on Saturday the Feast of All Souls. "Saints are somewhat the super heroes of the Catholic Church, lending their names to mark buildings like schools or hospitals, aiding with intercessions and even performing miracles for the faithful.

In his 2013 message on the celebration of the Feast of All Saints, Pope Francis stressed that Saints are not 'born perfect' but rather are ordinary people who followed God "with all their heart." He also noted "They spent their lives in the service of others, they endured suffering and adversity without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace."

Among the saints and souls we celebrate each November were regular people doing their best to be all they were called to be by their creator. Among them were some who left a lasting ripple of influence: martyrs and missionaries, mystics and mavericks, Mums and Dads, Grandmothers and Grandfathers, Sisters, Brothers and Priests and single men and women who answered God's call in ways others have admired.

To read about our newest canonized saints click here

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/10/11/celebrations-begin-five-saints-who-will-be-canonized-sunday>

### For the Feast of All Souls

Those whom we  
love and lose are  
no longer where  
they were  
before. They are  
now wherever  
we are.

St John Chrysostom

*Loving God,  
we remember all those men and women  
whose lives were such a shining example to others because of their  
love for you.*

*Inspired by their lives,  
we pray that we too have the courage and strength to change the  
lives of others for the better and  
to work to make a difference in our world  
through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

Adapted from <https://www.therecord.com.au/news/local/saints-and-communications-ordinary-people-called-to-do-extraordinary-things/>

And **Virginia M. Bourke rsj**

## Dates to Remember

### Week 1

Tuesday 15 October *First Day for Students*

Thursday 17 October *Anti Poverty Mass*

*ACARA PP & Yr 1*

Friday 18 October *Whole School Mass*

### Week 2

Tuesday 22 October *School Board 6.00pm*

*Parent Meeting First Penance 6.30pm*

Thursday 24 October *Yr 6 Excursion - Latitude*

Friday 25 October *PP Excursion*

### Week 3

Tuesday 29 October *Interschool Athletics (Field)*

Wednesday 30 October *Kindy Info Night 6pm*

Thursday 31 October *Interschool Athletics Track*

Friday 1 November *Yr 5 Mass (All Saints)*

*First Penance Retreat & P&F Disco*

Wednesday 6 November *Canteen Fun Day*

**Week 4** Friday 8 November *Yr 5 Assembly*

**Week 5** *Life Ed Van*

Monday 11 November *Remembrance Day 11am*

Tuesday 12 November

*Pre-Primary Info Morning 9.00am; P&F Meeting*

Wednesday 13 November *First Penance 6.30pm*

Friday 15 November *Yr 2 Assembly*

Sunday 17 November *Choir - SVDP Breakfast*

### Week 6

Friday 22 November *Parent Helpers' Morning Tea*

23/24 November *P&F Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings*

**Week 7** *Mural Week*

Monday 25 November *Lumen Christi Jnr Band*

Tuesday 26 November *AGM 7.00pm*

Wednesday 27 November

*Stretch Crew Excursion*

Thursday 28 November *Yr 4 & 1 Food Incursion*

Friday 29 November *Yr 4 Mass 9.00am*

*Yr 3 Assembly*

### Week 8

Monday 2 December *Nativity Rehearsal*

Tuesday 3 December *Parent Workshop (school)*

Wednesday 4 December *Bookstore in Parish Hall*

*Kindy Orientation & Nativity Rehearsal*

Thursday 5 December *Nativity Play*

Friday 6 December *Yr 6 Assembly*

### Week 9

Tuesday 10 December *Yr 6 Graduation Mass*

*Vinnies Sausage Sizzle*

Wednesday 11 December *Rainbows Excursion*

Thursday 12 December *Yr 6 Graduation Lunch*

Friday 13 December *Whole School Mass*

*Yr 6 Disco LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

We are already in week three of our final term for this year and have been very busy. The students still have six and a half weeks remaining so we need to remain focused and work diligently to achieve our goals for this year. Your assistance and support with this is much appreciated. Teachers are currently preparing the students' second semester report so teachers will also be conducting various assessments to assist with grading each student's achievements.

### **Interschool Athletics Carnivals**

On Tuesday, St Munchin's interschool squad represented our school in the Field events. Students participated well and behaved admirably. Today students selected from Year 1 to Year 6 represented St Munchin's in the track events. Their efforts were commendable, so too their behaviour and sportsmanship. Results from the carnival will be forwarded as soon as they have been finalised.

### **Important Notice Concerning School Footwear**

As you may be aware, the school is now in a position to supply the school shoes that form part of the school uniform. The shoes can be purchased and ordered through the school office.

### **THEREFORE, THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR STUDENTS WEARING INCORRECT FOOTWEAR.**

Despite many reminders, many students are not wearing correct sports shoes. The school sport shoe is predominantly white (mostly white with minimal trim). The sport shoes sold through the school are all white except for very large sizes.

I understand that there is only a short time remaining in the term and I ask that you make arrangements to ensure that your child/ren are wearing correct footwear from the beginning of next year.

### **Out of School Vacation Care - Advance Notice for Christmas Break**

For the past two years we have maintained opening OSHC to assist our community during school holidays. Unfortunately, the numbers have been very low and it is not financially viable for the centre to open for only a few children. Therefore, St Munchin's School OSHC will close on **Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>** for the Christmas holiday break and will reopen for the New Year a week before school starts on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**.

### **Allocation of Students to Classes for 2020**

Students will be allocated to classes based on the policy "Splitting Students into Classes" which can be viewed in the policy section of the school website. Teacher Allocation to classes will be made public with the class lists on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Once class lists are finalised no changes will be made as careful and thoughtful consideration has been given by Teachers and the Leadership team. The decision made by the school is in the best interest of each student.

If parents/guardians have any special requests regarding their child/ren's allocation these must be made in writing to the principal by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The requests must contain valid reasons with clear and honest explanations. Writing to the Principal does not guarantee that your request will be met. The Principal in consultation with Teachers and the Leadership team makes the final decision.

### **School Board, Parents, and Friends Annual General Meeting Venue: Music Room behind the Hall**

This meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7pm. This meeting is open to all parents, caregivers and interested family members. The main purpose of this meeting is for annual reports to be presented to the community outlining the achievements during 2019.

The evening commences with reports from the School Board followed by reports from the Parents and Friends, and concludes within the hour. Usually school staff outnumber parents and caregivers so I am encouraging you to attend. A copy of all the information accompanies this newsletter.

The School Board requires two new members and the P&F nominations are open each year for new nominations. You may be interested in offering your services on one of these committees. The forms you receive have descriptions of the role of the School Board and the P&F and its members as well as nomination forms.

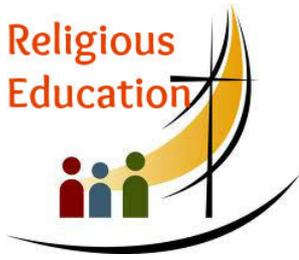
### **Parenting Ideas: *This week's article: "Strengthening Kids Self-esteem in a Digital World."***

Wishing you a safe, happy fortnight.

Kind regards

Rob Romeo *Principal*

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**Dates for Your Calendar**  
**Celebration of First Penance**  
 Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm

Any parent/s who did not attend the First Penance parent meeting last week must contact Fr Philip through the Parish Office 9398 2331 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November to schedule a time to meet with him, in order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance this year.



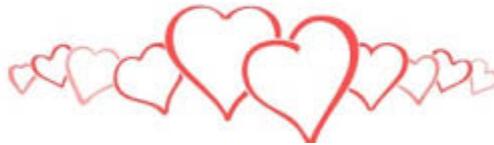
**First Holy Communion & Confirmation Photos**

Photos from First Holy Communion as well as photos from Confirmation are still available for purchase through the front office. There will be many beautiful individual and family shots in the album. Please call into the office to view the albums.



**An informal get together on the first Friday of the month  
 to build community by bringing people together for  
 coffee, cake and connection.**

**If you're free on Friday, drop into the Parish Centre after school drop  
 off and meet some great people.**



St Munchin's Catholic School has a new Facebook page. If you would like to search for us and follow our page, we would be delighted to have your support.



**Thank you for ordering your child's booklist for 2020 Year 4 to 6 classes through the school or on-line.**  
**Orders can be collected from the School Hall on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00 to 8:45am.**

The following items are available from the office:

School Diary (available next year)			
Chair Bag *	\$15.00	Display / Music Folder	\$ 5.00
Desk Mat (Yrs 1 – 3)	\$15.00	Library Bag	\$15.00
Class Satchel	\$15.00	Desk Mat (Yrs 4 – 6)	\$15.00

# Raising Children in a Digital World

Tuesday 3 December  
12.30 to 2.30pm  
St Munchin's Catholic Primary School

To register: Call 9398 8720 or email: [CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au)

**Get the facts and strategies about how best to raise a child in a digital world.**

As a parent or carer of young children this workshop will support you to understand how to best use technology to enhance your child's development rather than detract from it.

**Crèche available  
Bookings Essential**



## P&F Messages

### Disco Time

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

**Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the office or at the door.**

### Dress in your favourite costume

Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy a tea/coffee for a gold coin donation or a cool drink and a sausage sizzle \$5 while you wait for your children in our Disco Café ☺

There will be Glow items on sale before you go into your session.

Prices 50c each for glow sticks

Bracelets and other items \$3 - \$5



## Session times

Kindy – Pre-primary

4pm – 5pm

Years 1-3

5.15pm – 6.30pm

Years 4-6

6.45pm – 8.15pm

