

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 5
Thursday, 8th November 2018

One hundred years ago on 11 November 1918, the First World War came to an end after four years of terrible conflict. Almost 62,000 Australians died fighting for our freedom and in service of our nation. A conflict that had ravaged more than 30 nations and left more than 16 million people dead came to a quiet end in a railway carriage 40 miles from Paris.

Today we give thanks for all those who gave their lives for the freedom and wellbeing of others and we ask God to help each of us to work together for peace to ensure future generations will never have to go to war again.

*There is a music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.*

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

The Ode From the poem For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon

*Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle;
the strength to be forgiving;
the patience to be understanding;
and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we
believe to be right.*

*May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil
and the power of love to overcome hatred.*

*We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world freed from
violence,
a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice,
nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.*

*Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of
making peace,
praying always for the inspiration and the power
to fulfil the destiny for which we and all people were created.*

A Prayer for World Peace 1978 taken from Catholics Online

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

Tuesday 9 October *Food Sensations – 9.15am*

Week 2

Tuesday 16 October *Food Sensations – 9.15am*

Parent Meeting – First Penance

Wednesday 17 October *Yr 6 Excursion*

Week 3

Tuesday 23 October *Food Sensations – 9.15am*

Interscholar Jumps Carnival

School Board

Thursday 25 October *Interscholar Track Carnival*

Friday 26 October *P&F Disco*

Week 4

Tuesday 30 October *Food Sensations – 9.15am*

Thursday 1 November *First Penance Retreat*

Friday 2 November *Yr 2 Assembly 2.20pm*

Week 5

Tuesday 6 November *Book Creator Share*

Wednesday 7 November *Yr 4 Excursion*

First Penance 6.30pm

Pre-Primary Assembly 2.20pm

Week 6

Monday 12 November *Remembrance Day Liturgy*

Tuesday 13 November *PP Parent Meeting*

Wednesday 14 November *Choir – Kmart*

Thursday 15 November *Yr 6 Cricket Carnival*

Friday 16 November *Year of Youth Day*

Yr 5 Mass – 9.00am & Pre Primary Excursion

Week 7

Tuesday 20 November *Annual General Meeting*

Thursday 22 November *Christmas Concert*

Friday 23 November *Transition PP – Yr 6*

Sunday 25 November

Choir performing for St Vincent de Paul 10.15am

Week 8

Tuesday 27 November *Vinnies Sausage Sizzle*

Wednesday 28 November *Yr 1 Wildlife Incursion*

Thursday 29 November *Yr 5 Excursion*

Friday 30 November *Yr 6 Assembly*

Family Fun Night

Week 9

Monday 3 December *Yr 2 Excursion*

Tuesday 4 December *Yr 6 Graduation Mass*

Wednesday 5 December *Ziggies School Shop*

Choir – Amaroo Village

Thursday 6 December *Yr 6 Graduation Lunch*

Friday 7 December *Whole School Mass – 9.00am*



Suzanne Bazzica from the parish is setting up a Remembrance Day display in front of the altar for the weekend masses. Suzanne will be in the church at 9.00am on Saturday if anyone has any World War I memorabilia that they would like to place in the display.

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

Just over 5 weeks remain for the students in our final term for 2018. I have been visiting some classes and hope to have spent time in all classes by the end of this term. It is pleasing to watch the students engage in their learning, and the way they are encouraged to work collaboratively in their groups, and when working independently. It is very important that students develop these skills and it demonstrates that they are taking responsibility for their learning.

As part of the student's personal and social development, we have been focusing on "Being Respectful." Aspects we have been discussing and practicing with the students include using our manners, following directions from staff members, treating people the way we want to be treated, allowing others to join in games, playing by the rules of the games, taking turns, sharing equipment, looking after their property and others property.

The above points are integrated within our lessons, and mentioned regularly at assembly. This helps to remind the students, as well as emphasizing the importance in striving to do our very best in all circumstances at home and at school.

Accompanying this week's newsletter is an article by Michael Grose explaining why it is important to develop empathy in your child. I am sure you will find it helpful.

First Penance

On Wednesday evening, many of the year three students received the Sacrament of First Penance (Reconciliation) for the first time. We remember them in our prayers and congratulate them on receiving the Sacrament. We thank the students for their desire to receive the Sacrament and all who have helped them prepare.

Year 2 Assembly

Well done to our year two classes for their very well prepared and informative assembly covering various nations around the world. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and your learning. Costumes were fantastic and colorful.

Pre Primary Assembly

This Friday at 2.15pm, the Pre Primary classes will present their assembly in the school hall. We are looking forward to an entertaining assembly.

Remembrance Day Liturgy

Please join in us on Monday at 11am to honour all those who gave their lives so we may live ours.

Allocation of Students to Classes for 2019

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.

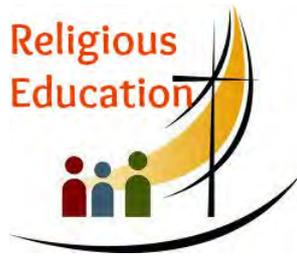
Teacher Allocation to classes will be made public with the class lists on Monday 3rd of December. Once class lists are finalised no changes will be made as careful and thoughtful consideration has been given by teachers and the Leadership team. The decision made by the school is in the best interest 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 November 23rd. 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.

Kind regards
Rob Romeo
Principal





First Penance

Last night we celebrated the beautiful Sacrament of Penance with the Year 3 students and their parents/carers. It was a wonderful night filled with excitement, hope and celebration. To all parents and supporters of our parish children who created a feeling of peacefulness in the church, thank you. You powerfully gave witness to the sacredness of the Sacrament and the sacredness of the moment. A huge thank you to Fr Philip, Fr Huie, Mrs Licastro, Mrs Rowland, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Ingram who prepared the children so thoroughly for the celebration, and to Mrs Gonsalves for your endless and beautiful supply of music. A special thank you to Fr Joseph, Fr Anthony and Fr Min for giving your time to help make our celebration so very, very special. May God's love fill all who celebrated First Penance, with hope and peace, and inspire each one of us to be people of forgiveness in the world!





We are asking for donations to start a loose parts playground in the Kindy and Pre Primary area. We are looking for items such as:

- PVC piping
- Car/bike tyres
- Tarps
- Small cable wheels
- Bits of wood
- Rope
- Milk crates
- Large stones/pebbles

Items must be clean and safe to be handled by children for example, no nails, sharp points, broken parts. Please leave donations at the KW classroom



IMPORTANT

Digital Technologies News

BEBRAS Challenge Assembly

As you may now, all children in Y3-Y6 were encouraged in September to once again take part in the BEBRAS Australian Computational Thinking Challenge organised by CSIRO. You can find out more about the challenge by visiting their website: <https://challenge.bebbras.edu.au/>

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding another BEBRAS assembly to recognise all the children who took part in the challenge. Parents of special award winners will be notified separately by class teachers. A date for your diary:

Wednesday 21st November, 8.50-9am BEBRAS Assembly

Parent/Carer Coding Workshop

Following on from our parent/carers Coding Workshop held earlier in the year, parents and carers are invited to come complete an 'Hour of Code' with us, after taking part in a brief introductory session which will give you some tips on how to help your child to further develop their coding skills.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday 27th November, from 6.30 - 8pm at St. Munchin's. Please register your interest by calling Mrs Campbell on 08 9234 7555 or by emailing admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au.



We are now 2 weeks away from our Christmas concert which is on Thursday 22nd November. The concert will run from. 6:30-7:30. The children have been working really hard and we would love to see you all there.

This is a reminder to get your child a T-shirt. White T-Shirts for K, PP, Years 1 and 2. Black T-shirts for year 3-6. They can be sourced cheaply at Kmart or Big W.

Thank you
Karen Gonsalves, *Music Teacher*