

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.

Dates to Remember

Please note dates for Year Assemblies and Class Masses are to be confirmed.

Week 1

Friday 3 February
Whole School Mass – 9.00am

Week 2

Week 3
Swimming Lessons

Week 4

Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 21 February
Parent Teacher Information Evening

Week 5

Tuesday 28 February
Dental Screening – PP, Year 3 & 6
Friday 3 March
Staff Development - Pupil Free Day

Week 6

Monday 6 March *Labour Day*
Thursday 9 March
Junior Swimming Carnival

Week 7

Monday 13
Senior Swimming Carnival
Friday 17 March *St Patrick's Day*
Yr 6 Adventure Day

Week 8

Thursday 23 March
Interschool Swimming Carnival
Friday 24 March
Year 6 Excursion - Parliament House
Saturday / Sunday 25/26 March
Enrolment Mass - Confirmation

Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 5 April
Palm Sunday Re-enactment by Yr 3
Thursday 6 April
Last Supper Re-enactment by Yr 4
Friday 7 April
Stations Re-enactment by Yr 6
STUDENTS' LAST DAY

Term 1 Week 2
Thursday, 9th February 2017

Lord,

*Touch my soul with Your compassion for others;
touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all;
touch my mind with Your Wisdom.*

*Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs,
and help me to lead others to You by my example.*

*Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me peace,
fill me with love that I may serve You with all my strength.*

Touch gently this day, all who are in need of Your healing peace.

Amen.

Adapted from <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1325>



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

Our first week back has been very smooth. I congratulate the staff for their exemplary preparation for the students return and to the students for their co-operation in settling in so well into school routines.

The whole school transition in our new approach of being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE** and **A LEARNER** has been well received by the students and we can see that the students responded well in all areas. A great way of consolidating the individual points in these areas is to follow through with these focus areas at home.

Riding Bicycles to School

Students and parents are reminded that children under 10years of age are not permitted to ride to school without adult supervision.

Students and parents must get off the bikes at the entry point and walk the bicycle to the bike rack. Helmets must be worn when riding a bike.

Code of Conduct

As part of the System Agreement with the Minister for Education, every Catholic School is required to have a Code of Conduct in place by January 1 2017.

The Catholic Education Office has produced a Code of Conduct which has been adopted by all schools. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of students. The Code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents and guardians as applicable. The term 'parents' includes guardians.

The Code of Conduct becomes part of the school policies and procedures and having signed an agreement to support the school and its policies parents/guardians are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will be posted on the school website in the next few days. Please take the time to read the document.

Parent /Guardian Communication

The school uses a number of methods to enhance home and school communication. This year all class teachers will use Class DoJo which will be fully explained at Parent Information Night, fortnightly newsletter which will be distributed on Thursdays, emails and special notes.

It is important that parents/guardians take responsibility of keeping informed by reading the newsletter, emails and notes to keep updated as to what is happening on a regular basis.

Term Calendar/Year Planner

These will be posted on the school website early next week after being finalised. Important dates are listed on the front of each newsletter.

Swimming Lessons

Students from Year 1 to 6 will be participating in swimming lessons for two weeks beginning Monday 13th February. You will have received a special note with all details from Mr Marino. Please complete Parent/Teacher Information Night Tuesday 21st February – classes from Year 1 to 6

The **Parent Information evening** will take place on Tuesday 21st February commencing with a general community gathering in the school hall at 6pm. The individual class teachers will hold two information sessions. Session 1 commencing at 6.30pm and Session 2 commencing at 7pm. At least one parent / guardian is expected to attend this evening.

We will have a crèche available on the evening. Please call 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au if you would like to use this facility.

Staff Professional Development Day Term One

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH IS STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY. STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY. OSHC IS OPEN ON THIS DAY BUT BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

We look forward to a very fruitful and enjoyable year and we appreciated the partnership we have with you and your ongoing support in the education of all our students.

Have a happy and safe week!

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 the next two weeks with swimming, that this medication is handed in to the class teacher or the office.

The following items are available from the office:

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



Counselling Services

Rainbows is a peer support program for children living in a single parent or step family, or children who experienced a significant change and loss in their life (such as but not limited to: death of family or friend, moving country or state, illness or disability).

When a change takes place in a family, whether it is a death, divorce or separation, it has a profound effect on the whole family. Children, as well as adults, grieve the loss of a loved one or a place that was once part of their everyday lives.

Grief is a normal human reaction to a significant loss. Frequently children are not able to express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, school work, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development. Even those children who appear to have adjusted well are often struggling inside with different emotions of grief.

The Rainbows program offered at our school provides the guidance children need to work through their grief and move on to the healing process. It helps them to sort through their confusion, deal with their feelings, regain self-esteem and get on with being a child.

The Rainbows Program consists of twelve sessions where small groups of children, in similar age categories, meet weekly with a trained facilitator. Adults, as well as children, are bound by confidentiality, which fosters trust and provides a safe atmosphere.

In 2017 we will be commencing Rainbows in Semester 1. For more information, contact Ms Alexander in 4M.



Senior Choir begins tomorrow at 8.00am in the Music Room. I look forward to having as many students from Years 4, 5 and 6 join the choir.

Mrs Gonsalves

Junior Choir will begin Thursday 16th February at 8am in the Music Room. All students in years 1, 2 and 3 are very welcome to come along. There will be a 3 week trial period after which the students will need to decide if they wish to remain in the choir. I look forward making musical magic with the 2017 St Munchin's Junior Choir.

Mrs Hogan



P&F News

First Meeting of the Year

Tuesday, 14th February at 7.00pm

.....Click on the link from the St Munchin's home page

OR Go to www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet>Student Username>Password

Calmer kids 4 week program



A four week program for 5 - 8 year old children focusing on emotional regulation and social skills.

Each week will focus on:

- Increasing your child's self-awareness.
- Encouraging self-confidence.
- Increasing your child's ability to identify and express their feelings and energy levels.
- Developing your child's social skills.
- Teaching your child tools to stay calm and alert.

This program will use methods such as Jelli-Time™ and The Alert Program. It is a great way for your child to learn social and emotional skills, in a relaxed, fun environment

Date: Thursdays 16 and 23 February, 2 and 9 March 2017

Time: 3.00pm to 4.15pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Gosnells

173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)

Contact: 9398 8720 Email CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

Bookings essential.
Creche available for children over 12 months.

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Queens Park Junior Football Club – 2017 Season Registration

Your local community club is going into its 54th competition year and is looking forward to welcoming back players from last year as well as inviting anyone interested in getting involved to join the mighty Bulldogs!

There are teams across all year levels: Auskick (PP-year 2), Junior (year 3-7) and Youth (year 8-12) and specialised female competitions for year 3-6 and 7-9.

Online registration and payment is done through FoxSport.

The link to register your child: <http://tinyurl.com/2016QPJFCsportingpulse>

or

come along to our first Registration Day at the QPJFC Clubrooms,
Treasure Rd Queens Park, on Sunday 19th February from 9am-12pm. (EFTpos will be available).
Enquiries can be directed to the Club President, Craig O'Donoghue - president.qpjfc@gmail.com

Visit the website – www.queensparkjfc.com

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