

# 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 1 Week 4

Wednesday, 24 February 2016



### Term 1 Dates for your Diary

#### Week 1

Tuesday 2 February *First Day Back for Students*  
Friday 5 February *Whole School Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 2

Wednesday 10 February  
*Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mas – 9.00am*  
Thursday 11 February *Incursion with Greg Mitchell*  
Friday 12 February *Incursion with Greg Mitchell*

#### Week 3

Tuesday 16 February  
*Regional Mass – St Mary's Cathedral – 4.30pm*  
Friday 19 February *Yr 5 Class Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 4

Monday 22 February *Whole School Testing*  
*St Norbert College Visit to Yr 4 – 2.00pm*  
*Parent Teacher Information Evening – 6.30pm*  
Friday 26 February *Morning Assembly – Yr 6*

#### Week 5

Monday 29 February *Junior Swimming Carnival*  
Friday 4 March *Yr 4 Class Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 6

Monday 7 March *Labour Day*  
Tuesday 8 March *Yr 6 Excursion Woodman Point*  
Friday 11 March *Yr 2 Assembly 2.20pm*

#### Week 7

Monday 14 March  
*Lumen Christi College Visit to Yr 4 – 9.30am*  
Thursday 17 March  
*Faction Swimming Carnival Yrs 4-6*  
Friday 18 March  
*Palm Sunday Re-enactment Yr 3*

#### Week 8

Monday 21 March *Harmony Day*  
Wednesday 23 March *Last Supper Re-enactment Yr 4*  
Thursday 24 March *Stations Re-enactment Yr 6*  
Friday 25 March *Good Friday*  
Monday 28 March *Easter Monday*

#### Week 9

Tuesday 29 March *Easter Tuesday*  
Wednesday 30 March  
*Interschool Swimming Carnival*  
Saturday / Sunday 2 / 3 April  
*Enrolment Weekend for Sacraments*

#### Week 10

Tuesday 5 April *Parent Teacher Interviews*  
Friday 8 April *Whole School Mass – 9.00am*  
*Last Day for Students*

*Loving God,*

*fill our hearts with compassion for the earth  
and all its peoples.*

*Lead us to be good neighbours to all who are in need.*

*Help us to see your gifts are meant to be shared by all, not  
just exploited by a few.*

*Lead us to take action to care for our environment  
to make a change not just for ourselves, but for all  
creation.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord*

*Amen*



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

The Parent/Teacher Information Evening was well attended. Thank you to all who were able to attend. I know that you have received very important and valuable information from the class teachers which will assist your child/ren throughout the year. If you were unable to attend I urge you to make an appointment with the class teacher who will provide you with a package and explain the very important points covered at the meeting.

The relationship between home and school is a partnership and this year will focus on ensuring that the communication with parents is highlighted and strengthened. Those unable to attend the Parent Evening and do not arrange an appointment with class teachers will be contacted by the teachers to arrange an appointment. It is important that all parents are aware of the expectations for the 2016 school year. Please make the time to be active in your child's education and be supportive of the work carried out by the school and its staff.

## Kindergarten Enrolments for (4 Year Old) 2017

The enrolment process for kindergarten places for 2017 will begin in May with formal interviews with the Principal. Parents and caregivers who have a child turning 4 years of age as at 1 July 2012 are asked to collect an enrolment package from the office as soon as possible. You will then be contacted by the office to make an appointment to arrange an interview with the Principal. If you are aware of new families with their first child starting kindergarten in 2017 please inform them to contact the school office on 92347555 to have an enrolment package sent out to them.

## 3 Year Old Kindy

We still have the capacity to run this program for one day each week, but unfortunately we have insufficient numbers at this stage. Children can enter the program as soon as they turn 3 any time during the year. Currently we have 4 children enrolled and we need at least 10 to recommence the program. As the school has to self-fund the program to pay for the teacher, teacher assistant and resources the cost is \$75 dollars per day and no rebate is available. The program is run by a four year trained and extremely experienced teacher.

## Health Care Card

Parents wishing to apply for a Health Care Card discount for this year's school fees are required to meet with the Principal. Please call 9234 7555 or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) to arrange an appointment. Appointments must be made this term and a current Health Care Card brought to the interview with the Principal. In the absence of a current Health Care Card full fees will be charged.

## Dental Screening for Pre-Primary, Years 3 and 6

The Wirrabirra Dental Team visited the school on Monday and conducted dental screening for the students of these classes. You will be notified of a follow up appointment for your child if this is deemed necessary.

## Newsletter

In the interest of the environment and reducing our paper usage, future newsletters will be issued fortnightly. Please ensure we have your email address as important messages will be sent via email.

## Junior Swimming Carnival Years 1-3

The Junior Swimming Carnival will take place next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February at Armadale Aquatic Centre from 9.15am to 11.45am. Students in these classes have received a special note containing all details and requirements. The junior carnival is a fun carnival where the students are encouraged to participate and have lots of fun whilst practising water skills.

## Year 6 Leadership Assembly - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50am

This coming Friday morning the Year 6 Leadership committees will introduce themselves and tell the school community about their roles and responsibilities. Merit certificates will also be presented to students. The assembly will take place in the undercover area.

Wishing you all a happy and safe week.

Rob Romeo, Principal



## Project Compassion Week 2

In many countries around the world, children with disabilities are discarded and left to fend for themselves. Just \$80 could provide potting soil and seeds, so that children with intellectual disabilities can both enjoy gardening activities in Laos and learn vital skills of growing food to help them develop and thrive as adults in the future.

With our contributions to Project Compassion this year we can help the poorest of the poor become self-sufficient so they don't need to rely on charity. Every dollar makes a difference. Could you go without a \$1.25 this week and add it to your Project Compassion box? Think up ways as a family you could donate some coins to your family's Project Compassion Box this week.

62 people  
own the  
same as  
half the  
world's  
population.  
Oxfam

**Poverty: 'Absolute' or 'abject' poverty is defined by the World Bank as living under \$1.25/day. But poverty is not just about money – it is also about having access to resources that ensure sustainable livelihoods, such as education and other basic services; being free from social discrimination and exclusion; and being able to participate in decision-making. Caritas is working around the world to support and empower those who live in abject poverty to create a better future for themselves and their families.**



# Change to some Sacramental Dates 2016

Please note changes to some dates for the sacraments from those on the school year planner. These dates and times are still being finalised and will be confirmed by the parish shortly.

**Sacraments are Parish celebrations.**

## First Penance (Formerly First Reconciliation)



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| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September | Enrolment Mass<br>Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 9.30am      |
| Tuesday 18th October   | Parent Education Session in the Parish Centre<br>6.30pm |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                             | Celebration of First Penance 6.30pm                     |



## First Eucharist (Sometimes referred to as First Communion)

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| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June | Enrolment Mass<br>Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 9.30am      |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Parent Education Session in the Parish Centre<br>6.30pm |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August                            | Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion 9.30am  |

## Confirmation



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| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April or 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | Enrolment Mass<br>Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 9.30am  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Parent Education Session in the Parish Centre<br>6.30pm   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation<br>9.30am<br><b>(NB This time is still to be confirmed by the Archdiocesan Office)</b> |



