

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 2 Week 5
Wednesday, 25 May 2016

Term 2 Dates for your Diary

Week 1

Tuesday 26 April *First Day Back for Students*
Swimming Lessons commence

Week 2

Friday 6 May *Last day for Swimming Lessons*

Week 3

Tuesday 10 May
NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Parent Confirmation Evening – 6.30pm Parish Centre
Friday 13 May *Mothers' Day Mass – 9.00am*
Followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre
Eagles Cup (home game)

Week 4

Friday 20 May *Yr 4 Assembly – 2.20pm*
Eagles Cup (home game)

Week 5

Friday 27 May *Yr 6 Class Mass – 9.00am*

Week 6

Friday 3 June *Pupil Free Day*

Week 7

Monday 6 June *WA Day*
Tuesday 7 June *Pupil Free Day*
Wednesday 8 June *Life Link Day – Lake Monger*
Friday 10 June *Yr 5 Assembly – 2.20pm*
Eagles Cup (home game)

Week 8

Monday 13 June *School Photos(Class Photos)*
Wednesday 16 June *School Photos (Family/Sport Photos)*
Friday 17 June *Yr 3 Class Mass – 9.00am*
Eagles Cup (away game)
Sunday 19 June *Confirmation Mass – 9.30am*
NCEC Conference

Week 9

Monday 20 June – Wednesday 22 June *NCEC Conference*
Thursday, 23 June *Lightning Carnival*

Week 10

Monday 27 June
Constable Care Incursion – Kindy to Yr 6
Wednesday 29 June *Reports go home*
Friday 1 July *LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*

A prayer of compassion from Mother Teresa

Lord, open our eyes
that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.
Lord, open our ears
that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.
Lord, open our hearts
that we may love each other as you love us.
Renew in us your spirit.
Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week is the mid-point of the term two. In many ways our students continue to work diligently and enthusiastically towards achieving their learning goals.

One aspect which is common throughout the year levels is the number of students who do not complete homework on a regular basis. The homework given by teachers is usually practice work, reading and possibly finishing unfinished work. In the majority of cases, students do not have a reasonable explanation for not completing homework.

The completion of homework is important and it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure this is done to a suitable standard. Since some students do not complete homework regularly their progress is going backward rather than forward.

St Munchin's has a homework policy which requires all students to complete homework. By not completing homework students are not abiding by the policy and parents and carers are not supporting the school and the students in their education.

Your assistance and co-operation will be much appreciated in this matter and I urge parents and carers to check with your child/ren each day, and in the student diary to ensure homework is completed regularly.

Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc 2016 State Conference

On Friday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation. I am very appreciative but humbled for the nomination by the P&F of an Award of Excellence in the Principal's category. As Principal, working collaboratively with the school parent community and supporting the P&F is vital.

Year 4 Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 4 classes for their Rap item presented last Friday. It is always pleasing to see the students enjoying their performance and giving it all their best efforts. Well done teachers and boys and girls!

2017 Kindergarten Enrolments

During the coming weeks I will be conducting interviews for Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017. If you have not completed an enrolment form please do so promptly. Should you know of someone who has not yet enrolled please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until later in the year as enrolling early assists us with planning for next year.

Children born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 are eligible to commence four-year-old kindergarten in 2017.

3yr old Kindy

At this stage of the year we do not have enough numbers to run 3-year-old kindy in Semester Two. We have five students enrolled and we need a minimum of 12 to cover the costs of the teacher and assistant. If your child is three years old, they are eligible to attend one day a week. The cost is \$75 dollars for one day. The program is run by a fully qualified Early Childhood trained teacher with many years teaching experience. As there is no State or Federal government funding there is no rebate on the costs.

Head Lice

From time to time we have an outbreak of head lice in some classes at the school. It is very important that parents or guardians take the time to regularly check children's hair and if head lice (NITS) are detected then they must be treated until the eggs have been eliminated or removed. Children who have head lice can be excluded from school until the head lice have been treated appropriately and the hair is clear of all head lice.

This Week's Article... "Teach your kids about time and place"

This article provides us with some very important and useful information and suggestions on teaching our children about appropriate socialising and developing positive social skills.

Pupil Free Days Friday June 3rd and Tuesday June 7th

On Friday 3rd June the staff will be participating in Professional Development at the School. Monday 6th June is a Public holiday and on Tuesday the school will have our Catholic Day hence no school.

OSHC WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 3rd and TUESDAY 7TH. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Kind regards

Rob Romeo, *Principal*

Rug up and Link up for LifeLink day.

Rug up means dress up in your favourite beanie, jumper, woolly socks, scarf or ugg boots in appreciation of the warm clothes we have this winter (unlike those who are homeless in our community). **Link up** refers to the paper chains we will be creating in each classroom which will be linked up with those from every Catholic school in Western Australia as part of the official LifeLink Winter Appeal launch at Lake Monger.

On our school **Rug up and Link Up for LifeLink Day**, we encourage everyone to bring a gold coin to provide mercy and to be 'a link' in a chain helping those in need in our own communities this winter. All money raised will be used to support those in urgent need. Last year LifeLink **funded agencies reached out to help over 34,000 Western Australian families & individuals in need,**

delivering more than \$54 million in caring services and professional programmes throughout WA. Lifelink is our local church agency that brings together a number of agencies to support the marginalised and disadvantaged in our society. If you would like to read more about the work of LifeLink or are interested in volunteering at one of the many LifeLink agencies you can visit <https://lifelink.com.au/>



Sacramental Dates

ENROLMENT MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (for children in Year Four)

Saturday 11th June at the 6.00 pm Mass

or

Sunday 12th June at the 9.30 am Mass

Sacraments are Parish celebrations

This Mass enrolls any child wishing to receive the Sacrament of EUCHARIST this year in the Parish Sacramental Program. Children and their parent/parents need to attend one of the nominated masses over this weekend in order to be enrolled to receive the Sacrament this year.

Any student who is baptised Catholic but has not made their First Penance in Year 3, but who is considering enrolling for First Communion need to contact Fr Philip at the parish office 9398 2331 to discuss preparation for this sacrament.

CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 14th June

Visit to the Confirmation candidates by Bishop Don Sproxtton, Auxillary Bishop of Perth

Sunday 19th June

Celebration of Confirmation in the 9.30am Parish Mass



School Photographs

School Photo Days will take place on **Monday 13th June** and **Wednesday 16^h June**. On Monday, photos will be taken of all classes and on Wednesday, Academy Photography will continue with family photos as well as all Sport and Student Council photos.

Students will therefore need to wear their full winter uniform on both days and must bring their sports uniform if they are in any of the photos for the inter-school sports teams.

An order form for each student is going home today. A Family Photo order is available from the office.

Please note the following information from Academy Photography:

- The envelope must be returned to your class teacher even if you are not buying a photo.
- Please include the correct money as **no change** is available on photo day.
- Cash or Credit Card payment is preferred. A \$1.50 processing fee is charged on each Credit Card transaction. Inability to process credit card transactions within 7 days incurs a \$10 administration fee.
- A full refund is guaranteed if dissatisfied however the photos must be returned within 7 days.
- A discount is available for 3rd and subsequent students in the same family. Half price when packs A, B or C are ordered (**Not available online**).
- A \$20 search fee will apply to all late orders placed after Photo Day.

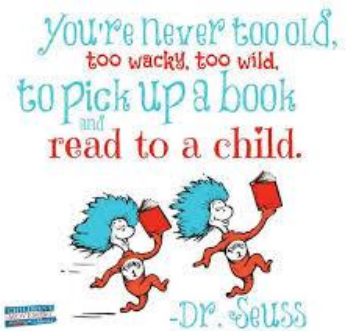


“READING WITH YOUR CHILD” PARENT WORKSHOP

The Learning Support Team invites all **Pre Primary and Year 1** parents to join us for a short workshop designed to show you strategies for listening to your child read at home. This workshop is relevant to all parents regardless of your child’s Reading Level.

We hope you can join us next week on **Wednesday 1st June** in the **School Library** from **9:00 - 9:30am**. Morning tea will be provided at the end of the workshop.

Mrs Petta, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Loh



SMALL CARS ONLY BY THE CROSSWALKS

For the safety of children using the crosswalk please do not park 4wds, large cars or vans in the bays on either side of the crosswalks. It is very difficult for children to be seen or to see what cars are coming when big vehicles are parked in these spots.



FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN

Please do not park in anything other than a designated parking bay and definitely not in an ACROD bay unless you have a current ACROD sticker.