

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 1
Wednesday, 12 October 2016

God of Love,

In everything we do help us;

to strive for EXCELLENCE

to live with COMPASSION

to care for others

and use our gifts to be of SERVICE to our community.

In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop help us never see a need

without doing something to fix it.

Inspire us to seek JUSTICE and to stand up for the Truth,

so that we may bless others with our MERCY and bring to them Your light and love.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen



The Mercy cross does not have the figure of Jesus on it, to remind us that we are called to be Jesus in the world.

Term 4 Dates for your Diary

Week 1

Friday 14 October St Munchin's Day
Whole School Mass – 9.00am

Week 2

Tuesday 18 October
Parent Information Evening (First Penance)
6.30pm Parish Centre
Thursday 20 October
Yr 4 Excursion to the Zoo
Friday 21 October St Munchin's Spelling Bee

Week 3

Monday 24 October
Senior Choir Performance at Lumen Christi College
Wednesday 26 October
Interschool Athletics Carnival (Track)
Friday 28 October
Interschool Athletics Carnival (Field)

Week 4

Friday 4 November
Yr 2 Class Mass – 9.00am
Pre-Primary Assembly – 2.20pm

Week 5

Wednesday 9 November
First Penance - 6.30pm

Week 6

Tuesday 15 November AGM – 7.00pm
Sunday 20 November
Closing of Year of Mercy
Senior Choir Performance – St Vincent de Paul

Week 7

Friday 25 November
Yr 5 Class Mass- 9.00am
Family Fun Night (time to be confirmed)

Week 8

Friday 2 December
Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Week 9

Week 10

Friday 9 December
Whole School Mass – 9.00am
Yr 6 Graduation Lunch
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Welcome back for the final Term of 2016. I trust you and your family enjoyed the change from school routines and were able to spend quality time together. It was so uplifting to see the students excited, smiling and sharing their experiences before the school assembly on Tuesday.

This term teachers and students work to complete learning outcomes for the year and consolidate prior learning from past semesters in preparation to move forward into their next year level.

Major events taking place this term are listed on the front of the newsletter. Each family will receive the term calendar next week and it will also be posted on the school website for future reference. Please keep referring to the calendar to keep updated on coming events. Any changes to dates of events will be notified via an email and through school diaries.

Student Supervision

Parents are reminded that student supervision begins at 8.30pm and concludes at 3.30pm each day. Many students are arriving very early and I encourage parents and caregivers not to bring the students to school too early.

Annual General Meeting of the School Board and Parents and Friends.

This community meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th November and parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Reports will be presented by the School Board Chairperson, the Principal, the Treasurer and the Parents and Friend's President. These reports outline the achievements of the past year and some priorities for 2017. We will also be needing volunteers to join the School Board and the Parents and Friend's committee. Information and nomination forms will be sent home soon.

St Munchin's Feast Day

This coming Friday the school will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, St Munchin. We will begin the day with a whole school Mass which parents and caregivers are invited to attend. Students will be treated to a sausage sizzle and drink at no charge and in the afternoon the students and teachers will participate in tabloid activities. **Students are to wear Faction Sport Uniform.**

Wearing of Summer Uniform

There will be a two-week transition period for the wearing of summer uniform. All students are expected to be in full summer uniform from Monday 24th October. The uniform policy is posted on the website and all uniform items except shoes must be purchased from the school uniform shop. If finances are an issue, please approach administration for assistance.

Kind regards

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



The St Munchin's Spelling Bee will be held on **Friday 21st October** in the parish hall. Parents are most welcome to attend!

Times are as follows:



Year 5 competition 9:45am

Year 4 competition 11:00am

Year 6 competition 11:45am

2016
Spelling Bee



The top 2 finalists from each year level will then be asked to represent St Munchin's at the 'Southern Schools Interschool Spelling Bee' at Queen of Apostles School in Riverton on Thursday 27th October.

Awards will be presented to those students at an assembly later this term so trophies and medals can be engraved with individual names.

Accessing www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au and the 'My Internet' Desktop and 'My Classes' pages from home.....

This Friday we are celebrating our belonging to St Munchin's Catholic School community with a whole school Mass, free sausage sizzle and tabloid games for the students. Although this is not St Munchin's actual feast day, we use this day to have an opportunity to reflect on who we are, whose shoulders we stand on and how we are working together to build a Eucharistic community that cares for and includes all people.

When the Sisters of Mercy began our school, they chose five values that all in our community would strive to develop, to make this community a reflection of Jesus and His love.

Excellence

Excellence is giving our very best to every task we do and every friendship and relationship we have.

By striving for excellence we develop the talents God has given us and turn them into gifts for the world.

We strive to keep improving ourselves and we strive to learn from our mistakes.

We strive for excellence, so that people will see the best in us

Compassion and Mercy

Compassion is being able to stand in another's shoes and to feel for people who are in need

It's about understanding that everyone is different and caring for people even when they make mistakes.

When we have compassion, we don't want people to be on their own, we want to do all we can to make their lives better.

Mercy is offering forgiveness and acceptance, it is about giving people a chance to start again not 7 times but, as Jesus taught, 77 times.

Let us strive today to be compassionate and to include people, and if someone has made a mistake, let us show them mercy and give them a chance to begin again.

Justice and Service

Justice is being fair in all we do; it is about standing up for others.

When we are just we do not judge people, or try to get people in trouble, we do not seek to get back at people.

If we have a problem with someone, we talk to the person we have a problem with and we do not gossip about it with others.

Service is using our gifts to help others.

We look for ways to be helpful without being asked.

We open doors and let others go first.

We let others have a go at succeeding, knowing that we are helping them to feel good about themselves.

When we live with a spirit of service we give our very best effort to everything.

We help people because we can and in giving of ourselves, we make our community and our world better for all.

Today let us look for what is good in others

Let us find a way to help someone without expecting anything in return.



Dates for Your Calendar

Friday 14th October

9.00am

Whole School Mass

First Penance

Tuesday 18th October

6.30pm

Parent Education Session in the Parish Centre

At least one parent, of any child enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Penance, needs to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr Philip at the Parish on 9398 2331

Wednesday 9th November

6.30pm

Celebration of First Penance
in the church



Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons

Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming



Waterwise Tip ...

Remember to turn off the tap while you brush your teeth. Simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse your mouth.



PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Lumen Christi College Performing Arts Centre

Monday 24th October 2016 6:30-8:30pm

Over the last few months students from our school have been busy preparing items for inclusion in the upcoming Performing Arts Festival at the Lumen Christi College Performing Arts Centre. This spectacular evening provides students with an amazing opportunity to work in collaboration with performers from other schools and the Classic Sounds Orchestra.

Seating for this performance is ticketed, with Adult tickets costing \$15 each and child/concession tickets \$10 each. The money from ticket sales goes directly to meet the costs associated with the staging of the Performing Arts Festival.

Tickets for this year's event are being sold online through trybooking.com. To ensure equity across all participants we have initially allocated 2 tickets per family. As some families may only want 1 of their allocated tickets it is anticipated that there may be opportunity to purchase extra tickets, depending on demand. Tickets will go on sale on **Wednesday 12th October**.

There are a total of 340 tickets for sale and these have been allocated to schools on a 'pro-rata' basis according to the number of performers in each group. We ask that you be considerate of the other families in your school and only initially purchase 2 tickets for your family.

To purchase St Munchin's Catholic Primary School tickets please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/NKYZ>
OR <https://www.trybooking.com/235897> from Wednesday 19th October. All unsold tickets will be made available for purchase. MONDAY CONCERT: <https://www.trybooking.com/NIKS> OR <https://www.trybooking.com/234174> The remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis so, to avoid disappointment, please ensure you have purchased tickets during the first week of sales. Please take note of these arrangements (including the dates) to ensure all tickets can be allocated in a fair and equitable manner prior to the performance.

● **St Munchin's School Office 9234 7555** ● **Out of School Care 9234 7511** ● **Canteen 9234 7510**

● **KM 9234 7516** ● **KW 9234 7515** ● **PPM 9234 7517** ● **PPW 9234 7522**