

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.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Term 1 Week 5
Thursday, 2nd March 2017

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Church's Lenten season, a period of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday. During the Ash Wednesday Mass, we were signed with the blessed ashes. These ashes serve as a reminder to us that we are human and fail in the choices we make to love and follow God's way in our daily living. Fr Philip told the children that the ashes also remind us of God's love for us and wearing them shows our desire to bring that love to the world. It was a special Mass and wonderful to have so many parents and carers join with the parish, to celebrate the start of Lent.

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

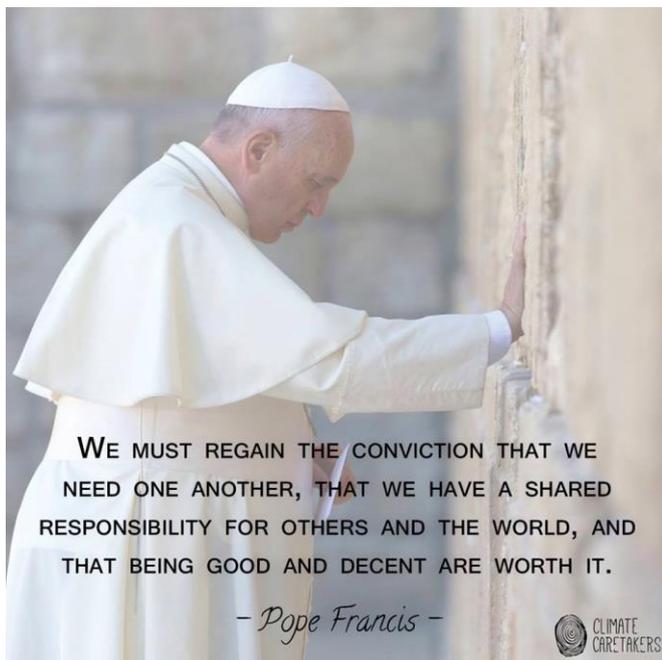
Week 9

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

God of light,

*We give thanks for the many gifts you give to us.
May the ashes which we received on Ash Wednesday
remind us during our Lenten journey
that you are always with us
guiding us by the light of your love.
As we begin our Lenten journey,
guide our minds and hearts to follow more closely
the example of love set out by Jesus
through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen



WE MUST REGAIN THE CONVICTION THAT WE
NEED ONE ANOTHER, THAT WE HAVE A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD, AND
THAT BEING GOOD AND DECENT ARE WORTH IT.

— Pope Francis —



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

We are at the midpoint of term one and school routines and procedures are progressing well. Swimming lessons are complete and we congratulate the students on their pleasing level of participation and their achievements.

Last Wednesday 1st March we celebrated Ash Wednesday and received the ashes. The ashes remind us to “turn away from sin and remember the Gospel of Jesus”. In doing so we strive to grow closer to God by carrying out acts of kindness, praying and sacrificing something we really value for a short time.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent when we prepare for the events of Easter when Jesus died for our sins and rose at the Resurrection so we have new life and salvation.

The students will be engaging in many different activities to assist them in understanding the meaning of Lent and the Easter season. I encourage parents and caregivers to ask the students to share with you the activities they participated in and how these influence our daily lives.

Junior Swimming Carnival - Thursday 9th March

The purpose of the Junior Carnival is to provide an opportunity for students in Year 1-3 to practise the skills they have acquired thus far. We encourage participation and enjoyment. We hope to see many parents and caregivers present in support of the students and offering encouragement.

The venue will be at Armadale Aquatic Centre, however, the children will only be using the junior 25m pool. There will be no points tallied for the day as the purpose is to get children into an active and **fun** day in the pool. Every child from Years 1-3 will participate in a Kickboard race, Noodle race, Freestyle /Running Water race and a “Dance off” event. The Carnival will commence at approximately 9.15am and finish at approximately 11.45am.

Incidents Involving Students at School

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that should an incident involving your child/ren occur at school, school protocol must be followed. The first action should be to talk to your child’s class teacher and they will deal with the matter. Parents and Caregivers **MUST** not approach another student to discuss the situation. The Incident Protocol Procedures are posted on the school website.

Enrolments - 4year Old Kindergarten 2018

4-year-old kindergarten interviews will begin towards the end of term one. Parents and caregivers are reminded that application for enrolment forms must be completed as soon as possible. These can be collected from the office or on the school website.

If you are aware of relatives and friends who are hoping to enrol their child/ren in 4-year-old Kindergarten for 2018 then encourage them to contact the school to arrange enrolment.

The enrolment process for 2018 starts with the completion of an enrolment form followed by a formal interview with the Principal. Parents and caregivers who have a child turning 4 years of age as at *1 July 2013* 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.

**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.

Have a great week and we thank you for your ongoing support.

God Bless You!

Kind regards

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Proud to be a
**Waterwise
School**



Reduce your sprinkler time

Most irrigation systems can be reduced by 2 minutes per station and still maintain a healthy garden.

 **WATER | EDUCATION**

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



Project Compassion also began yesterday. Each child will have brought home a family Project Compassion box to support Caritas in their work of making life better for the poorest of the poor in our world. Encourage your child/children to do odd chores around the house to earn some extra coins or to go without a treat and to put the money they save into the compassion box instead. Perhaps you too could give witness to your child of the value of helping others by going without a coffee or a treat during the next 6 weeks and donating those coins to your Project Compassion Box.

Why are prayer, fasting and almsgiving especially important during Lent?

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

Prayer: Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we find the strength to fast. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we Christians may undertake.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Fasting rules have changed through the ages, but throughout Church history fasting has been considered sacred. The goal of fasting is linked with prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God, and prayer and fasting together brings us to what Lent is about - a deeper conversion.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is simply a response by us to God's love, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that in the Body of Christ, it is never just "me and God." Through prayer and fasting we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Care of the poor and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life.

Material researched from the Catholic Update, Encyclopaedia of Catholic Spirituality and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. From the "Did You Know" Parish Stewardship series, a collaboration of Fr. Manuel Soria and Monique Figlietti, Chair of Stewardship Ministry in response to a request from the Pastoral Council



Safe City Education Project

The Safe City Initiative is a comprehensive community based Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiative provided by the City of Gosnells to address an identified need within the community. The Safe City Initiative encompasses many aspects of crime prevention and community safety with the most important part of the Safe City Initiative being community involvement and partnership.

One important program within the initiative is the Safe City Education Project for Schools (SEPS) which deals with crime prevention on a basic level and helps students understand the importance of reporting graffiti and vandalism, how to encourage parents to join Neighbourhood Watch and how to become more responsible members of the community.

Our Year 5s participated with much enthusiasm in this initiative last Friday.

Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival



In July-August, the Catholic Schools of WA will be taking part in a Performing Arts Festival. This is usually open for Years 4-6 unless it is a class item. Children can take part in the different categories listed below.

- Bible Reading**
- Vocal Solo / Duet**
- Guitar Solo / Duet**
- Piano Solo / Duet**
- Wind or String Instrument Solo / Duet**
- Speech and Drama**

Should your child wish to participate, I will be conducting auditions for these on 27th and 29th March. Please email gonsalves.karen@cathodnet.wa.edu.au or have your child approach me for details.

Karen Gonsalves, *Music Specialist*

FREE Kids Kayaking Lessons for children aged 8-12 years

Venue: Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

Henley Drive, Champion Lakes

Date: Saturday 18 March

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Pre requisite: Must be able to swim 50 metres, Level 5 +

Qualified Level One Flatwater Instructor

All gear provided (boat, paddle pfd)

Bookings Essential: kayaking@clbc.org.au

A note from the Community Health Nurse...

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Jenny Yao and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on: 0439077896 or 63303124. I am available Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



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OPEN DAY

Friday 10 March 2017

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.30pm.

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2019

We have commenced our enrolments for 2019. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.