

ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 8

Thursday, 22nd March 2018

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

Wednesday 31 January *First Day for All Students*

Week 2 *Swimming Lessons*

Week 3 *Swimming Lessons*

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9am

Week 4

Week 5

Tuesday 27 February

Parent Information Night 6pm

Friday 2 March *Pupil Free Day*

Week 6

Monday 5 March *Labour Day (Public Holiday)*

Friday 9 March *Year 6 Mass*

Week 7

Week 8

Monday 19 March

Senior Faction Swimming Carnival

Aqualife, Vic Park

Wednesday 21 March *Harmony Day*

Friday 23 March

Family Welcome Night (Play4Life)

Week 9

Monday 26 March

Palm Sunday Re-Enactment - 10.20am

Wednesday 28 March

Last Supper Re-Enactment - 10.20am

Thursday 29 March

Stations of the Cross Re-Enactment - 2.15pm

Friday 30 March *Good Friday (Public Holiday)*

Week 10

Monday 2 April *Easter Monday (Public Holiday)*

Tuesday 3 April *Easter Tuesday (Public Holiday)*

Thursday 5 April *Interschool Swimming*

Aqualife, Vic Park

Week 11

Monday 9 April *Yr 6 Adventure Day*

Tuesday 10 April

Parent Meeting - Confirmation

Friday 13 April *Whole School Mass - 9am*

STUDENTS' LAST DAY

Prayer for Harmony Day

God of Love,

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of people you have created.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and help us to value the gifts we have to offer one another.

Help us to always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and harmony in our world.

May we show respect to all people and remember, and appreciate,

that we are one country,

one people,

with many stories.

Amen

Adapted from Joanne Doueichi from DLS Revesby Heights



Our 1M Class celebrating Harmony Day

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Term one is travelling along very swiftly. Over the past few weeks teachers have been carrying out assessments with their students to gauge the levels they are at present in their academic progress. This data is used to inform our planning in teaching and learning and to ensure that we are catering for the educational needs of individual students. We will also carry out these assessments at the end of the year to see the progress made by students and as a whole school.

I encourage parents and caregivers to regularly meet with teachers to discuss their child's or children's progress so that the school and home work in close partnership to support and guide students to reach their full potential.



Harmony Day Celebrations

St Munchin's celebrated our diversity in culture, customs and food. We thank Mrs Marangoni, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Gonsalves for their preparation and co-ordination of the many activities for our students. Heartfelt thanks is also extended to Mrs Van Der Wel for preparing a special menu for Harmony Day. Thank you to Janene Gradisen, Robyn Wall, Sharon and Kalan Massam and Briony Bermingham for your time and support to Mrs Van Der Wel.

Family Welcome Night *Friday 23 March* commencing at 5.30pm in the undercover area

We are looking forward to many of our families joining us for rotation activities followed by a sausage sizzle. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in fun activities with your children and then spend some time mingling with other families in the school. If you have not informed the school that you will be attending please let us know how many children and adults will be coming in order that we cater for the sausage sizzle. The cost for a sausage sizzle and a drink is \$4.

Swimming Carnival

The Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival was held on Monday at Aqualife. Thanks to Mr Marino for the wonderful organisation which kept the carnival running smoothly. Thanks also to the team captains, class teachers and parent helpers as well as our parent and grandparent supporters. The excellent team effort ensured an enjoyable day for all. All students, even those who are not strong swimmers, participated well and gave their very best.

Easter

We are only one week away from celebrating Easter. Classes have been reflecting and learning about the true meaning of Easter during the season of Lent. God sent His only son Jesus so that he would be sacrificed for the salvation of all by dying on the cross for our sins and then rising on the third day, to give us new life.

Next week, some classes will be presenting re-enactments of the main events of Holy Week. On Monday 26th March, Preprimary and Year 5 students will be re-enacting Jesus' entrance in Jerusalem. This will take place at 10.20am in the undercover area. On Wednesday, 28th March the Year 4 students will re-enact the Last Supper at 10.20am in the undercover area. On Thursday, the Year 6 students will lead us in a Stations of the Cross liturgy which will be held in the church commencing at 2.15pm.

As a Catholic School we encourage you to take your children to the Easter Services in your parish. This is a very practical way of truly understanding the meaning of Easter.

Easter Break

School Closes for the Easter Break on Thursday 29th March and re-opens on Wednesday 4th April. Please Note: *Out of School Care will **NOT** be open on Tuesday April 3rd.*

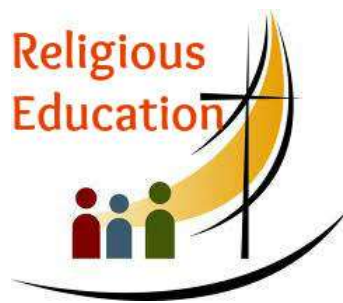
Principal's Study Leave

From the 4th April until 27th April I will be joining 29 Principal colleagues on a Study Tour in Canada. During my absence Mr Musitano, assisted by Miss Harrison will be taking care of the school.

Wishing you and your family a holy, safe and blessed Easter.

God Bless

Rob Romeo
Principal



Preparing for Holy Week

*"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Blessed is the king of Israel!" [John 12:13](#)*

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of the most sacred week in the church calendar. Palm Sunday is significant because it marks the beginning of Holy Week, and the day Jesus began His journey through betrayal, suffering and death to the glory of Resurrection. As we prepare to enter Holy Week may we look to the cross and remember "that there is no true love without suffering, there is no gift of life without pain." - Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus's life, lived in love and service of others teaches us, especially during Holy Week, that friendship and laughter, pain and sorrow, humility and compassion, birth and death are God's gifts to us. What we must decide is how we will use them and whether we will use them to bring life or death to others.

As we enter this sacred Holy Week, may we be inspired to respond in love to whatever life places before us. May we, with Jesus, rise above the darkness and negativity of this world to be a light of hope for the world.

Holy Week Mass Times ***Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament***

Holy Thursday 29th March
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 30th March
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 31st March
7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 1st April
7.30am & 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation
After Good Friday Services
11.00am – noon Holy Saturday





Looking for Lego

If anyone has any Lego they would like to donate to our school for children to play with during lunchtime, we'd love to take it off your hands. Please drop any donations to the front office.



School Furniture

The school is clearing old furniture which is in excellent condition. The school is offering the furniture items to parents and caregivers for a very low price. If you are interested in purchasing furniture items please contact the school office and we will arrange for you to have a look at items. Items include tables, bookshelves, teacher's desks, student desks and chairs.



Enrolments 2019 and Beyond

Interviews for 2019 Kindergarten will commence at the beginning of term two. Parents and caregivers are reminded that enrolment of siblings is necessary as it does not happen automatically. Parents and caregivers are urged to obtain enrolment forms now and lodge them as soon as possible. If you are aware of new families intending to enrol their child/ren at St Munchin's please inform them to contact the school office to obtain enrolment information.

Parish families who do not have children enrolled at St Munchin's and who may be considering enrolling are encouraged to contact the school and obtain information. You may also arrange an appointment with the Principal to discuss enrolment and have a guided tour of the school.



Health Care Card

Parents wishing to apply for a Health Care Card or Pension Card discount for this year's school fees are required to meet with me. Please call 9234 7555 or email 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 or Pension Card, full fees will be charged.



The following items are available from the office:

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		

Chair Bags and Desk Mats for both Yrs 1-3 and Yrs 4-6 are now available for purchase.



You are invited to the Mazenod College, Open Day, Thursday 12 April from 3:30-6:00pm.



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COLLEGE**

Mazenod College is set in the picturesque Lesmurdie Hills on 22 acres overlooking Perth city. Our campus is a tranquil environment of tall trees, open areas and purpose-built facilities designed for boys to flourish. We believe we provide the perfect balance of educational, sporting, cultural, spiritual, recreational and personal pursuits to support your son.

Open Day is the perfect opportunity to come and see for yourself. Talk to students, staff and parents and experience why a Mazenod education is so special.

Afternoon tea and a sausage sizzle will be available after your tour
Gladys Road, Lesmurdie – Ph: 9291 1500 www.mazenod.wa.edu.au

- 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