

# 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 3 Week 4  
Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

*Find happiness in making others happy.*  
Mary MacKillop 1889



## Dates to Remember

Please note amendments to Term Dates will be advised via the newsletter, special notes, class dojo and the school diary.

### Week 1

Tuesday 17 July *First Day for Students*

Friday 20 July *Performing Arts Opening Mass*

### Week 2

Tuesday 24 July *Parent Meeting First Eucharist*

Thursday 26 July *Inters X-Country*

*School Audit*

Friday 27 July *Whole School Mass 9.00am*

### Week 3

Tuesday 31 July *Yr 6 Performing Arts*

*School Board 6.30pm*

### Week 4

Monday 6 August *BRLA Yr 5*

*Junior Choir Performing Arts*

Tuesday 7 August *P&F Meeting 6.30pm*

Wednesday 8 August

*Senior Choir Performing Arts*

Thursday 9 August *First Eucharist Retreat*

Friday 10 August *Yr 5 Assembly*

### Week 5

Monday 13 August *BRLA Yr 3*

Tuesday 14 August *Yr 5 Excursion*

Wednesday 15 August

*Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass 9am*

Thursday 16 August *NAIDOC Incursion, PP-Yr 6*

Friday 17 August *Snr Choir Performing Arts*

### Week 6 Book Week

Tuesday 21 August *School Board 6.30pm*

Friday 24 August *Yr 6 Adventure Day*

### Week 7

Wednesday 29 August *P&F Fathers' Day Stall*

*Faction Jumps*

Friday 31 August *Fathers' Day Breakfast*

*Faction Track Carnival*

### Week 8

Friday 7 September *Yr 2 Mass 9.00am*

*Performing Arts Assembly*

### Week 9

Monday 10 September *Performing Arts Concert*

Tuesday 11 September *Learning Journey*

Wednesday 12 September *Yr 2 Excursion*

Friday 14 September *Yr 3 Assembly*

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September

*Enrolment Mass First Penance*

**Week 10** Tuesday 18 September *School Board*

Friday 21 September *Grandparents' Mass*

***On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August the Church celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint.***

St Mary MacKillop (Mary of the Cross) our first Australian saint, had a passion to ensure that education was available to poor children right across the Australian countryside. She went to extraordinary means and difficulties to pursue her calling and have her sisters travel to where the greatest need existed. She exhibited courage, trust, openness and raw faith in her deliberations and actions.

Relying on the providence of God, Mary provided care for neglected children, girls in danger and for the aged, poor and incurably ill, as well as refuge for women off the streets or newly from jail. She is remembered for her significant contribution to education, her care of the poor and her willingness to forgive those who caused her great pain.

St Mary MacKillop said "You should never see a need without doing something to fix it." Today we ask Mary MacKillop to pray for us and help us to reach out to those who most need our love.

***Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.***

***With confidence in your generous providence  
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop  
we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop,  
may live with courage, trust and openness.***

***Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
Make us people of hope  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

Term 3 continues to progress smoothly and we are delighted with the enthusiasm and engagement of our students. During the past two weeks, the junior and senior choirs and individual students have performed in The Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival achieving very pleasing results on their performance. A special performing arts assembly will be held later in the term to acknowledge the accomplishments and present inscribed certificates when they arrive.

I congratulate the students and the teachers for their hard work in preparing for the wonderful support received from our parents. Please turn the page for some of the photos we captured this week. We will endeavour to include more photos of our talented students in the next newsletter.

### **Interschool Cross Country**

Recently students from years 4-6 competed in our interschool cross-country amongst six local Catholic Schools. I am pleased to report that we finished second overall. A wonderful achievement by our participants.

### **Uniform Review Progress**

Thank you to all who completed the uniform survey conducted last term. We received approximately 130 responses from parents, students and teachers. The majority of our community is very satisfied with most of our uniform items with only a few items requiring review. These include the white sports top, the school tracksuit, school socks and unisex sports shorts for both boys and girls.

A committee including parents and teachers has been formed and is currently meeting with distributors and viewing samples. The committee will negotiate to keep costs reasonable and ensure the availability of stock. I will keep you informed of the outcomes as they come to hand. The new uniform items will be introduced over a 2-3 year phase in period.

### **NAIDOC Incursion**

All classes will participate in an incursion to celebrate NAIDOC on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. The classes will participate in activities on a rotational basis facilitated by a visiting team. The activities will highlight some aspects of our Indigenous culture.



**commences 20<sup>th</sup> August**

This week will include activities to promote the enjoyment of reading as a pleasure activity as well as for gaining of information. The P and F will be sponsoring a PYJAMA DRESS UP DAY to promote bedtime reading. Specific details will follow in a special note.



### **First Eucharist**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August students from Year 4 and the parish will receive the Eucharist for the first time. As a community, we pray for the candidates, their parents, caregivers and teachers as they prepare for this very special sacrament.

### **Car Park Incident**

It has come to my attention that an incident involving two vehicles in a minor accident has been widely broadcast on social media. This has caused distress for those involved. As a school who strives to promote values of compassion and mercy we must be mindful of the privacy and confidentiality of ALL community members, which is also, part of our enrolment agreement.

### **Summer Uniform Orders 2018-19**

A Summer Uniform Order form has been sent home for each student from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Orders must be received by **17<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. Sizes outside the normal range are available and may incur a slight increase. It is imperative that you place an order as we can only order once a season. As refunds are not given, please make sure you order the correct size for your child.

### ***An Important Message for Parents of Pre-Primary Students***

A special fitting day has been arranged for you on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August** from 9am in the Uniform Shop.

### **Feast of the Assumption**

I invite you to join us in a Whole School Mass on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August, Mrs Hogan, Mr Rechichi, Ms Carroll, Mrs Weber and 51 members of the **St Munchin's Junior Choir** went by bus to St Benedict's Church in Applecross to present in the Liturgical Choral Music section at the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. We looked terrific - very smart indeed with our fancy hairclips and green bowties!

We sang two songs, written by Andrew Chinn: We Gather At Your Table, and An African Blessing. We sounded great.

Thank you to the parents who went along to support us. It was wonderful to see familiar, loving faces in the large crowd. Thank you so much to Mr Rechichi, Ms Carroll and Mrs Weber for helping with everything!

Please don't worry if you missed seeing us as we will be presenting to the school community later in the term.



Opening Mass



Bible Reading

## Year 6 Stations of the Cross Re-enactment



## Piano Solos



## Vocal Solos



### HOW TO BOOK INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### **PERTH CONCERT HALL**

Website Bookings:  
[www.perthconcerthall.com.au](http://www.perthconcerthall.com.au)

Phone Bookings  
Perth Concert Hall Box Office  
9231 9999

In Person  
Perth Concert Hall Box Office  
Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

- 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