

ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 5
Thursday, 9th November 2017

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.



On 11 November 1918 at 11am, the guns of the Western Front fell silent. It was the end of the First World War. Since then, the 11th November (Remembrance Day) has been important, as a day for all Australians to stop, remember and pray for those who fought and died for our freedom.

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 10 October P&F Meeting – 7.00pm

Friday 13 October Whole School Mass – 9.00am

Week 2

Tuesday 17 October Eagles Mascot 11am

First Penance Parent Meeting & School Board

Wednesday 18 October Anti Poverty Mass 11am

Friday 20 October P&F Disco

Week 3

Wednesday 25 October Interschool Field Carnival

Friday 27 October Interschool Track Carnival

Week 4

Monday & Tuesday 30/31 October

School Cyclical Review

Friday 3 November Yr 4 Mass – 9.00am

Week 5

Tuesday 7 November Pre-Primary 2018 Meeting

Tuning into Kids (school hall) 12.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 8 November Kindy Sports Carnival

First Penance – 6.00pm

Thursday & Friday 9/10 November Spelling Bee

Week 6

Tuesday 14 November Tuning into Kids 12.30pm

P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday 16 November Kindergarten Transition

Friday 17 November Yr 5 Mass – 9.00am

Yr 3 Assembly – 2.20pm

Deacon Konrad's Ordination 7.30pm

Sunday 19 November

Fr Konrad's Thanksgiving Mass

Week 7

Tuesday 21 November Tuning into Kids 12.30pm

School AGM 7.00pm

Friday 24 November Pre-Primary Assembly

Sunday 26 November Choir Singing for SVDP

Week 8

Monday 27 November Transition PPrimary to Yr 6

Tuesday 28 November Tuning into Kids 12.30pm

Friday 1 December Yr 6 Assembly 2.20pm

Multi Cultural Family Fun Night

Week 9

Monday 4 December Snr Choir Buckley Centre

Tuesday 5 December Yr 6 Graduation Mass 9am

Tuning into Kids (school hall) 12.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 6 December

Book-list Shop & Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Friday 8 December Whole School Mass 9.00am

Yr 6 Lunch

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Week 10 Tuesday 12 December Tuning into Kids

Our reflection today is "The Ode" taken from the poem "For the Fallen", a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon

They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget



God of Peace,
You want nothing more than for all your children on earth to
love each other as you love us.
Give us the courage and strength
to do everything in love
so that we can help bring peace to our families,
communities and to our world.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

With only just over 4 weeks remaining, students and teachers are diligently working to maximise engagement and learning. Teachers are preparing student reports which will be provided for the students in the last week of term. The remainder of the term will continue to be busy with a variety of events happening. These are listed on the front of the newsletter, school calendar, on the website and special notices and flyers.

Year Level Arrangements

Teachers will be arranging students in classes for next year based on our Splitting into Grades Policy which is on the school website. Parents/Caregivers who have requests must put these in writing addressed to the Principal by 25th of November. These requests will be taken into consideration but the final decision rests with the school. Writing to the Principal with your requests is not a guarantee that your child/ren will be allocated to your requested class.

Reconciliation

On Wednesday evening many of our year three students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We extend our community prayers to the students, their families and teachers.

I thank the teachers for their guidance and preparation of the students, our families for the support and Fr Philip and Miss Harrison for co-ordinating the preparation program.

School Cyclic Review

As you are aware St Munchin's School Cyclic review was held last Monday and Tuesday. The panel of Mrs Sue Fox, Mr Andrew Colley, Ms Therese Hussey and Mr Tim Wong expressed their gratitude and affirmation to all members who participated in the process and were grateful in experiencing the day to day life of our wonderful school.

I extend our thanks to the panel for spending the two days in our school and providing the school with positive affirmation for many of the programs in place for our students and also discussing ideas that we can consider in the future.

School Board and P&F and Community AGM

As advertised this community event will take place on Tuesday November 21st commencing at 7pm in the school hall.

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to present reports on the progress of 2017 and election of members to the School Board and P and F Committees. The School Board requires up to three more members and all positions in the P and F are open.

Please consider offering your services as a member of one of the above committees as your input is valued and appreciated and benefits the school community in general.

Special Forms containing details of the AGM and nomination forms were sent home two weeks ago. If you did not receive this information from your child you may collect copies from the school office.

Deacon Konrad's Ordination

Deacon Konrad has been assisting Fr Philip in the parish over the past 18 months and has been not only a wonderful asset but has become one of our family members at St Munchin's School.

Deacon Konrad will be ordained as a priest on Friday November 17. Let us keep Deacon Konrad in our prayers as he prepares to be ordained.

Inspirational Quotes

"Education is for improving the lives of others and leaving your community and world better than you found it."
Marian Wright

*"All children have stories to; try to listen.
All children have fears; try to ease them.
All children have abilities; try to nurture them."*
Carol Mooney

Have a safe and blessed fortnight!

Kind regards
Rob Romeo

CODING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS ***Preparing Students for their Future, not Ours***

When today's students leave school, they will enter a world that is vastly different to the one we entered after our schooling, even if it was just 10 years ago. Nearly every job today requires some knowledge of digital technologies.

Next year all Australian schools will be implementing and reporting on 'The new Digital Technology curriculum'. This is not about creating a generation of computer programmers, it is about ensuring that every possible door is open to our students when they leave education to enter the workforce. Education needs to prepare students for their fast-changing, unpredictable and exciting futures. As the new curriculum is officially rolled out across Australia this year, I have strong hopes that this will be achieved.

To help your child to develop their skills in coding/computational thinking we are running two workshops for parents.

The first will be held in the IT room next Wednesday, 15th November, from 9.00 - 10.00 am. Please feel free to bring your younger children with you.

The second workshop will be held also in the IT room on the evening of Thursday 7/12/17 from 6.30 - 7.30pm. Please try to leave younger children at home on this day.

If you would like to attend any of these workshops then please return the slip below before the date of the workshop.

Meanwhile, you might find the links below useful:

<http://www.thetechknowparent.com/>
<https://studio.code.org/home>
<https://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/>
<https://www.typing.com/>
<https://www.bebras.edu.au/bebras365/>

Mrs Stockley
IT Teacher

Name:

Name of child:.....

I would like to attend the workshop on:

Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 9am

or

Thursday 7th December 2017 at 6.30pm

(from <https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/coding-in-the-classroom> and <https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/coding-in-the-classroom>)