



St Munchin's Catholic School

Dear parents and caregivers

It is an understatement to say that the course of this school term has been unprecedented for our school community. It has been an unsettling time for all of us, however I could not be more proud or thankful to the staff of this school who have worked above and beyond during this time. There has been an immense workload in setting up devices for sending home, preparing the students in readiness, creating the online lessons and compiling comprehensive take-home packs.

Today, in effect, brings a close to Term One. I wholeheartedly thank the parents who supported their children in the new environment of attending to their online learning from home. While the experience may at times have been taxing and frustrating for all concerned, hopefully it was also rewarding and satisfying. Next week, I will be sending out a brief survey to ask for your feedback on how we can improve the experience for you and your children. Please take the time to respond so that we can make the continuing journey of online learning both fruitful and engaging for everyone.

This past week, the school has accommodated a small number of students whose parents/carers attended to essential services. The same provision will be made for these students next week until Thursday 9th of April.

I must repeat however, that all parents and carers are still urged to keep their children at home unless they are unable to work from home, and their employment satisfies the essential services criteria. If you have not already done so, please advise **before midday today**, that your child/children will need to be at school next week. Do so by emailing admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au.

At this stage I have no information regarding how next term will look, however all teachers will spend next week, their final week of term, in preparation for online learning to recommence on Tuesday 28th April. This is the scheduled end of the holiday break. You will certainly be notified as more information comes to hand.

Sadly, we do have a change to our staffing list as I have received a letter of resignation from Geraldine Rowland who has extended her long service leave of the first term, into a more permanent break. Geraldine has worked at St Munchin's for over 25 years and we are deeply indebted to her for her work as a classroom teacher in many year levels during this time. She will be sorely missed and will be celebrated appropriately at a school mass once such things are back in place. Melissa Hibben will continue to teach Year 3M until the end of the year. Miss Hibben is already a valued member of our St Munchin's community and both staff and students are delighted to be able to work with her for another three terms.

Mr Romeo will return from his long service leave next term and all of us, me especially, look forward to his direction, his leadership and his continued and invaluable contributions to our school community.

Have a safe and restful break everyone, and once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Joe Musitano.

Acting Principal