

# 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 1 Week 2  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

God of our past, our present and our future,  
God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,  
Be love in us as we journey through this new school year.

Be our inner vision, that we may see life through your eyes,  
Be our inner hearing, that we may listen well for your call,  
Be our inner judgment, so we may discern clearly  
That which gives life, promotes growth, and nurtures love.

As we move into this school year,  
Fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,  
So that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope.  
Amen

*From an unknown author*

## Dates to Remember

Please note dates for Year Assemblies and Class Masses are to be confirmed.

**Week 1** Monday 3 February *First day for students*  
Friday 7 February *Whole School Mass 9:00am*

### Week 2

**Week 3** *Swimming Lessons*  
Tuesday 18 February *P&F Meeting 7:00pm*  
Wednesday 19 February  
*Parent Information Night 6.00-7.30pm*

### Week 4

*Swimming Lessons*  
Tuesday 25 February *Shrove Tuesday*  
Wednesday 26 February  
*Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00am*

### Week 5

Monday 2 March *Labour Day (Holiday)*

### Week 6

Monday 9 March *Snr Faction Swimming Carnival*  
Friday 13 March *Yr 3 Mass 9:00am*

### Yr 4 Assembly

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 March  
*Enrolment Mass Confirmation*

### Week 7

Monday 16 March *Jnr Faction Swimming Carnival*  
Friday 20 March *Crazy Hair for Caritas Day*  
Saturday 21 March *Harmony Day*

### Week 8

Wednesday 25 March  
*Project Compassion Launch – Sacred Heart*  
Friday 27 March *Yr 2 Mass 9:00am*

### Week 9

Monday 30 March *Interschool Swimming Carnival*  
Friday 3 April *Yr 5 Assembly*

### Week 10

Monday 6 April *Pre-Primary Palm Sunday Re-enactment*

Tuesday 7 April *School Photographs*

*Yr 6 Cricket Carnival*

Wednesday 8 April *School Photographs*

*Yr 4 Last Supper Re-enactment*

Thursday 9 April *Stations of the Cross*

*Yr 6 Re-enactment*

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

### Did you know?

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from last year's Palm Sunday palm branches.

These branches are then burned down into a fine powder and, are mixed with holy water or chrism oil to create a light paste.



## The Season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday Mass 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am

What do ashes, no meat on Fridays, 40 days and Mardi Gras have in common? They're all symbols associated with the Church season known as Lent—the 40 days preceding the holiest days of our Church calendar, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter).

Why 40 days? Well, throughout the Bible there are references to events taking place over 40 days or years, such as the Israelites' 40 years in the desert or Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the desert. In the biblical sense, "Forty days is another way of saying 'long enough' or 'enough time,'" according to *The Lent, Triduum and Easter Answer Book*, by Paul J. Niemann.

We begin those 40 days on Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our desire to become more like Jesus. The importance of this tradition is to remind us that we are entering a period of prayer and spiritual renewal, fasting and almsgiving.



We will celebrate the start of Lent by joining with the parish for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 26 February at 9.00am. We hope you can join us!

Susan Hines-Brigger <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/the-many-customs-of-lent/>



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Welcome back for the 2020 school year. I trust that you had a joyous festive season and a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your family. It is always a pleasure to have the students return, and they and the teachers have settled into routines quickly and smoothly.

**Parent /Caregiver Information Night: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February commencing 6.00pm**

The information night for parents from Year 1 to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 6.00pm with a community gathering in the school hall. The class teachers will present two information sessions. One beginning at 6.35pm and one at 7.05pm in the classrooms. At least one parent/caregiver must attend. Very important information will be provided and student and parent expectations will be covered. A crèche will be provided for those unable to find suitable care for their child/ren. This will be held in the Early Learning block.

Those unable to attend for some reason will be contacted by class teachers to arrange an appointment to meet at a suitable time.

**Student Supervision and Bell Times**

Student supervision commences at 8.30am each day and ends at 3.30pm. Students are discouraged from arriving at school before 8.30am but should they be here early, all students must sit in their designated areas. First bell sounds at 8.35am and lessons and instruction commence at 8.40am. Students arriving after 8.35 am are **Late**.

**School Uniform Phase**

The phase in period for the uniform changes is well under way and will continue this year. From the beginning of 2021 all students must be in new uniform items which are now included in the Uniform Order Form.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that apart from white socks, all other items must be purchased from the school uniform shop.

Black shoes must be worn with school uniform and **predominantly white joggers for sport**.

**Swimming Lessons**

These commence for Yr 1-6 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. All students will be participating in these lessons as they are part of our sports curriculum. Mr Marino has sent home a special note with comprehensive details and permission slip. **Please complete and return the permission slip to your child's class teacher.**

**Parents and Friends Meeting**

The first meeting of the St Munchin's Parents and friends for 2020 will take place next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7.00pm in the school staff room. You are cordially invited to attend as the meeting is for all parents and caregivers. The wonderful fundraising and social events arranged by the committee contribute immensely to the education of our students.

**Term Calendar and Year Planner**

The calendar for Term 1 will be emailed to you shortly, and this calendar as well as the Year Planner will be posted on our website for easy reference.

**School Fees**

Accounts detailing 2020 school fees will be sent home with your child shortly. You may call in to the office to pay your account annually or over three terms by cash or cheque or EFTPOS. If you do choose to pay your account by term, please note that payment must be made in the last week of the term. St Munchin's utilises the services of the Catholic Development Fund as a means of paying your school fees by direct debit. Please ask for an application form from the office or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)

**Health Care Card Discount**

Parents are invited to apply for a Health Care Card or Pension Card discount for this year's school fees. Please call into the office this term with your current Health Care Card.

The staff and students are looking forward to a rewarding and fruitful year and we appreciate the support and cooperation of our parents and caregivers.

Have a terrific fortnight!

Kind regards

Joe Musitano, *Acting Principal*

Accessing [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au) and the 'My Internet' Desktop and 'My Classes' pages from home.....

## Children with Medical Requirements / Medic Alerts

St Munchin's requires a medical form to be completed for **all children** who need to take any form of medication or have a medical condition of which the school staff needs to be made aware. If you have kept medication in the office from last year, please call in to check the expiry date. It is important that if your child requires medication, particularly over Weeks 3 and 4 with swimming lessons, that this medication is handed in to the class teacher or the office.



## At St Munchin's we have students with severe (life threatening) allergies to nuts, coconut, fish and seafood.

Please support us in providing a safe environment for all our students. By avoiding these foods in the school we help to create a safer environment for them.

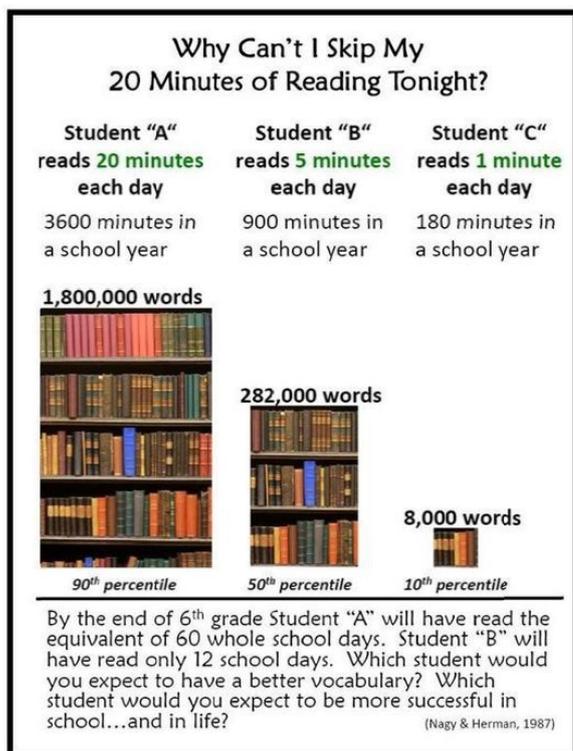
Children with severe allergies only need to touch or inhale the scent of certain foods to have severe reactions. Please remind your child/children not to share food with their friends or other students.

**Wherever possible please avoid the following foods in your child's lunchbox:**

**\* Nuts \* Nut bars\* Peanut Paste \* Nutella \* Coconut \* Satay sauces \* Fish \* Seafood**



## The Importance of Regular Home Reading



*You were your child's first teacher and you taught them many important skills, including how to speak. Your child will experience the most success in Reading when school and home work together.*

It is an expectation at St. Munchin's that children read at home each night (Monday-Thursday) for at least 10-20 minutes. Children will have a Home Reading folder until they reach Level 30 and their book will be changed daily. Longer books may need 2 or 3 nights to complete. If your child has not finished reading the book, please do not sign the folder so the book is not changed.

Once children have achieved Level 30, Home Reading does not stop. Children will then move to Lexile books (borrowed from the library) and they are expected to complete an online quiz after reading each book to check their comprehension.

.....Click on the link from the St Munchin's home page

OR Go to [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet)>Student Username>Password

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11 Feb 2020

Every year, at St. Munchin's, we celebrate Safer Internet Day by delivering lessons on e-safety to all children from Pre-Primary through to Year 6.

Safer Internet Day is a worldwide event that raises awareness about online safety and encourages everyone to help create a better internet.

Celebrated in 150 countries, Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission. In Australia, the eSafety Commissioner is responsible for managing and promoting Safer Internet Day.

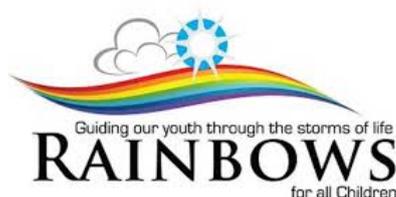
In 2019, a record 500+ Safer Internet Day champions helped us spread critical online safety skills to over 10 million Australians.

You can help to reinforce messages about internet safety by talking to your children about the activities they did at school and also by visiting this website to find out what you can do at home to protect your children:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



**Safer Internet Day**  
**2020** | Tuesday  
11 February  
**Together for a better internet**

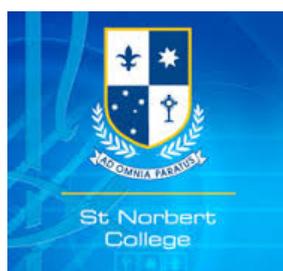


The main goal of the Rainbows Program is to provide a safe place for children to express their feelings in relation to grief and loss – loss of a parent through death, separation or divorce, death of a sibling or grandparent, or any other major crisis or loss in their lives. When something significant happens in a family, the whole family is affected, yet because of age and short life experience, children can find it difficult to verbalise their feelings. If you would like your child to participate in Rainbows, complete and return the permission sent home with this newsletter.

### Parent Contact Details

The school needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date. On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone. Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making day time contact by phone or email difficult. We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible. **Please call into the office to advise any changes, phone 9234 7555 or email**

[admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)



### OPEN DAY FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020

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 1.00pm.

### Enrolments for Year 7 in 2022

We will commence our enrolments for 2022. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.

- 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