

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.

Dates to Remember

Week 2

Tuesday 9 February

Parent Information Session via Seesaw

Week 3

Wednesday 17 February *Ash Wednesday*

Whole School Mass 9:00am

Week 4

Wednesday 24 February *Swimming Time Trials*

Kaboom Incursion (Kindy to Yr 2) 11:30am

& (Yrs 3 to 6) 1:30pm

Friday 26 February *Yr 5 Mass 9:00am*

Week 5

Monday 1 March *Labour Day (Holiday)*

Thursday 4 March *Go Crazy for Caritas Day*

Week 6

Wednesday 10 March *Senior Swimming Carnival*

Thursday 11 March *Yr 6 to Parliament House*

Friday 12 March *Yr 2 Mass 9:00am*

Saturday / Sunday 13 / 14 March

Enrolment Mass Confirmation

Week 7

Monday 17 March *Jnr Faction Swimming Carnival*

Thursday 18 March *Yr 6 Adventure Day*

Friday 19 March *Yr 4 Assembly*

Week 8

Tuesday 23 March

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Friday 26 March *Yr 1 Class Liturgy*

Week 9

Monday 29 March *Yr 6 Cricket Carnival*

Wednesday 31 March

Yr 4 Re-enactment of the Last Supper

Thursday 1 April

Yr 6 Re-enactment of Stations of the Cross

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Among the beautiful, meaningful and solemn ceremonies of the Catholic Church is the gathering of the faithful on Ash Wednesday.

This special day begins our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. We call it Ash Wednesday because it is the day, Christians around the world traditionally receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads as a sign of their desire to change their lives to become more like Jesus. God's people have used this sign for hundreds of years. The ashes come from burnt palms which were used to celebrate Palm Sunday the previous year. This cross of ashes tells friends and neighbours that we are not perfect, and that we know we are not perfect, but that we are trying to grow more into the people God destined us to be by loving and serving others as Jesus did.

Year One to Year Six will gather to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am Wednesday morning. Kindy and Pre Primary will celebrate with a prayer in their classroom and a visit from Fr Philip.

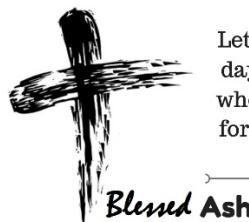
*Loving God,
be with us in a special way during this time of Lent
so that we can become people of love and service.*

*Help us to think about how we treat others,
the way we act, the way we live our lives,
and how we can look to the needs of others rather than our own.
May our fasting lead us to hunger for justice;*

*our alms-giving help us bring peace and
our prayer be the chant of a humble and grateful heart.*

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to finally commence the 2021 school year after we all adhered to the requirement from WA Health last week to extend the holidays.

As the new Principal of St Munchin's Catholic School, I feel incredibly blessed and fortunate to have joined the community and have already witnessed first-hand the professionalism, dedication and pastoral care of the staff.

There is a common belief in Catholic education that "we all walk in the footsteps of giants". This statement is usually in reference to those amazing Religious Orders, predominantly Sisters, who founded our schools. In the St Munchin's context, this was of course the amazing Sisters of Mercy. Mr Rob Romeo, becomes part of this history and legacy, and I wish to acknowledge his work, and the manner in which he has handed over and prepared me for my years ahead serving the community.

On Tuesday morning I received a wonderful "Wanjoo" (Welcome) from the students and staff. I took the opportunity of discussing with the students what my purpose or function is as Principal; I need to keep the students safe; I must strive to make them happy; If I can do this well, then we will be able to allow students to learn. Finally, I need to "Keep Making Jesus Real" for everyone! Whilst I recognise that there are many other layers and tasks I need to perform, I wanted our students and indeed the staff and wider community to be aware of my aspiration.

I arrive at St Munchin's having been a Principal and School Leader in Catholic Schools across Australia for twenty years. I am married to Tracy (also a Teacher) and have four children; Niamh 17, Bridie 15, Caoimhe 13 and Tadhg 11 – I love how in a multi-cultural and diverse society that we maintain aspects of our culture and tradition, such as the names of our children reflecting my wife's birthplace, Ireland. We also share another tradition in the Duffy family...we are all Richmond supporters!

We also welcome the families who have also commenced in our community this week (Pre Primary – Year 6):

Rol Sa Lin Rabbitt Yogachchandran	Estrella Diggs / Gomado Sathyathan	Tan Yotar Taiki	Bok Cruz Harris-Anand
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and our new families who commenced in Kindy on Tuesday:

Ngeth Xing Bombita Canisius Wang	Farmer Yusof Cooray Paul Kabeya Gill	Nicholls Mulchay McCagh Chahal Graham McKenzie	Hall Adupa Lackovic Jayamuthalvan Akwuzie
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I pray that each new student and their families feel welcomed and part of the St Munchin's community.

I look forward to leading, serving and learning from you all, this year and for the years ahead.

Live Christ in Your Hearts...Forever

Kevin Duffy | Principal



School Entry Procedures for Parents (COVID Planning-Week 3)

As we will not receive any official announcements about restrictions next week until the weekend, we intend on maintaining our current processes for parent entry onsite and in classrooms next week.

The continued wearing of face masks will be determined by the Government and will be followed by St Munchin's staff and community members as directed.



Accessing 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.



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

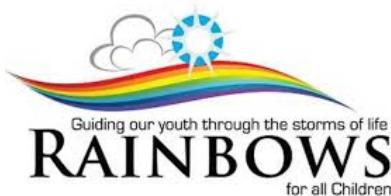
Please support us in providing a safe environment for all our students. By avoiding these foods in the school we help to create a safer environment for them.

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 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.

Our school will **start the chat** about online safety to celebrate Safer Internet Day which was **Tuesday 9 February 2021**.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the safe and positive use of digital technology. It's also a good time to explore the role we can all play in creating a better online community.

This global campaign is celebrated by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!

- Join our parent webinar [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).
- Visit [safety.gov.au/SID](#) for tips to start the chat at school, at home and in your community.

We can all
start the chat
about online safety

Find out how at [esafety.gov.au/sid](#)



.....Click on the link from the St Munchin's home page
OR Go to www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au/myinternet>Student Username>Password

Attachments to this newsletter:

- Student Medication Request Record 2021
- Email Database 2021
- Student Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) 2021
- The Rainbows Programme 2021
- Publicity and the Use of Student Images

SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR SALE

With some classrooms receiving new furniture this year, there is a supply of chairs, desks and storage furniture available for purchase and collection. It is all in good condition and good for many years of use. If you could use any of these items, contact the office on 92347555 and ask to speak to Joe Musitano.

The image consists of a 3x3 grid of photographs of school furniture. Each photograph is accompanied by a yellow starburst containing the item's name and price. The items are:

- 2m cupboard \$20 (top left)
- Horizontal book-case \$20 (top middle)
- 3 shelf unit \$20 (top right)
- Horizontal cupboard \$30 (bottom left)
- Single desk & chair package \$10 (bottom middle)
- Double desk and chair package \$20 (bottom right)
- 2m table \$10 (bottom left, separate from the grid)
- Chairs available \$5 each (bottom right, in a separate box)