



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

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*

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

Term 1 Week 4
Thursday, 27th February 2020

Lent is a Time to Choose Direction

Yesterday marked the beginning of Lent, the six weeks leading to Easter. We began this journey celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass. Lent is an opportunity to look again, at who we are, at where we are going in life, at how we're getting to where we say we want to go. The Chinese say, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." But the aimlessness, the confusion, the anomie that goes with it, wears us down, wears us out.

Everybody needs to know that they have lived for something. Everybody has a responsibility to leave this world better than when they found it. Everybody needs to carry light into the darkness of the world around them so that others, too, may follow and find the way.

To go through life with no thought of responsibility for anything other than the self is to live like a leech off the riches of the world around us.

Taken from "A Time to Weep - A Lenten Reflection"

by

Sr Joan Chittister

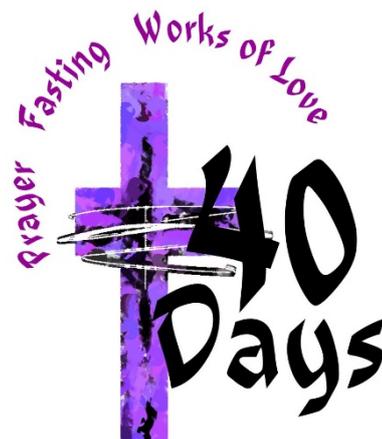
During Lent, we focus on **prayer** to help us to draw closer to God and to each other, we take time to listen to where God is calling us.

Fasting - to help us appreciate the hunger of those who lack the basics of life.

Alms Giving - donating to help our brothers and sisters in need, and working to create a just and fair world for all.

*Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.*

- Author Unknown



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Week four is almost over already and the year well underway here at St Munchin's. A number of physical changes are evident since last year, and these are already much appreciated by the students and teachers. We have new carpentry and cabinets in the IT Room and OSH facilities with more to follow in the office. We have installed a drinking fountain at the end of the oval, and shade sails have been located outside the Year One and Year Three areas.

The year and term have begun at high pace as they always do after the long break over Christmas and New Year.

The parent information night last week was well attended across most year levels. If you were unable to attend, please ensure that you have caught up with your child's class teacher to ensure all relevant information has been passed on. Swimming lessons will be completed this week. Following neatly from this, in the coming weeks we have junior and senior swimming carnivals as well as the inters swimming carnival, so we wish all the students well in their events.

School testing is underway and will involve all students at some point during the coming weeks. The results of these yearly and twice yearly tests allow all our staff to direct their teaching to the needs of the students. The information also gives measures from which we can, as a whole school, gauge our commitment to gain significant academic growth for every child.

Car park care remains a priority in my mind and I have noticed a calm, patient and safe line of cars in the back car park this year so far. Thank you to all the parents and carers involved in maintaining this safe environment both before and especially after school each day. Please continue to adhere to the 8km speed requirement in the front car park.

We anticipate that the term will continue to be busy and look forward to what lies ahead for 2020. Enjoy the long weekend break on Monday.

Have a terrific fortnight!

Kind regards
Joe Musitano
Acting Principal



P&F Sausage Sizzle on 12th March has had to be rescheduled to next term.

All money will be returned.

Thank you for your support.

P&F Team



Enrolments *for* 4-year-old Kindergarten 2021
for children born from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

We invite parents and caregivers to submit an application for enrolment as soon as possible. Please call [9234 7555](tel:92347555) or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Alternatively, you can print an enrolment form from our website www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au

The enrolment process for 2021 starts with the completion of an enrolment form followed by a formal interview with the Principal which will begin towards the end of term one.

If you are aware of relatives and friends who are hoping to enrol their child/ren in 4-year-old Kindergarten for 2021, please encourage them to contact the school to arrange enrolment.

Accessing www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au and the 'My Internet' Desktop and 'My Classes' pages from home.....

Yesterday every child received a Project Compassion Box. This small box has been a tradition in all Catholic schools and parishes for more than 50 years. This box encourages each of us during Lent to try to find ways to go without a luxury to support the poorest of the poor in the world.



In class, your children will be learning about the work of Caritas, how lucky we are to live in Australia and the difference we can make to others less fortunate than ourselves by donating to these boxes.

We want to empower our young people to be compassionate leaders and to believe they have the power to make a difference in the world and in the lives of others. We hope you will support your child in contributing to their box. You can do this by encouraging them to go without a treat and donate the money to their Project Compassion Box or to complete a chore for you at home for pocket money, which they then donate to their box.

You can read about the work of Caritas at <https://www.caritas.org.au/>

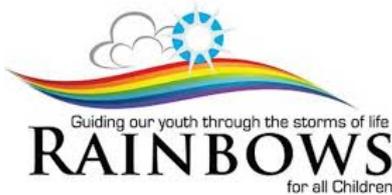
The Barefoot investor in his writings on “how to raise financially fit children” encourages parents to teach their children to have a savings jar, a spending jar and a giving jar to help children develop good financial practices. He says, teaching children to give to others “is a life lesson in contentment – after all, the happiest people on the planet are those who give. It also teaches children that by living in Australia, they’re already among the richest people on the planet, and it puts money in its proper perspective.

<https://barefootinvestor.com/raising-financially-fit-kids/>



Children have the next six weeks of Lent to donate to their Project Compassion Box. When they return them to school, we will thank them at assembly for being a Super Hero and for saving the life of another.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”
Mother Teresa



Once again, we have had many requests for places in the Rainbows Programme. The Programme will commence with groups from Year 3-6 this Semester. (Year 1’s and 2’s will have their chance in Semester 2.) Groups will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, commencing next Wednesday 4th March. If your child is part of the first semester groups they will have received a note, if not their names will be kept for consideration in Semester 2.



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



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.



Food Sensations for Parents



Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 5 years?

Join Foodbank WA's university qualified nutritionists for a fun, interactive healthy eating and cooking program.

Over 5 sessions learn:

- Healthy eating for children aged 0 to 5yrs
- Tips to make mealtimes enjoyable
- Healthy snack and lunchbox ideas
- Feeding the family on a budget
- Quick, easy, delicious low cost recipes



If you would like to register for this program please call 9398 8720 or email AChami@centre.care.com.au



Centrecare acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (particularly the 'Whadjuk' people of the Noongar Nation) as the Traditional Custodians of this country and its waters. We wish to pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend this to all Aboriginal people seeing this message.

A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sue Hart and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 63303126.

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