

# ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## 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.*

A prayer of praise and thanks for ordinary kindnesses

Great God who calls us to belonging,  
Who delights in curiosity, invention, ingenuity.

Praise be for minds that bend and flex despite restriction,  
for bodies that signal love by staying apart.

Praise be for neighbours talking across fences,  
calling from balconies, waving through windows,  
for greetings that cross the space between us.

Praise be for strangers, careful on footpaths,  
for children asking their questions,  
for truth tellers who earn our trust and speak to our fear.

Praise be for friends who warn and affirm and encourage,  
for human warmth in time of distance.  
Praise be.

Julie Perrin, 2020

<https://tellingwords.com.au/collects-in-the-time-of-virus/>



*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!*



*we're all in this together*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have come to the end of our first week for term two. The students who have returned to school have settled in very well and have certainly enjoyed catching up with friends and classmates. It is delightful to hear the happy chatter and to see their beaming smiles as they enthusiastically engage in learning.

Our focus during the COVID-19 is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff, and to provide equitable access to engaging teaching and learning opportunities and pastoral care to all our community members in various forms.

As you are aware teaching and learning is delivered via online platform whether the students are at school or at home. This process is supplemented by learning packs to assist with working from home. This mode of teaching and learning will continue for at least the next two weeks or until further direction is received from the Executive Director of Catholic Education in WA, Dr. Debra Sayce.

The quote from Dr Debra Sayce clearly explains what will happen:

“Every child who attends a Catholic school in the coming days (at home or at school) will receive equitable access to engaging teaching and learning opportunities, and attentive pastoral care. Children will not just be supervised. Children attending school will be taught. Children at home will be taught. The content and mode will be the same. Our schools will ensure that all children, regardless of the choice made by parents will be provided a quality Catholic education.”

On behalf of our wonderful staff, I extend gratitude and appreciation to our students, parents and caregivers for your support and affirming verbal and written comments extended during this challenging time.

The leadership team, teachers and support staff are here to assist you and keep you regularly informed. Please do not hesitate to make contact via Seesaw, email [admin@stmunchins.wa.ed.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.ed.au) or telephone (92347555) should you have any questions.

I would like to thank all parents for their co-operation with drop off and pick up each day.

### **Winter Uniforms**

All students are expected to be in full winter uniform from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. However, with our current climate, our uniform suppliers are struggling to deliver the uniforms we have ordered. We apologise for the delay and will be understanding if some students are not in correct winter uniform in the meantime.

We have been able to fill some of the winter uniform orders and ask that if you have received an email or phone call, please collect your child's uniforms from the office between the hours of 11am and 2pm.

Most importantly, Mrs Van der Wel, our Canteen Manager will now also be running the Uniform Shop on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

### **School Photos**

Our *School Photo Day* which was to take place last term has been rescheduled to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September in Term 3.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2021**

The interview process for enrolments will take place towards the end of term two. Children turning four years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Parents/Caregivers are urged to complete the application form located on the school website [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au) or contact the school office on 92347555 and request an enrolment package to be mailed to you. If you are aware of new families intending enrolling their child/ren at St Munchin's please encourage them to commence the process now.

### **Staff on Leave**

Mr Marino has taken a year's leave, and in his absence, Mrs Taylor will be teaching Year 6W on Friday and arrangements for Phys Ed and Sport classes are currently being organised.

We look forward to working with you all in term two.

Keep healthy and safe.

God bless

Rob Romeo, *Principal*