

# ST MUNCHIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2  
Friday 8<sup>th</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.*



*God our Creator, we pray:*

*for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;*

*for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;*

*for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;*

*for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;*

*for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;*

*for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;*

*for those who have children they do not want;*

*for those who raise children on their own;*

*for those who have lost a child;*

*for those who care for the children of others;*

*for those whose children have left home;*

*and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.*

*Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,*

*living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.*

*Amen.*



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



### 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 9234 7555 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.



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

We hope you and your families are keeping healthy and safe. Our second week of the term has progressed very smoothly albeit different from previous terms. The students both at home and at school must be commended for their enthusiasm and high level of engagement in teaching and learning.

Presently St Munchin's is focused on delivering teaching and learning via the online platform. This is working very well whilst attendance numbers are at 60%. More and more students are returning to school and as the numbers increase we will move to face-to-face teaching and learning whilst still providing learning materials to students whose parents/caregivers wish them to remain at home. You will be informed when this will occur.

The safety and wellbeing of students and staff is paramount. The drop off and pick up strategies currently in practice are working very successfully and this is due to staff commitment to supervision and community support.

### Winter Uniforms

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 uniform order from the office between the hours of 11am and 2pm or after 3.30pm. We would appreciate a call or an email to let us know when you will be coming.

Last week I mentioned that we are unable to fill winter uniform orders as our suppliers are struggling to deliver the uniforms we have ordered. We do have a small stock of second hand uniforms. Please contact the office on 9234 7555 or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) if you need help in this regard.

Mrs Van der Wel, our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator is available on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning if you would like to buy shoes for your child. Please call on 9234 7555 or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) to make an appointment.

Parents/Caregivers needing to collect uniform orders and conduct administration matters such as payment of fees, are advised to contact the school office on 92347555 and arrange for this to take place taking into consideration the Health Minister's advice of appropriate protocols during COVID-19.

Wishing all our mums a very happy and safe Mother's Day and hope that you are all pampered and spoilt for the day.

Have a safe and blessed week!

Take care

Kind regards

Rob Romeo  
Principal

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DROP OFF & PICK UP  
ATTENTION: DRIVERS  
PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND  
DRIVE AT**

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**BOOK CLUB IS Running!**

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SCHOLASTIC

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to: [Scholastic Book Club Catalogue](#)

Place your order on LOOP. *Orders need to be in by 9.00am Monday 11 May.*

The orders will arrive at school and we will contact you to arrange collection.

If you have any questions or queries, please email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)

## ★ ★ ★ ★ INTERNET SAFETY: An Important Message for Parents ★ ★ ★ ★

Dear Parents and Carers

As our children have been working more and more on devices at home during this period, I just wanted to ask you, as parents, to be vigilant about keeping your children safe when they are using the internet.

It has come to light that some children have been posting videos of themselves on the social media app Tik Tok whilst wearing their school uniform. This topic does come up at school in our cyber safety lessons. Children are taught *the fact that wearing a uniform in posts online can put them at risk of being identified by a stranger online*. It would be extremely useful if you could remind your child/children of this fact.

As always, one of the best ways to protect your child/children is to ensure that they use their devices in a family space and not in their bedrooms. In that way they know that you can always potentially see their screen at any moment without warning. It also makes it harder for online strangers to get children on their own.

We have also discovered that some children, as young as Year Four, have been using their school email address to sign up for other social media apps such as Discord. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your children that their school device should only be used for school work and not for social media. Further, children should know (*again, as discussed in school cyber safety lessons*), that they should never sign up for anything without parental permission.

This is a great opportunity for you to have a chat with your child/children about the issues that can present online in the same way that you would talk to them about stranger danger. You might also ask them to show you their outlook inbox so you can ensure their safety.

Whatever apps you give your children permission to use, it is really important that they understand that they should never post any personal information online, or talk to strangers online and also that they should only ever visit sites that their teacher/parents have given them permission to. You may find these links help you to talk with your child about these important rules for staying safe online:

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/issues/being-safe-internet>

or

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

or

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

Thank you for your support. Stay safe everybody, and I look forward to when we will have everyone back at school.

Mrs Stockley, *IT Teacher*



### Winter Asthma Warning

With the onset of winter and cooler weather, many people find that their asthma seems to flare up. If you or a family member has asthma, you can do the following things to help manage your asthma, as we approach the coldest time of the year.

- 😊 See your doctor and have your asthma reviewed
- 😊 Ensure that you have an up to date Asthma Action Plan
- 😊 Continue to follow a healthy lifestyle – exercise and watch your diet.
- 😊 Stay warm
- 😊 Ensure that your home is heated uniformly throughout. A warm bedroom temperature certainly seems to reduce night cough and wheeze.
- 😊 Ensure you continue to comply with the treatment plan your doctor has devised for you

For more information about asthma, please contact the Asthma Foundation of WA on (08) 9289 3600 or visit [www.asthmawa.org.au/](http://www.asthmawa.org.au/)