

# 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 4 Week 7  
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the new church year. It is the season of preparing for Christmas and for reflecting on our own lives, and how we make Christ's presence and love more visible in the world.

The lighting of the Advent wreath is the most popular tradition of the season. An Advent wreath is a circle of evergreens with four candles, three of which are usually coloured violet purple (symbolizing royalty in some churches and penance in others) and the fourth coloured rose red or pink (representing the joyous expectation that people have in the coming Messiah). One of the purple candles is lit during the service on the first Sunday (highlighting the theme of hope) and another purple one on the next Sunday (love). On the third Sunday (joy), the rose-colored candle is lit; and the last purple candle on the final Sunday before Christmas (peace). Some wreaths include a white candle (for the purity and holiness of Christ) in the center, which Christians light on Christmas day.



## Dates to Remember

### Week 1

Tuesday 15 October *First Day for Students*

Thursday 17 October *Anti Poverty Mass*

*ACARA PP & Yr 1*

Friday 18 October *Whole School Mass*

### Week 2

Tuesday 22 October *School Board 6.00pm*

*Parent Meeting First Penance 6.30pm*

Thursday 24 October *Yr 6 Excursion - Latitude*

Friday 25 October *PP Excursion*

### Week 3

Tuesday 29 October *Interschool Athletics (Field)*

Wednesday 30 October *Kindy Info Night 6pm*

Thursday 31 October *Interschool Athletics Track*

Friday 1 November *Yr 5 Mass (All Saints)*

*First Penance Retreat & P&F Disco*

Wednesday 6 November *Canteen Fun Day*

**Week 4** Friday 8 November *Yr 5 Assembly*

**Week 5** *Life Ed Van*

Monday 11 November *Remembrance Day 11am*

Tuesday 12 November

*Pre-Primary Info Morning 9.00am; P&F Meeting*

Wednesday 13 November *First Penance 6.30pm*

Friday 15 November *Yr 2 Assembly*

Sunday 17 November *Choir - SVDP Breakfast*

### Week 6

Friday 22 November *Parent Helpers' Morning Tea*

23/24 November *P&F Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings*

**Week 7** *Mural Week*

Monday 25 November *Lumen Christi Jnr Band*

Tuesday 26 November *AGM 7.00pm*

Wednesday 27 November

*Stretch Crew Excursion*

Thursday 28 November *Yr 4 & 1 Food Incursion*

Friday 29 November *Yr 4 Mass 9.00am*

*Yr 3 Assembly*

### Week 8

Monday 2 December *Nativity Rehearsal*

Tuesday 3 December *Parent Workshop (school)*

Wednesday 4 December *Bookstore in Parish Hall*

*Kindy Orientation & Nativity Rehearsal*

Thursday 5 December *Nativity Play*

Friday 6 December *Yr 6 Assembly*

### Week 9

Tuesday 10 December *Yr 6 Graduation Mass*

*Vinnies Sausage Sizzle*

Wednesday 11 December *Rainbows Excursion*

Thursday 12 December *Yr 6 Graduation Lunch*

Friday 13 December *Whole School Mass*

*Yr 6 Disco LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*

Taken from <https://www.dummies.com/religion/christianity/christian-holy-days-holidays-and-seasons/>

Dear Jesus,

you are the hope in our messy world.

This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.

We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas Day.

Amen.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers>

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

This week is a week of much excitement as the students have the opportunity to contribute to the painting of the mural along the wall to the entry of the junior block. Throughout the day, we have noted much focused students of all ages leaving a small part of their legacy to St Munchin's School. The mural is looking amazing and very colourful and we are blessed to be able to work with talented artist Mel McVee and her sister Tash.

Please do take some time to come and enjoy the finished product! Your child/ren I am sure will want to show you the piece that they helped paint.

Well done everyone for a great community effort and to the Parents and Friends who have contributed the funds to complete the project.

### **Staffing 2020**

At the end of this year we farewell Mrs Yozzi after 27 years as Bursar at St Munchin's. Mrs Yozzi is retiring to spend time with family and have a well-earned rest from her tireless hard work and commitment to St Munchin's School during her time here. We thank her for her outstanding contributions and wish her relaxation, good health and happiness.

Ms Sue Carroll will replace Mrs Yozzi as Finance Officer in 2020. Congratulations to Sue on her appointment.

Mrs Rowland will be on Long Service Leave for Term 1 and Ms Mellissa Hibben will be teaching Class 3M. Mrs Licastro will be on study leave for 2020 and Mr Caiden Vales de Menezes will be teaching Class 3W.

After many years we also farewell Rose Ford, our wonderful cleaner and friend. Rosie has decided to retire and we wish her, relaxation, good health and happiness.

### **Jazz Nativity Concert – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

I hope you will join us next Thursday evening for a memorable Christmas Concert starring your children. Mrs Gonsalves and Mrs Holden have provided more details on the following page. As much as this will be a community event, it is also compulsory that all children attend.

### **2020 Class lists**

The class lists will be posted on the notice board outside the Learning Support wall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Once these have been posted, no changes will be made as class teachers have carefully arranged the classes and these have been verified by Administration. Kindy and Pre Primary lists will be displayed in the notice board in the Early Learning Block.

### **Student Reports**

Students will receive second semester reports on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in a sealed envelope addressed to parents or caregivers. You are encouraged to view the report with the students, affirm positive outcomes and assist the students to recognise areas to improve on in 2020.

### **Students Finishing Early**

Families who are planning to finish early for any reason must ensure that a written explanation is provided to the class teacher and principal. Students finishing early will have their reports posted to them. The final newsletter for the year will be sent home on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Long Service Leave**

I will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 1, next year. In my absence, Mr Musitano will be in charge and together with Miss Harrison will take very good care of all of you.

Wishing you a happy and safe fortnight.

Kind regards

Rob Romeo, *Principal*



St Munchin's Catholic School has a new Facebook page. If you would like to search for us and follow our page, we would be delighted to have your support.



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

**What does Christmas mean to you?**

For many people, Christmas is all about family. Spending time together, sharing a meal and creating meaningful memories. These moments are precious.

But what if you couldn't provide a meal for your family, or even a home? This is the reality many Australian families face this Christmas.

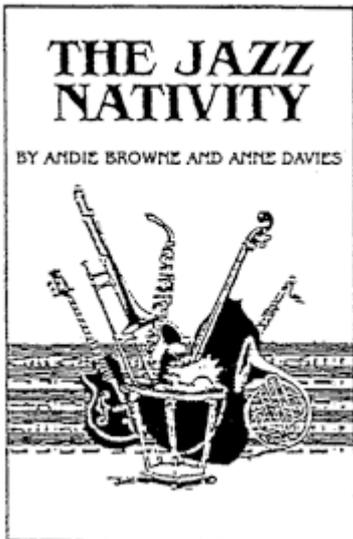


Our local St Vinnies provide incredible support to those in need in our community including food hampers to families struggling to make ends meet, paying bills when families are faced with unexpected crises and supporting people who are at risk of homelessness.

Every year, through the generosity of so many, we at St Munchin's help make Christmas special for those who otherwise would go without. Please support our sausage sizzle if you can.

Even the smallest donation will help make a huge difference to someone you will never meet. Together we can help make Christmas special for those in need and help St Vinnies to bring them the feeling that they haven't been forgotten this Christmas. To find out more about the work of St Vinnies go to <https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/About/FAQs/>

**Please return your sausage sizzle forms to your child's class teacher by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**



Come one, come all to An Evening on the Green!

The school is proud to be presenting 'The Jazz Nativity' brought to you by Years Three, Four, Five and Six on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Kindy, Pre-Primary, Years One and Two will be presenting their own special items to you!

This will be performed on the school oval and whilst a few chairs will be set out, you are encouraged to bring your own chairs and picnic blankets too. Mozzie repellent is highly recommended! 😊

Our stage will be the steps in front of the undercover area facing the oval as well as the area in front of the year Threes and IT room.

Children are to report to their classroom at 5:30 for a 6pm start. The concert should conclude by 7:45pm.



**Family Mass on Christmas Eve**

The parish is beginning its preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Suzanne Bazzica and Sr Fatima warmly invite any children who may be interested in joining a special children's choir to sing on Christmas Eve. To find out more information contact Suzanne Bazzica 0423 771 796.



.....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

# Raising Children in a Digital World

Tuesday 3 December  
12.30 to 2.30pm  
St Munchin's Catholic Primary School

To register: Call 9398 8720 or email: [CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au)

**Get the facts and strategies about how best to raise a child in a digital world.**

As a parent or carer of young children this workshop will support you to understand how to best use technology to enhance your child's development rather than detract from it.

**Crèche available  
Bookings Essential**



Congratulations to students who have worked hard and earned a Merit Award!

- PPM Sophie Tierney \* Sanjay Rukmangathan \* Isobel Houn \* Liam McKrill \* Aivah Hamblin \* Ikshu Bunsy \* Alexis Haines \* Prasoon Vasandani \*
- 1M \* Liam Cox \* Seth Ravikumar \* Kobe de Glanville \*
- 2M Krisna Veloz Roldan \* Nyssa Kingston \* Neel Bunsy \* Chantelle Xie \* Alexis Richards \* Crystal Nguyen \* Harshy Mohan Kumar \* Adriel Kistopersad \* Carl Borlongan \* Ayor Acuek \*
- 2W Samantha Weber \* Jessica Sauer \* Lily Page \* Chiri Opikoli \* Grace Munezero \* Taya Miller \* Ethan McKrill \* Poppy Manson \* Mia Kau, Adiam Kahsay \* Manuela Htoo \* Jaxon Hornsby \* Nathan Haines \* Hunter Faafua \* Ava Evans \* Lily Burgess \* Feker Bekele \* Bionney Bangayan \* Adam Amayri \*
- 6M \* Ethan Braulio \*



**Thank you for ordering your child's booklist for 2020 Year 4 to 6 classes through the school or on-line.**  
**Orders can be collected from the School Hall on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00 to 8:45am.**

The following items are available from the office:

School Diary (available next year)			
Chair Bag *	\$15.00	Display / Music Folder	\$ 5.00
Desk Mat (Yrs 1 – 3)	\$15.00	Library Bag	\$15.00
Class Satchel	\$15.00	Desk Mat (Yrs 4 – 6)	\$15.00