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.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,
How quickly the time is passing! We are already half way through the third week and no doubt time will continue to move fast in the coming weeks.

The students have resumed their life at school in an exemplary manner. It is pleasing to note the enthusiasm, receptiveness and engagement in learning as I move around the school each day.

One of our priorities in teaching all our students is to guide them and support them to become independent thinkers, learners and doers.

The article “The many faces of independence” by Michael Grose provides parents with 5 ways to give their children skills, encouragement and support in their quest for independence. I am sure you will find this week’s article helpful now and into the future.

Lent Prayer
Merciful God, source of all that is good, Empty us of all that prevents us from seeing you in each of our sisters and brothers around the world. Transform our hearts this Lent, through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to be open to the needs of all those who thirst for hope. Spirit of compassion, move us to share with all people the basics of life, for there is enough for all! We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Adapted from cafod.org.uk/pray
Parent Information Night – Years 2 to 6
TUESDAY 23 February 2015
COMMENCING 6.30pm
SCHOOL HALL

The evening will commence with a general gathering in the school hall at 6.30pm where I will review focus areas for 2016 and present the School Improvement Plan for 2016. This should take approximately 30 minutes.

Class teachers will then hold two consecutive sessions of 30 minute duration to cater for parents with a number of students in the school. The class teachers will provide parents/caregivers with much information on the class routines and procedures as well as student and parent expectations.

It is expected that at least one parent attend. If unable to attend please inform your child’s teacher so that they can make alternate arrangements to meet with you.

Student Collection Areas
There are TWO designated areas for student collection in the afternoons. Students who are not being collected from the classroom must either wait in the back carpark area outside Mr Loh’s room or the front area outside Mrs Manik’s and Mrs Sartorelli’s classroom.

Students must proceed to one of these areas promptly after the bell and wait for their parents to arrive. Parents are reminded that the students must be escorted to the car by parents and caregivers so that they are accompanied by an adult.

The safety of all community members is paramount and the responsibility of all members therefore we appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
All parents, caregivers and students are reminded that pet dogs are NOT permitted to be brought onto school grounds. Dogs are unpredictable whilst around children even those that they know well, and may react in a dangerous manner.

Kindergarten Enrolments for (4 Year Old) 2017
The enrolment process for kindergarten places for 2017 will begin in May with formal interviews with the Principal. Parents and caregivers who have a child turning 4 years of age as at 1 July 2012 are asked to collect an enrolment package from the office as soon as possible. You will then be contacted by the office to make an appointment to arrange an interview with the Principal.

If you are aware of new families with their first child starting kindergarten in 2017 please inform them to contact the school office on 92347555 to have an enrolment package sent out to them.

3 Year Old Kindy
We still have the capacity to run this program for one day each week, but unfortunately we have insufficient numbers at this stage. Children can enter the program as soon as they turn 3 anytime during the year. Currently we have 4 children enrolled and we need at least 10 to recommence the program. As the school has to self-fund the program to pay for the teacher, teacher assistant and resources the cost is $75 dollars per day and no rebate available. The program is run by a four year trained and extremely experienced teacher.

Kind regards
Rob Romeo, Principal

Monday 29th February – Junior Swimming Carnival
Thursday 17th March – Senior Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 30th March – Senior Interschool Carnival
Reflection from FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday’s opening prayer invites us to ‘grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ’. This is at the heart of our Lenten ‘campaign of service’. The Gospel invites us to go into the desert – the place within us where we contemplate in quiet reflection. It is here we come to selflessness and openness to Christ that can only be found in reflection and prayer. If we empty ourselves in prayer and almsgiving our eyes will be open to see the hidden riches of Christ in the many faces of our global neighbours.

During the Lenten season we also fast from excessive food and drink, and give alms to those without access to sufficient basic needs. By turning our minds to the needs of others through Project Compassion, our prayer and contemplation reaches out to others. Our giving can enable our brothers and sisters in Malawi, featured in this year’s Project Compassion, to create paths towards a better future.

During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and our material possessions. When we go into our own desert we discover that it is God’s abundant love that motivates us, that invites us to reach out in love to others, our family and friends, our neighbours, and those who need our compassionate love.

Story for Week One of Project Compassion

Doney and her family live in a remote village in Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and many families don’t have enough food to eat. Through the support of Caritas and people like you, Doney and her community learned to use their strengths and now they have new ways of earning money, better ways to access water and grow food. They are also improving their health and learning to read and write so they can create a better future, together. You can find out more about Doney and her community at http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-1-Doney

Dates for Your Calendar

Year 5 Class Mass Friday 19th February 2016. Please come and celebrate with us.

Lent in the Parish of our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Rosaries for Vocations

Please join our Parish Rosary every Thursday during Lent (after 8.00am Mass) for the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, part of an offering of prayer that will take place throughout the Archdiocese of Perth.

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm.

Lenten Programs also available for Scripture Reflections.
Please phone the Parish Office for details 9398 2331.
Uniform Shop News
Winter uniform orders need to be submitted by Friday, 4th March 2016.
Please allow for your child’s growth as exchanges or refunds will not be given.
Placing an order is important as the Uniform Shop only holds a limited amount of stock.
Late orders will not be accepted.

Information To Be Returned
- IT Agreement
- Use of Publicity and Images (only if images are not to be used)
- Email Address
- Medication Requirements

Children with Medical Requirements / Medic Alerts
St Munchin's require 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 check the expiry date.

Parent Contact Details
The school needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date. On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone. Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making day time contact by phone or email difficult. We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible. Please call into the office to advise any changes, phone 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au

Winter Netball Registrations
Registrations are now being taken for winter netball.
Children from Years 2 to 6 are eligible to play this year.
The season begins April 30th and concludes August 20th.
Netball fees: $210 (Years 5-6); $180 (Years 2-4)
Uniform for girls is $65 for a netball dress. Boys to wear their white school sports uniform.
Registrations close 8th March.
Please contact Brenda on 0423 653 144 to register.

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 20th May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.