

# 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 1 Week 3

Wednesday, 17 February 2016



### Term 1 Dates for your Diary

#### Week 1

Tuesday 2 February *First Day Back for Students*  
Friday 5 February *Whole School Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 2

Wednesday 10 February  
*Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mas – 9.00am*  
Thursday 11 February *Incursion with Greg Mitchell*  
Friday 12 February *Incursion with Greg Mitchell*

#### Week 3

Tuesday 16 February  
*Regional Mass – St Mary's Cathedral – 4.30pm*  
Friday 19 February *Yr 5 Class Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 4

Monday 22 February *Whole School Testing*  
Tuesday 23 February  
*Parent Teacher Information Evening – 6.30pm*  
Friday 26 February *Morning Assembly – Yr 6*

#### Week 5

Monday 29 February *Junior Swimming Carnival*  
Friday 4 March *Yr 4 Class Mass – 9.00am*

#### Week 6

Monday 7 March *Labour Day*  
Tuesday 8 March *Yr 6 Excursion Woodman Point*  
Friday 11 March *Yr 2 Assembly 2.20pm*

#### Week 7

Monday 14 March  
*Lumen Christi College Visit to Yr 4 – 9.30am*  
Thursday 17 March  
*Faction Swimming Carnival Yrs 4-6*  
Friday 18 March  
*Palm Sunday Re-enactment Yr 3*

#### Week 8

Monday 21 March *Harmony Day*  
Wednesday 23 March *Last Supper Re-enactment Yr 4*  
Thursday 24 March *Stations Re-enactment Yr 6*  
Friday 25 March *Good Friday*  
Monday 28 March *Easter Monday*

#### Week 9

Tuesday 29 March *Easter Tuesday*  
Wednesday 30 March  
*Interschool Swimming Carnival*  
Saturday / Sunday 2 / 3 April  
*Enrolment Weekend for Sacraments*

#### Week 10

Tuesday 5 April *Parent Teacher Interviews*  
Friday 8 April *Whole School Mass – 9.00am*  
*Last Day for Students*

### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/pray)



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.

**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.



REMINDER:  
No Dogs on  
School Property



### **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 29<sup>th</sup> February – Junior Swimming Carnival

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Senior Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Through learning more about poverty and its causes, we become more empowered to stand up to end poverty and promote justice.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> and concludes August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Netball fees: \$210 (Years 5-6); \$180 (Years 2-4)

Uniform for girls are \$65 for a netball dress. Boys to wear their white school sports uniform.

Registrations close 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:theresa@pff.wa.edu.au) and we would be delighted to organise a time.

- St Munchin's School Office 9234 7555
- Out of School Care 9234 7511
- Canteen 9234 7510
- KM 9234 7515
- KW 9234 7516
- PPM 9234 7517
- PPW 9234 7522