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 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 Mass – 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
St Norbert College Visit to Yr 4 – 2.00pm
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

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The Parent/Teacher Information Evening was well attended. Thank you to all who were able to attend. I know that you have received very important and valuable information from the class teachers which will assist your child/ren throughout the year. If you were unable to attend I urge you to make an appointment with the class teacher who will provide you with a package and explain the very important points covered at the meeting.

The relationship between home and school is a partnership and this year will focus on ensuring that the communication with parents is highlighted and strengthened. Those unable to attend the Parent Evening and do not arrange an appointment with class teachers will be contacted by the teachers to arrange an appointment. It is important that all parents are aware of the expectations for the 2016 school year. Please make the time to be active in your child’s education and be supportive of the work carried out by the school and its staff.

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Loving God,
fill our hearts with compassion for the earth and all its peoples.

Lead us to be good neighbours to all who are in need.
Help us to see your gifts are meant to be shared by all, not just exploited by a few.

Lead us to take action to care for our environment to make a change not just for ourselves, but for all creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen
Poverty: ‘Absolute’ or ‘abject’ poverty is defined by the World Bank as living under $1.25/day. But poverty is not just about money – it is also about having access to resources that ensure sustainable livelihoods, such as education and other basic services; being free from social discrimination and exclusion; and being able to participate in decision-making. Caritas is working around the world to support and empower those who live in abject poverty to create a better future for themselves and their families.

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 any time 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 is available. The program is run by a four year trained and extremely experienced teacher.

Health Care Card
Parents wishing to apply for a Health Care Card discount for this year’s school fees are required to meet with the Principal. Please call 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au to arrange an appointment. Appointments must be made this term and a current Health Care Card brought to the interview with the Principal. In the absence of a current Health Care Card full fees will be charged.

Dental Screening for Pre-Primary, Years 3 and 6
The Wirrabirra Dental Team visited the school on Monday and conducted dental screening for the students of these classes. You will be notified of a follow up appointment for your child if this is deemed necessary.

Newsletter
In the interest of the environment and reducing our paper usage, future newsletters will be issued fortnightly. Please ensure we have your email address as important messages will be sent via email.

Junior Swimming Carnival Years 1-3
The Junior Swimming Carnival will take place next Monday 29th February at Armadale Aquatic Centre from 9.15am to 11.45am. Students in these classes have received a special note containing all details and requirements. The junior carnival is a fun carnival where the students are encouraged to participate and have lots of fun whilst practising water skills.

Year 6 Leadership Assembly - Friday 26th February at 8.50am
This coming Friday morning the Year 6 Leadership committees will introduce themselves and tell the school community about their roles and responsibilities. Merit certificates will also be presented to students. The assembly will take place in the undercover area.

Wishing you all a happy and safe week.
Rob Romeo, Principal

Project Compassion Week 2
In many countries around the world, children with disabilities are discarded and left to fend for themselves. Just $80 could provide potting soil and seeds, so that children with intellectual disabilities can both enjoy gardening activities in Laos and learn vital skills of growing food to help them develop and thrive as adults in the future.

With our contributions to Project Compassion this year we can help the poorest of the poor become self-sufficient so they don’t need to rely on charity. Every dollar makes a difference. Could you go without a $1.25 this week and add it to your Project Compassion box? Think up ways as a family you could donate some coins to your family’s Project Compassion Box this week.

62 people own the same as half the world’s population. Oxfam
Change to some Sacramental Dates 2016

Please note changes to some dates for the sacraments from those on the school year planner. These dates and times are still being finalised and will be confirmed by the parish shortly.

Sacraments are Parish celebrations.

First Penance
(Formerly First Reconciliation)

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Confirmation

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<td>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 9.30am (NB This time is still to be confirmed by the Archdiocesan Office)</td>
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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 are $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.

Easter Egg Raffle Tickets & Donations
Every year we hold our Easter Raffle, it is a very successful fund raiser and with your continued support with donations and purchasing of the tickets we would like to make this an even better raffle.
We are asking for each student to make an Easter Egg donation and to hand it to your class teacher.
Donations need to be handed in by 18th March, as do the tickets.

The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 29th March.

- 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