



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 1
Wednesday, 3 February 2016

The Jubilee Year of Mercy

We return to school in the Year of Mercy. The Mercy Year is the year Pope Francis invites all of us to follow the merciful example of God by inviting us to live like Jesus and to spend the year refusing to judge or condemn anyone. To do this requires us to choose, at all time, to offer love and forgiveness rather than judgement and criticism.

W. Phillip Keller says "Mercy is to care, and care very deeply about one another. It is to care to the point where we are prepared to be involved with the sufferings and adversities of others. It implies that I am prepared to put myself in the other person's place. It means that I shall try to really understand why they behave as they do, even though it injures me. It is a willingness to walk a mile in the other person's shoes before I criticise his/her conduct.

It is the extension of good will, help, forgiveness, compassion and kindness to one who may not seem to deserve it."

"We long for mercy as Pope Francis says But mercy can be a hard word to swallow. We all want mercy shown to ourselves when we mess up or even sin, but have you ever noticed how mercy isn't the first thing that comes to our mind when others sin against us, or cause us problems, or get in our way? We talk about mercy, but at the same time set up incredible hurdles to be overcome for someone to show they "deserve" that mercy. This creates the terrible situations of hardness, isolation, and sorrow in our world. Maybe you have felt them yourself? The call of Jesus pushes each of us to never stop at the surface of things, especially when we are dealing with people. We are called to look beyond the surface, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity and goodness everyone is capable of. No one can be or should be excluded from the mercy of God." Let us choose this year to be inclusive Let us look for the best in every one and if someone fails us or lets us down, let us choose to forgive and to give them a chance to start again not just 7 times but as Jesus says 77 times 7. May your presence bring light, love and mercy to others this year.

Date For Your Calendar

- ✠ **School Mass** Year One to Year Six to welcome the community to the new school year this Friday 5th February 9.00am in the Church with our new parish priest Fr Philip Perreau.
- ✠ **Installation of Fr Philip Perreau as our new Parish Priest on Sunday 7th February** during the 9.30am Mass.
- ✠ **Ash Wednesday Mass** (Year One to Year Six) – **Wednesday 10th February 9.00am** (Fr Philip will visit the PP and Kindy classrooms)

God of Mercy,

You send us forth to bear your message of mercy to all.

Give us willing feet and gentle hands.

Bless us with listening ears and searching eyes.

Gift us with understanding minds.

Send us forth with compassionate hearts visible in our words and in our actions.

Make us vessels of your mercy to reach out to the broken on behalf of the God of Mercy, who wipes away our debts as lovingly as he wipes away our tears.

Help us to lift your people in body and spirit to make this year, and every year that follows, a Year of Mercy.

Amen



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Friends

Welcome back for the 2016 school year. I trust that you celebrated a wonderful festive season and had lots of opportunities to spend time with family away from the hustle and bustle of school routines. It certainly was refreshing to see the students return excited, cheerful and eager to start the new school year. We welcome all our new families and I am sure that their experiences will be rewarding and fruitful being part of our very special community at St Munchin's.

We have had a smooth start and the students must be commended on their prompt settling in to routines and procedures. Credit must go to our wonderful staff who have been diligently preparing for the students. We have many engaging learning experiences planned for all our students in all learning areas and we are looking forward to working with you to ensure that our student's educational needs are catered for throughout the year.

I encourage you to ensure that your eldest child brings home the weekly newsletter which is distributed every Wednesday. It is also posted on the school website. You will also receive important messages via email.

All the very best to you all for 2016. Have a great week.

Kind regards

Rob Romeo, *Principal*

Summer Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is CLEARLY written or sewn onto each item of school clothing, particularly the jumper and hat. You will need to check these regularly to ensure your child has their own belongings and return any items that have another child's name and that have been accidentally picked up.

Reminders:

- Hairstyles for both boys and girls should be neat and tidy and reflect accepted standards. Shoulder length hair or longer is to be tied up. Parents are requested to refrain from allowing children to dye their hair during school terms. Scrunchies or ribbons need to be in school colours (maroon or white). The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hair styles.
- A watch and / or necklace with a Christian symbol may be worn. A signet ring may be worn. No nail polish, tattoos, makeup may be worn during school hours.
- Girls – one pair or set of earrings, that is, only one stud or sleeper in each ear lobe.
- Boys – may not wear earrings during school time.

Girls

- Maroon and white check dress
- Short white socks
- Black lace up school shoes

Boys

- Grey shorts
- Grey shirt with motif
- St. Munchin's grey school socks
- Black lace up school shoes

The grey school shirt needs to be tucked in.

School Fees

Accounts detailing 2016 school fees will be sent home with your child next week. You may call in to the office to pay your account annually or over three terms by cash or cheque. If you do choose to pay your account by term please note that payment must be made in the last week of the term. St Munchin's utilises the services of the Catholic Development Fund as a means of paying your school fees by direct debit. Please ask for an application form from the office.

Children with Medical Requirements / Medic Alerts

A medical form has 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 call in to 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**



Safer Internet Day — 9 February 2016 – Be Smart, Play your Part!

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 9 February 2016. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community.

Coordinated by Insafe, the European network for internet safety, the event is supported in Australia by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner. (visit this website for further information: <https://esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/events/safer-internet-day-2016>) or scan this QR code to take you there.



During their IT lessons, all children at St. Munchin's, from PP through Year 6 will be taking part in activities supporting the day. You can join the global celebration and play your part for a better internet by promoting cybersafety at home.



The safety website offers some fantastic resources for parents such as helping children avoid inappropriate content, advice to protect children against 'grooming', parental controls, how to stop your child spending too much time online, etc. You can find these resources at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources> or scan this QR code to take you direct to the website.



Rainbows Counselling Services

Rainbows is a peer support program for children living in a single parent or step family, or children who experienced a significant change and loss in their life (such as but not limited to: death of family or friend, moving country or state, illness or disability).

When a change takes place in a family, whether it is death, divorce or separation, it has a profound effect on the whole family. Children, as well as adults, grieve the loss of a loved one or place that was once part of their everyday lives.

Grief is a normal human reaction to a significant loss. Frequently children are not able to express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, school work, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development. Even those children who appear to have adjusted well are often struggling inside with different emotions of grief.

The Rainbows program offered at our school provides the guidance children need to work through their grief and move on to the healing process. It helps them to sort through their confusion, deal with their feelings, regain self-esteem and get on with being a child.

The Rainbows Program consists of twelve sessions where small groups of children, in similar age categories, meet weekly with a trained facilitator. Adults, as well as children, are bound by confidentiality, which fosters trust and provides a safe atmosphere.

In 2016 we will be commencing Rainbows in Semester 1. For more information, contact Mrs Manik in 5M.

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Please hand your banking book in at the school canteen (except pre-primary/kindy—I will collect from class room) Banking is collected by myself Vanessa Killen and banked on the same day and banking books returned to you in the afternoon, if I don't see you on Friday, I will see you on Monday. If you have any questions or wish to start school banking please email me: killenvanessa@gmail.com or 0414 990 458



TERM ONE 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Week 1	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 2 First Day Back for Students	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5 Whole School Mass 9am	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 7
Week 2	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9am	FEBRUARY 11 Greg Mitchell Year 6 – Liturgy Centre	FEBRUARY 12 Greg Mitchell	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 14
Week 3	FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 16 Regional Mass St Mary's Cathedral 4.30pm	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19 Year Five Class Mass 9.00am	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21
Week 4	FEBRUARY 22 Whole School Testing	FEBRUARY 23 Staff Meeting Parent Teacher Information Evening	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26 Morning Assembly Year Six	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28
Week 5	FEBRUARY 29	MARCH 1	MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4 Year Four Class Mass 9.00am	MARCH 5	MARCH 6
Week 6	MARCH 7 Labour Day	MARCH 8 Year 6 – Woodman Point	MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11 Year Two Assembly 2.20pm	MARCH 12	MARCH 13
Week 7	MARCH 14 Year 4 – Visit from Darren O'Neill, Principal Lumen Christi College 9.30am	MARCH 15 Staff Meeting	MARCH 16	MARCH 17 Faction Swimming Carnival Years 4-6	MARCH 18 Palm Sunday Re-enactment Year Three	MARCH 19 St Joseph's Day	MARCH 20
Week 8	MARCH 21 Harmony Day	MARCH 22	MARCH 23 Last Supper Re-enactment Year Four	MARCH 24 Stations Re-enactment Year Six	MARCH 25 Good Friday	MARCH 26	MARCH 27 Easter Sunday
Week 9	MARCH 28 Easter Monday	MARCH 29	MARCH 30 Interschool Swimming	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 Enrolment Weekend for Sacraments	APRIL 3
Week 10	APRIL 4	APRIL 5 Parent Teacher Interviews	APRIL 6	APRIL 7	APRIL 8 Whole School Mass	APRIL 9	APRIL 10