St Patrick’s School Vision Statement

St Patrick’s Catholic School in Katanning aims to emulate Jesus through its motto of Concern by engaging children, teachers, parents, community and the parish to work together in a supportive and happy environment. Our school acknowledges parents as the primary educators of their children, and aims to further develop each child intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually, creating lifelong learners who have the ability to draw upon processes and skills, to cope with future technologies in a changing society. Our school strives to be accepting of multicultural and individual differences. It acknowledges the rights of children to be safe and values them through pastoral care.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is a wonderfully busy week at St Patrick’s. I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Mass yesterday. Mr Nettleton and the Year 6 students spoke about showing gratitude to teachers. This theme was carried through the readings of the mass – as Jesus was an amazing teacher and supported his disciples in spreading the Good News. A special thank you to the parishioners and parents who attended mass to support our Year 6 students. At the end of the talk Mr Nettleton spoke of the hard work that so many teachers are engaged in every day. The long hours at night, on weekends and during their holidays, you will see staff cars outside the school. We finished off with a morning tea for all the staff and parents to attend. It was a wonderful celebration for our school staff.

This Thursday is a very special school celebration of our patron saint, St Patrick. We had two special visitors who were very pleased at the preparation that was taking place for St Patrick’s Day. Dr Tony Curry and Mrs Donna O’Hara (who hails from Ireland) saw students learning about St Patrick’s life; some were practicing their dance for the day and some students were working on different Irish symbols. We look forward to celebrating our patron saint and the sea of green that will engulf our school. Parents and families are most welcome to join us for Mass at 9.00 am, and our folk dancing starts at 11.00 am.

Social Media and Photographs:

Parents are reminded to be mindful of taking photos at assemblies and school functions and posting them on social media. Some students are exempt from being photographed. If you are taking photos, please make sure it is of your child only. Also, a number of staff have end up in photographs on social media as well. Please ask staff members’ permission to use photos with them in it. It is a courtesy and a sign of respect.

Our school has asked parents to sign a photographic permission form so that photographs can be used on our website. Please return these as soon as possible. We are in the process of updating our Email and Internet policy and this will be distributed to all our students. Thank you for understand the importance of such issues and being mindful of your use of social media.

We are looking forward to our Faction swimming carnival on Friday and thank you to the many parents and guardians who have volunteered to support Miss Ackland on the day.

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
What a great week we are enjoying here at St Patrick’s School. Yesterday the Year Six students supported by their teacher Mr Nettleton held their class Mass. The students celebrated and gave thanks for teachers. Jesus was above all a great teacher. He taught by his actions and words about the Kingdom of God. He sacrificed and put others before himself. I see the teachers of Saint Patrick’s working so hard for the students from as early as 7:00am they are at school and it is not unusual for those same teachers to be here until well after 4:30pm. I am privileged to work with some incredibly giving and caring colleagues at St Patrick’s. I ask God to bless and keep them in his care.

On the junior side of the school the gorgeous year two students held a Paraliturgy guided by their teacher Mrs Rundle. What a treat to see so many parents, grandparents and prayer friends pop in to share in a beautiful celebration of God’s love.

St Patrick’s Day Mass will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 17th March. A BIG thank you to Father Francis who swapped his schedule around so he could share this day with us. It would be wonderful to see as many parents at Mass as possible wearing green of course!! I am so excited about our day of fun, with dancing, games, a yummy lunch, treasure hunt, lots of smiling GREEN students and teachers wearing their green!!

Our Church is steeped in a very rich history, and the students and parishioners of St Patrick’s Church and Parish will re-live some of that history throughout Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday this Sunday at the Church from 10.30am. On Thursday we will have the Stations of the Cross at the school from 11am in the church. You are very welcome to join us for this reflection of our Lord’s journey to the cross.

This week let’s take a look at some of the junior stars behind the stage door. The costume trunk was opened and some wonderful characters came to life with equally amazing stories. There were pirates, princesses, lions, tigers, an old Nanna and quite a few police officers keeping the peace. There were no scripts, no stage, and no curtains just wonderful imaginations at work. Children develop ideas about the world around them when they engage in dramatic dress-up play. Dress-up play encourages teamwork and an interest in peers. Fine motor dexterity is practiced with belts, bows and buttons having to be done up and undone. The fun!! The laughter! The DRAMA!! 😊

Director
Ms Bearcroft
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - Over the past few weeks' students from PP-Year 6 have been participating in folk dancing during their Physical Education lessons. Each year group have been learning a different dance which will be presented to the rest of the school on St Patrick’s Day. It’s been great to see students moving and shaking their bodies in a range of different motions during these lessons. Miss Ackland.

Engagement - In my lessons I have been using Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI). One technique I use is ‘I say, we say, you say’, this is where I say a statement, the students repeat it with me and then they say it back to me. We usually add actions and gestures to engage students to remember the statement. ‘Chin Up’ is another technique we use in our class as part of our EDI. Students record their answer on a whiteboard and when requested, they flip their boards up to show the teacher, keeping the boards under their chin, hence the term ‘chin up’. I use this technique as a warm up activity in maths, to consolidate prior knowledge and to check for understating. These techniques are some of the fun ways I use help students become more aware of the learning outcome and engaged in their learning. Miss Mikulich.

Accountability - Within the Year 3 classroom we have begun to implement reading and math rotations. During these rotations students are working in multiple groups, on separate activities which include iPad activities, one on one work with the teacher and worksheets that reiterate knowledge from previous lessons. During this time, students are accountable for their learning and time management to complete all set activities. Miss Cohen.

Discipleship - This term the Year 2 class has been learning all about good choices, and how to be more like Jesus. This has been an important part of our learning, and compliments our whole school program - Making Jesus Real. We discovered that we can make good choices for ourselves, but we also need to make good choices for those around us. Some of the good choices we have made include; taking someone to the office if they are hurt - Will; listening to the teacher - Crawford; and doing what I am told - Alby. Mrs Rundle.

Happy Birthday to ……

Zac Frushtick, Isabelle Smith-Marciniak, Zoe Podmore.

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly…

No Assembly this week due to Faction Swimming Carnival.

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

Maths Homework

Classes Yrs 3-6

Wednesday's 3.30-4pm with Miss Norrish in Year Five Classroom. Bring some fruit, water and your Maths homework set by your teacher and if you need assistance, Miss Norrish will be able to help you work through answering your questions.
St Patrick’s Day Celebrations
Thursday 17th March
9.00am Whole School Mass
11.00am Folk Dancing
12.30 Shared lunch - Sausage Sizzle.
Green Free Dress and bring along a gold coin donation to create a pot of gold for Caritas!

Swimming Training is available for students 8 years and older, in stage 4 or above who can confidently swim 25m to help improve their stroke technique and review competitive swimming rules. Training will be held on the below dates from 4.00pm to 4.30pm.

Week 8 – Tuesday 22nd March

St Patrick’s School Faction Swimming Carnival Friday 18th March

Parent, Teacher & Year 6 Relay
(Last race of the day)

Please get your nominations in for the Parent, Teacher and Year 6 relay to Miss Ackland by Thursday 17th March.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival Date change:**
The Interschool Swimming carnival has been changed due to circumstances beyond our control. Issues with the pool equipment has caused a shift of dates which effects all the schools involved. Our new date is Wednesday 30th March. Please update your calendars.
2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Reason for starting the Jubilee Year of Mercy on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. So he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. ... I have chosen the date of 8 December because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive. ... We recall the poignant words of Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: "Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity."

Evangelisation - The Good News -

HOSSAAN!

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go to the village and there you will find a donkey. Untie it and bring it here. If someone stops you, tell him that the Master needs it." So they went, found the donkey and brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks over it and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks or cut branches on the road. They shouted, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God!”

Praise God! Praising another helps us focus on their strengths and gives us a positive outlook. When we praise God, we feel blessed and humbled that one so great could love us so much. Praise prayer brings us closer to God.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! We worship you, we praise you, we give you thanks!

Hosanna in the Highest!

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino
Sunday 20th March at 10.30am – Palm Sunday
Altar Servers: Joseph, Ava & Kobi

Altar Servers for the coming weeks-
24/3 Montanna and Luke (Holy Thursday)
26/3 Luke Easter Vigil Saturday
27/3 Luke Easter Sunday

Pocket Angels is a Sunday School programme for children aged four and older. It is held each Sunday during Mass at St Patrick’s Catholic Church from 10.30am. Children should meet Mrs Sugg or Mrs Poett at the back of the church as Mass begins, or come to the meeting room on the right hand side of the garage door at Father’s house. Anyone who would like to help is welcome, and should see Mrs Sugg or Mrs Poett.

Lenten Program begins on Thursday 18th February at 6.00pm at Parish House Meeting Room and every Thursday during Lent for anyone interested in attending.
Walk the Way of the Cross - Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 6.00pm at the Church
KNA Development Netball Training
for players in years 5 - 10 will commence on Wednesday the 27th of April from 4pm to 5pm, at the KLC.
If you are interested in developing your netball and being part of an opportunity
to represent KNA via trialling for Association Champs and also representing
KNA within regional events throughout the netball season, you must attend development training.

The Netball Rules have changed!!
All umpires, players, coaches, scorers, parents and spectators need to have an understanding of the new netball rules....
There will be a Netball rules discussion day at Katanning Leisure Centre
On Sunday 10th April, 2016
From 10am – 3.30pm
10am-12pm Rules Discussion (Focus on New Rules)
12-1pm Lunch
1-2pm Rules Discussion (Completion)
2.30-3.30pm Match Play
Everyone that is involved in Netball is urged to attend.

Broomehill Primary School P&C
MONSTER AUCTION & Market Day
2 April 2016
at Broomehill Primary School
Registration / lunch from 11am, auction start 1pm
Listing of items available at www.facebook.com/broomehillmonsterauction
Plant, Machinery, Sundries, Household items and much more, most items with no reserve!

BRAESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO - YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER!
Wednesday March 23rd at Kennedy Hall.
For all students attending, KPS, St Pats & Braeside.
Juniors 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Seniors 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Glow sticks for sale on the night.
Tickets $6.00 includes sausage sizzle & LOL.
Tickets available from the front office – See Mrs Robinson.

SMART START KATANNING
All 0-4 year olds and their Parents/Carers
Messy Play Day – Wednesday 23rd March at Katanning Playgroup – 9.30-11.30am