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,

We had a wonderful Faction Carnival last Wednesday. It was a fantastic celebration of our students’ physical skills and talents. We were blessed with a glorious day which started with staff and parents setting up in the morning. Our day ran very smoothly, a huge thank you to Miss Emma Ackland for her hard work and organisation of the carnival. Miss Ackland has had a very busy term with our St Patrick’s Day folk dancing and preparation for our swimming carnival. With the support of our staff, she also supported our students with after school swimming training. Congratulations to Miss Ackland for her fine effort this term.

A very special thank you to all of our staff involved in the carnival as well. Staff working in the faction bays and supported the faction captains in organising the students for marshalling. We had staff working out scores and tallying results and we had many staff supporting our junior primary students in their novelty events.

Our Interschool carnival has also been successful with St Patrick’s coming second place. It is a credit to all of our students, staff and our many parent volunteers for their hard work in achieving such a good result. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who supported the carnivals. Special acknowledgment of our parent volunteers will be at this weeks’ assembly. It was fabulous to see the many parents lending a hand.

Last Friday, our tennis team travelled to Alexander Park to participate in the Academy Plate. It was a huge learning curve for our students as most of them had not played on grass courts before. It was wonderful to see the learning that was taking place after each game. The player’s skill levels developed to cope with the fast court and learn from their match play. Thank you to Tess Cohen for supporting the students and to the parents who transported and supported the students at the matches. It was a wonderful day.

An important notice for all families is that this Concern will be the last paper copy of the newsletter being sent out. The school has implemented a software program called “PaperCut” to minimise the amount of photocopying being...
used on a daily basis. The School Board is fully supportive of this initiative, as the school newsletter has been online since 2014. The newsletter can be viewed on all mobile devices phones, tablets and laptops. It is important that parents make use of the school newsletter to keep themselves informed of upcoming events and important school information. If you have any inquiries regarding the newsletter online or have trouble viewing the newsletter, please make contact with me at school.

Have a wonderful holiday break with your children, travel safely and good luck to all of our footy teams.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal

From the AP’s desk...

As the end of Term One approaches I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to ALL the students, parents, families and staff on a successful and fruitful term. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Holy Thursday with Stations of the Cross before our Easter break. This was a beautiful ceremony that was led reverently by the Year Six students and supported by Mr Nettleton.

On our return to school we celebrated the Stations of Glory, a reflection that takes us from the tomb to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Year 4 Class with the guidance of their teacher Miss Mikulich led this beautifully.

I have visited all class this term and have seen wonderful teachers and engaged and happy students. St Patrick’s School is a wonderful place and I am blessed to be part of this community. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
(Assistant Principal)

STAGE DOOR

Wow!! What a term! The St Patrick’s super stars have worked incredibly hard in Drama. They have had so much fun learning so many things. All students have learnt a variety of Warm Up and Ice Breaker games.

The juniors have sung songs and danced, worked with Teddy Bears, Puppets, Costumes and Props to enhance their creative abilities.

The senior students have learnt about mime, tableaux, voice production, stage direction and improvisation. They have begun to learn about performance conventions such as cues, visual and verbal.

I am excited about the Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival next term and cannot wait to see some St Patrick’s stars shine. Information regarding the Festival will go home next term. Please note the Festival will be held Wednesday 15th June 2016.

Time to take a bow and close the curtain. Act one is done. Enjoy your break and see you next Term for Act 2 😊

Debra Bearcroft
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

**Learning** - Gone are the days of the silent library! Our library is an exciting, busy, sometimes very noisy hub, with static and interactive displays, and is all about loving learning! My aim is for each child to navigate the library and to have the skills to find and learn whatever THEY are interested in - and be able to do it independently! Reading and learning accelerates rapidly when it is enjoyable. This term everyone has enjoyed learning about Australia, Ireland and China and enjoyed partaking in some Irish (St Patrick’s Day), and Chinese traditions- mainly dragons and chopsticks! *Mrs Anderson*

**Engagement** – This term in Italian, the children have been learning about family. They have learnt the names of family members and can identify grammatical structures in words such as male/female word endings, plurals and basic sentence structure. At the end of term, each class will be sharing a book they have made called 'My Family' with a buddy class. *Mrs Quartermaine.*

**Accountability** – It is not what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable. *Mrs Robinson.*

**Discipleship** - is our calling. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus. Our staff have staff prayer on Thursday mornings. It is an important reflection time and is led by different staff members. Our teachers’ work lives are very busy and we use our staff prayer time to be still for that little while to pray and be with our colleagues. *Mr. Smith.*

Happy Birthday to ......
Callie Hamon, Jake Bessell-Browne, Fletcher Ball,
James Shackley, Inway Lipio, Chyanne Dunn,
Abdullah Ahmad, Emily Davies.

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

Max Clegg, Isaac D’Aprile, Alby Kowald, Gauge Anderson, Reagan Warren, Ruby Rae,
Xavier Smith, Kobi Warren, Susann Ndong’a.

Sport Award: Zane Watkins

**Parent Awards**.....
Gerri Kowald, Kym Hamon, Amanda Thomas, Angelina Rose,
Penny Shackley, Tania Wolfe, Richelle Warren,
Shane Butterworth, Kristy Rae, Renae Garrity, Davina Davies
DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 8th April  Term 1 Ends! 😊

TERM 2
Monday 25th April  Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 26th April  ANZAC Dawn Service 6am
Wednesday 27th April  Term 2 starts!
Sunday 1st May  Year 5 Family Mass
Wednesday 4th May  Year 6 Class Mass
Tuesday 10th May  NAPLAN – Year 3/5
Wednesday 11th May  NAPLAN – Year 3/5
Thursday 12th May  NAPLAN – Year 3/5
Monday 16th – Friday 20th May  Year 6 Camp.

Year Six Camp Fundraiser!
All orders are due back to the school by Thursday 7th April with money included.

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.

Term 2 – Winter Uniform.

Girls Winter Uniform:
Blue tunic, pale blue long sleeved blouse, royal blue School tie, and School jumper, with black lace up/ buckled School shoes (heel height less than 2.5cm) and plain white ankle socks, or navy tights. Hair must be tied back if past collar length, with plain blue, gold or white hair ties. The school jacket may only be worn over the school jumper, and not instead of this.

Girls Sports Uniform:
Gold crested polo shirt, royal blue and gold tracksuit or royal blue shorts or skirt, plain white ankle socks (no brand or sports trims) with predominantly white sports shoes.

Boys Winter Uniform:
Long sleeved crested grey shirt, royal blue School tie, grey melange School trousers, School jumper, black School shoes, grey school socks with royal blue and gold trim.
Hair must be tied back if past collar length, with plain blue, gold or white hair ties. The school jacket may only be worn over the school jumper, and not instead of this.

Boys Sports Uniform:
Gold crested polo shirt, royal blue and gold tracksuit or royal blue shorts, plain white ankle socks (no brand or sports trims) with predominantly white sports shoes.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass Sunday 10th April with Fr Francis Constantino
Altar Servers: Tiffany Butterworth & Montanna Campbell

Altar Servers during the school holidays
Sunday 17th April – Luke Oclarit & Sophie Wolfe
Sunday 24th April - Isabel & Joe Collis
Sunday 1st May - Joseph Rose, Kobi & Ava Warren

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.

2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life.
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Evangelisation - The Good News -

THE WORD
The disciples went fishing but caught nothing. At dawn, Jesus stood on the shore though they did not know it was him. He called to them to put the net out on the other side of the boat. When they did, they caught so many fish that they could not haul it in.

LOOK CLOSER
Breakfast by the lake. When the disciples came with the boat, Jesus was cooking a breakfast of fish and bread. John recognised Jesus and Peter jumped into the water and swam ashore.

PRAYER SPACE
Lord Jesus,
you feed our bodies and
nourish our souls.
Give us faith to follow you.
Amen.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Minkey Hockey 2016
Katanning Cougars Club

‘Minkey’ hockey will be starting for children aged 5-8 years old in Term 2, each Thursday at 4pm.
The cost will be $10 for the season.

Registration Day is this Thursday, 7th April 2016 at 4pm, at the Hockey Club Rooms (Katanning Leisure Centre).
Come along to sign up, and for further information, or contact Carly at carlyv6@gmail.com

Katanning Hockey Club – Junior Registration Day
Thursday 7th April, 4pm

Katanning Hockey Club Rooms
(Located at the hockey oval, adjacent to the Rec Centre car park)
Super 8’s: Kindy – yr 3 ($10)
D Grade: Years 4 – 8 ($65*)
C Grade: Years 9 – 12 ($65*)
*$20 is for umpiring fees
If you have a Health Care Card, you are eligible for the Kidsport Program. Please bring your card with you.
Any queries, please contact Kylie Aggis on 0404 799 237.

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.

Katanning Auskick
Season commences on Saturday 30th April from 10-11am at Quartermaine Oval. Auskick is for boys and girls from K- Year 4 and will run for all of term two. Fixtures will be distributed at the first session.
Register and pay online at aflauskick.com.au cost $60. If your child is eligible for KIDSPORT funding please register online and bring along a completed form (available from the rec centre) and copy of your current card.
Keep informed with the latest news on facebook - join “Katanning Auskick”
Enquiries: Sheldon Kowald 0427 211167 Tim Fitzgerald 0439 555089

Katanning Junior Squash
Welcome new and old members.
Commencing Tuesday 3rd May
Venue: Katanning Country Club (Round Drive)
Years 4 to 6 - 4pm to 5pm
Years 7 to 12 – 5pm to 6pm
Cost $40.00 for Term 2. (Kidsport available)
Racquets provided.
Contact Ashley Clarke on 0421974350