Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday break. It was very exciting for my family to visit the zoo and see the dinosaur exhibits and the challenges of finding every dinosaur on the map! I hope that you and your family had a relaxing and restful break and are ready for Term Two. On Monday 25th April students and staff from St Patrick’s attended the dawn service for ANZAC Day. It was a very moving experience and as always, we remember the service men and women from all conflicts. It was a solemn time of reflection and I am grateful that we had our students lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to the parents and staff who attended to support the children in this important memorial service.

A big thank you to parents and guardians for sending your children to school in their winter uniform. There is a week’s grace to sort through any issues you have. Please make contact with your classroom teacher if you have difficulties with uniform.

Our staff are consistently engaged in professional learning and this term we have two pupil free days dedicated to explicit instruction and professional profiles. The dates for the whole staff professional development days are: Friday 27th May and Tuesday 7th June (after the WA public holiday). Please keep these dates as pupil free at St Patrick’s.

School Climate Survey
This term our school will be taking part in the school climate survey conducted by Insight SRC. The survey provides the school with valuable information about our school culture, teaching and learning environment. The survey is taken by staff, students, parents and Board members. Letters to parents outlining the information regarding the survey will come out on Wednesday. Parents have the option to complete the survey via a paper copy or online via the website address provided on the letter. The survey needs to be completed between Monday 2nd May – Friday 13th May 2016 and returned before Friday 13th May.

During the holidays we had cause for celebrations in our school community. Congratulations to the Wolfe family and our School Board chair Tania Wolfe on the birth of her grandson Franklin Fredrick. Also to the Gayton Family, congratulations to Patrina and Samuel on the birth of their daughter Briana. On behalf of the school we wish our families the very best and all the happiness that these lovely little people bring.

Have a wonderful and relaxing start to the term,
Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
Welcome back to St Patrick’s for Term Two!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. The children have shared some of their fantastic holiday adventure stories with me. The birth of new family members, fishing adventures, holidays to Albany and trips to Perth to catch up with family and friends all featured in their excited chatter. The common link was time shared with people we love and who love us. A timely reminder that God fits into that category, lets all endeavour to share time with God, our heavenly Father over the term ahead.

May – The Month of Our Lady.
The month of May is when we traditionally celebrate Mother’s Day. The students and teachers will be focusing on Our Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary for this special month. The prayer table cloths will change to blue to represent Our Lady and the “Hail Mary” will be prayed in classes. A whole school rosary will be said later in the month.

Casuals for Catholic Care
On Friday 13th May the students will be having a “free dress day” for Casuals for Catholics Day. This is a fund raiser for Catholic Care in the Diocese of Bunbury. This worthy charity provides funding for people in need across the community. This year the funds raised will support the St John of God Hospital Community Drug Service. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation and dress in “free dress” appropriate casual comfortable clothing.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

This term the focus behind the stage door will be on speech and drama. The ability to speak confidently in front of an audience is an excellent skill to have.
The senior students years 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival to be held on June 15th. A note was sent home at the end of Term One in regards to this fabulous opportunity. Please encourage your child to “have a go”.

Drama Club:
Drama Club will begin NEXT Tuesday afternoon straight after school until 4:15pm. This club is to assist those students keen on presenting a solo piece in the Festival. Assistance will be given with selecting their piece, tips on memorising and performance practise and guidance. I am looking forward to working with the students so see you Tuesday!!

Kind Regards
Debra Bearcroft
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - In a few weeks time, the Year Six Class will be heading off to Fairbridge Farm for camp. Camp is a wonderful experience for the students, and through that week, they will be learning a lot about themselves. The many challenges they will encounter at camp will see them:

- **Learn** new skills through the vast variety of activities they will participate in, which includes abseiling, raft building, and rock climbing.
- **Learn** to deal with their emotions when facing fears they may have.
- **Learning** to have a go at new experiences.
- **Learning** how good they have it at home :) and appreciate the things our wonderful parents do for us!

The Year Six class, and Teachers, are very excited about going to camp. We look forward to sharing our experience with you all when we are back. *Mr. Nettleton.*

Engagement – Students learn best and are most engaged when their classroom learning is connected to real word events. On Tuesday, we read the book titled ‘A Day to Remember’ by Jackie French to commemorate Anzac Day. This book examined the story of Anzac Day from the 25th April 1915 to 2016. This book shows the start of the War and how Anzac Day was born and how it has continued to grow since. We reflected on our own family connections to War and shared a prayer for all the service men and women from the past, the present and the future. *Miss Norrish.*

Accountability – Accountability - This term in ICT, students are learning to become super computer programmers. As technology improves and our reliance on technology greatly increases, it is important that students learn foundational computational thinking skills. Through various coding games and programs students will be describing, following and applying a number of sequences to solve problems in both non-digital and digital contexts. Through computational thinking skills, students will become better equipped to cope with future technologies in a changing society. *Miss Ackland.*

Discipleship - Our Year 4 classroom has a prayer roster, where students are given the opportunity to set up the prayer table, plan and conduct all prayers for the day. This provides students with the opportunity to explore scriptures and create their own prayers and focus for the day. It's wonderful to see the love the students put into their prayers and setting up the table. *Miss Mikulich.*

Happy Birthday to ......

Mia Hamon, Ben Stade, Joseph Rose.

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

Milo Hewson, William Collis, Inway Lipo, Year 4 Class Award,
Year 5 Class Award, Shaun Shackley.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Maths Homework Classes Yrs 3-6**

Commence Wednesday 4th May

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.

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**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.

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**Dear Parents,**

We are still waiting on our uniform stock to arrive and have received news from Perm-a-pleat, that due to their off continent supply, our shipment of winter sport uniforms (track pants sizes 4-10 and jumpers sizes 6-8) will not be dispatched until July. This was not the news we were hoping for and we are well aware that a few of you are waiting on uniform orders. Please understand that this is out of our hands and that as soon as they arrive, your orders will be filled.

If anyone has second hand uniforms in these sizes, that they are able to sell to help out, that would be greatly appreciated. There is a St Pats second hand uniform page on Facebook.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused to you all - we too are waiting on items for our own children.

We will keep you all updated on the other items as they arrive.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Natalie and Chrissy - Uniform shop volunteers.
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

Jesus said, "All who love me will keep my words and my father will love them and he will come to them. I give you my peace, peace the world cannot give".

Look Closer

Shalom. When Jesus promises peace it is truly a great gift. No matter what challenges life brings us, we can pray for the peace of Christ to fill our hearts.

Make a Tree of Peace: Draw and colour a large tree. Cut out small doves and write or draw something that worries you on each dove. In your prayer time, stick the doves on the tree.

Lord Jesus,
you give us peace,
peace the world cannot give.
May our hearts rest in your peace.
Amen.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate the Year 5 Family Mass Sunday 1st May at 10.30am with Fr Francis Constantino

Altar Servers: 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.
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KATANNING NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Net Set Go**

WHO: Net Set Go is offered for children in years Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2.
WHAT: Net Set Go is lots of fun! It involves fun games that aim to introduce our youngest players to the rules and skills involved in netball.
WHEN: Net Set Go will commence on **Saturday 14th May at 10.30am** on court 2.

**Starters**

WHO: Starters is offered to children who are in Year 3 and Year 4.
WHAT: Starters comprises of 20 minutes of skills and drills and 30 minutes of game time.
WHEN: Starters will begin on **Saturday 14th May at 9.00am** on court 2.

Net Set Go & Starters will run for 11 weeks - 5 weeks in Term 2 and 6 weeks in Term 3

If you missed Starters and Net Set Go Registrations...

Late Registrations for Starters and Net Set Go only will be taken on Saturday 14th May when these programs commence.

**Born To Move**

Friday Mornings. Launch is FREE Friday 6th May
9.30am – 10.15am
$3.30 per child, FREE for Gold Members.
*Chelsea Why will be instructing the program.*

Parents and caregivers are required to stay while the program is being run. To register your interest please contact the Katanning Leisure Centre staff on 98214 399.
Proudly supported by Department of Sport and Recreation and Shire of Katanning.

**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

**Fostering – Albany kids need you!**

Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you may be able to help!

We need Aboriginal and non Aboriginal carers who can care for children for occasional weekends and short and/or long periods of time.

To find out more attend an information session at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support Katanning Office, 25 Amhurst Street Katanning, on Tuesday 10th May at either 10am – 11.30 am or 7.30 pm – 9pm. Call Alison Mooney on 98410777 to register your interest in attending the session at our Katanning Office.