Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the month of May, we have a special devotion to Mary. The month of May is the "month which the faithful have especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world devote to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. During the month of May, we will be saying a decade of the Rosary on a Monday after lunch as our special commemoration to our lady.

In our classrooms, we have special Mary boxes containing rosary beads, a How to Pray the Rosary book, stories about Mary’s life and a statue of Mary for the classroom altar. Saying a Hail Mary with your family each night is a wonderful way to bring Mary’s peace into your house. In week 5 on the 25th May, we will be saying the full Rosary and the St Patrick’s parish will be joining us in the school hall. Parents are most welcome to participate with the school during this time.

Our Year Three and Year Five students will be sitting their NAPLAN tests next week. I am urging parents to be informed about the use of NAPLAN in the school and wider context. It is only one form of assessment that the school is mandated to undertake. I recommend to each parent to not stress themselves or their children over the testing itself. The school values the whole school data provided by the testing to identify areas of need and focus regarding our teaching program. The tests shouldn’t tell the school or parents anything about their child that they didn’t already know and because it will take until at least September to receive the results, their ability to affect individual students is certainly minimised. If parents would like further information about the NAPLAN Testing they can access it from: NAPLAN_2016_Parent Information

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of working with the Year 6 students on their Adopt a Spot project in collaboration with the Katanning Action Network and the Shire of Katanning. The Year Sixes with the help of Mr. Steve Hope-Blyth, Mrs Emma McKinley, Mr Matt Nettleton, Miss Emma Ackland and Mr Kel Vann from the shire, planted some trees and plants at our spot near the railway crossing in town. The students worked very well and had the planting done very quickly, Kel commented that they would make great Shire workers 😊

School Climate Survey
A reminder about our school climate survey, please have surveys completed by 13th May: The survey needs to be completed between Monday 2nd May – Friday 13th May 2016 and returned when completed by Friday 13th May.

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
May is all about Mothers here at St Patrick’s School. Our students and staff are focused on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Each Monday in the month of May we will gather to share a decade of the Rosary to honour Mary.

Mary is held up as an example to the faithful for the way in which in her own particular life she fully and responsibly accepted the word of God and did it.... She is worthy of imitation because she was the first and most perfect of Christ’s disciples.”

Mums and Grandmas of St Patrick’s school I am sure you are looking forward to breakfast in bed and lots of hugs on Sunday!!

I look forward to sharing a cuppa and some scones, jam and cream on Friday with you all 10:15am. See you there!!

**Casuals for Catholic Care**

**WHEN?** Friday 13th May, 2016

**WHAT?** Free dress for a gold coin donation.

**WHY?** This is a fund raiser for CatholicCare in the Diocese of Bunbury.

This year the funds raised will support the St John of God Hospital Community Drug Service.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

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The focus of the Arts Curriculum this term is MUSIC!! The Arts Curriculum area is made up of five strands – Drama, Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Media Arts. I believe and the Australian Curriculum states, that it is “desirable” that students be exposed to as many Art Learning Areas opportunities as is possible, with a minimum expectation of two being studied by PP-Year 8. The Assessment schedule (areas to be assessed and reported on) for the St Patrick’s students will take place over a two-year cycle.

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**Hymn Singing** – Whole school hymn singing will take place Monday after lunch to further enhance our beautiful Masses and Paraliturgies here at St Patrick’s School.

**St Patrick’s School Choir**- Any students are welcome to be part of the St Patrick’s School Choir. Rehearsals will take place Friday after lunch time before senior Sport. Commencing next Friday.

**Drama Club - Tuesdays** 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 practice and guidance.

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

**Learning** - Within Year 3 we are learning how to do Mental Maths; each week we complete a 2 minute mental maths test and the students’ goal is to beat their highest score over the weeks. We have spoken of ways that we can improve our scores and have worked hard to maintain and improve our mental maths skills over the course of both Term One and Term Two. *Miss Cohen.*

**Engagement** – Engagement forms a significant part of our school’s Strategic Plan, and a lot of thought has been put into how we can, and do engage parents and the community at St Patrick’s. A strong connection between school and home has been found to help build a solid foundation for happy and successful learning. This Friday’s whole school Mother’s Day morning tea is a one way that we can engage with families, by inviting parents, grandparents and carers into St Patrick’s to celebrate this special day with us. *Mrs Rundle.*

**Accountability** – The Year 1 class will be learning about accountability this term with the approaching three way interviews. This will allow them to sit with their parents and teachers and review what they have done this term. They will be able to talk about what they have done well (and they are all doing amazing things), what they need to work on and what their goals for this term are. *Mrs Anderson.*

**Discipleship**- To those of us who follow Jesus, discipleship should be a central aspect of our faith. However, as times get busy and we struggle to keep up in daily life we can sometimes forget this. We should take time to reflect each day and remember that, Jesus commanded his followers, in what is commonly referred to as “The Great Commission”. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20). To be a disciple of Jesus means that we have given up our lives in order to follow him wholeheartedly and unreservedly. *Mrs Campbell.*

Happy Birthday to ......

Isaiah Marwick.

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

Lucy Quartermaine, Elisha Calvadores, Crawford Bolto, Ivana Penaverde, Hallee Beeck, Mia Hamon, Ebony Smith-Marciniak, Kegan Broun

Sport Award - Devon McKinley & Nicholas Dunn
DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 27th May & Tuesday 7th June – PUPIL FREE DAYS

TERM 2
Tuesday 10th May
Wednesday 11th May
Thursday 12th May
Friday 13th May
Monday 16th – Friday 20th May
Thursday 19th May
Sunday 22nd May
Wednesday 25th May

NAPLAN – Year 3/5
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Casuals for Catholic Care – Gold Coin Free Dress
Year 6 Camp.
Incursion “Stamp it Out”
Year 1 Family Mass
PP Paraliturgy
Whole School Rosary 1.15pm

Full term planner is available on the school website.

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.

Congratulations!

To Montanna Campbell in Year 5. Last weekend, Montanna competed in the State Trampolining Championships in Perth. Montanna won the State Champion Under 13 Trampoline, State Champion Under 13 Double Mini and Under 13 State Champion Synchro to finish winning the triple event competition! A super effort, well done Montanna and congratulations to her family with all of the hard work paying off.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Ascension of the Lord and Mothers’ Day Mass Sunday 8th May at 10.30am with Fr Pierre Repuyan

Altar Servers: Gylan Tiongco & Lucas Schiano Di Cola
Reader: Tania Wolfe
Commentator – Jenny Goodheart
Offertory/Greeter – Gairen Family.

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

The Church’s call during the Jubilee Year of Mercy:
The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of one’s self. Consequently, wherever the Church is present; the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

Evangelisation - The Good News -
Be my Witnesses

THE WORD
Jesus and the disciples came together and as he spoke with them he was lifted up until a cloud covered him. Suddenly two men in white were standing near them. “Why are you looking into the sky,” they said, “Jesus has been taken to heaven.”

LOOK CLOSER
Who? Me? Jesus calls every Christian to be his witness and to share his love with others. He does not only want those with special gifts or knowledge or training. He wants us all.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your witnesses. Bless these calling cards and the people who will receive them. Amen.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 10.15am for K & PP (Nippers) And Saturday 14th May at 11.15am for years 1 & 2 (Nettas) on Court 2.

*Please note time change for Net Set Go Participants

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.
The Adopt-A-Spot initiative is a program that was put forward to the Shire of Katanning by St Patrick's Primary School and the Katanning Action Network. The initiative will see improvements made to the garden area adjoining the railway reserve on the corner of Clive and Taylor Streets. It is a great opportunity for the students of St Patrick’s to work on a project in the community that they can accomplish, and the fruition of the project will be something they can look back on for many years to come. This is the first allocated spot the Shire has provided, with the aim of a successful project that that will encourage other organizations’ in the community to follow suit.

The Katanning Shire has been very accommodating with what we can do to the allocated spot, and have given permission to implement the plans that the staff and students of St Patrick’s have designed. The vision that the school has for our allocated spot is to:

- Put in some new plants and trees
- Make a path leading to a mosaic of the school crest, surrounded by St Patrick’s roses
- Install totem poles designed by the students and staff of St Patrick’s that will represent the school's past and present, and its links to the community.

St Patrick’s Primary School is thrilled to be participating in a program that links the school to the community, and also working with the Katanning Action Network and The Katanning Rotary Club. We are so appreciative that The Katanning Rotary Club has provided us with funding to get the program up and running, and look forward to their ongoing support. A big thank you to Emma McKinley for her support in coordinating the project, Steve Hope-Blyth for providing the plants and working with the students, and Kel from the Shire, who has really helped out by putting in retic and offering his assistance for any work that is required.