Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see our mums, grandmas and aunties have such a wonderful time last Friday at our Mother’s Day morning tea. The classes were filled with parents and students working on activities, some mums were getting ‘make overs’ and some were having some delicious cookies. A huge thank you to our teachers and staff for planning the day to support our mums. Just before recess, we had the morning tea with our yummy scones made by Julie Poett. Thank you to Julie for her time and commitment to making the scones. The canteen was such a temptation and the smell of scones wafted through the whole school.

Please keep our Year Three and Year Five students and teachers in your prayers this week. Both classes are participating in NAPLAN. As I stated last week, NAPLAN is the not the be all and end all of test results. It will help us to define our direction and focus toward school improvement. I know that our students will give of their very best.

This Friday we have **Casuals for Catholics free dress day** to raise money for Catholic Care as part of the Bunbury Diocese. By supporting Catholic Care through the gold coin day we are showing Mercy to those in need. Your support helps church based organisations such as St John of God South West community Drug Service Team, St Vincent de Paul Society, Apostleship of the Sea and Centrecare, who provide much needed care and assistance for people in our local communities.

**Daily Fitness and Cross Country Training**

Congratulations to all of our students for the way they have participated in our daily fitness. This term we are looking at improving our cardiovascular fitness in preparation for our faction cross country. To help with doing their daily fitness, students are permitted to bring their runners to school in a plastic bag and wear them on allocated daily fitness days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). This will allow them to run safely and more comfortably during their cross country training days. We have allocated the longer runs on the days that students are wearing their sports uniform.

**Three Way Conferences:**

Week 5 has been scheduled for teachers, students and parents to meet for Three Way conferences. Three way assessments provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement. It may involve students taking work home that has been assessed by the teacher and themselves. Parents then respond with a comment regarding their
child’s achievement and progress. Three Way conferences are obviously age appropriate. Junior primary students are led by their teacher and parent to discuss their achievements and areas that they may need to work on. Whereas, middle and upper primary students, can be guided to discuss their work and take more ownership of their assessment and development.

Year 6 Camp
Next week our year 6 students will be attending the Fairbridge Farm camp. The students will be learning about their leadership skills through individual and team challenges. Mr. Nettleton, Miss Ackland and I will be going on camp. Please keep the students and staff in your prayers for a safe and enjoyable camp. If you have any issues or concerns over the week, please make contact with Ms Bearcroft.

School Climate Survey
A reminder about our school climate survey, please have surveys completed and returned by 13th May:

I have given up on Footy tipping, but good luck to all our teams over the weekend!
Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - Term 2 has started off with the Kindy class learning about all things under the sea! We are learning which of Gods creatures live in the ocean and how we can swim under the sea by using scuba gear or a submarine. We are also learning how to write numbers in the correct formation. We are counting sea animals and learning our numbers as we learn more about what lies beneath the sea. Miss Courtney.

Engagement – How did you engage with others today? When I am on duty it is wonderful to be welcomed by students and parents in the morning or afternoon. There are plenty of ‘high fives or winks’ or have a great day and lots of smiles. When we welcome people into our lives with a smile or a wave we are engaging with them for a brief moment. Mother Teresa has said “Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing…peace begins with a smile.” Mr Smith.

Accountability – In Italian last week, all classes were engaged in making Mother’s Day gifts. PP-2 made pasta necklaces while revising colour, number and patterns. The classes from 3-6 made bookmarks or cards while revising acrostic poems and learning to translate using an Italian dictionary. All children practiced saying ‘Buona Festa Della Mumma’. Hope all mums had a lovely day on Sunday. Mrs Quartermaine.

Discipleship – On Sunday, May 15, 2016, the church celebrates Pentecost. Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. On that day, the church celebrates the happenings recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts, chapter 2.
Notice when you go into church on Pentecost Sunday, the changes in colours on the sanctuary. Red is the colour of Pentecost, and it signifies the tongues of flames seen over the heads of those praying together. The Scripture also tells us that the sound of the blowing of a violent wind filled the house where Jesus’ followers were praying. In addition to the colour red, the church often displays tongues of flame and symbols of wind on banners.
We call Pentecost “the birthday of the Church. While having home observances for Christmas and Easter is common, Pentecost often goes unobserved in our homes. However, without Pentecost, we wouldn’t have the Church. It is worthwhile to spend time in family devotions and celebrations for this church holy day that helps us remember how the church began. Mrs Robinson.
The students and staff of St Patrick’s school are honouring Mary, the Mother of Jesus by praying the rosary together on Mondays after lunch. The students used their rosary beads to reflect on the Joyful Mystery of the Annunciation and then prayed a decade, even the youngest of our students counted dutifully along the beads as they prayed the Hail Mary. It was a beautiful, prayerful experience and the students are to be congratulated reverent way they honour Mary.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

Behind the stage door we are learning about the musical concepts of BEAT and RHYTHM. The students have been playing untuned percussion instruments to explore beat and rhythmic patterns. The senior students are being introduced to simple music note values and musical theory terms such as “tempo”.

WE NEED YOU!!!

If there are any parents/grandparents/friends who can play an instrument and would be happy to share their love of music please email me. I will endeavour to arrange music sharing time with the students during their Music lessons.

Kind regards

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

Nate Kowald, Sam Poett, Chyanne Dunn, Georgina Sutherland, Oliver Bloomer, Jonty Bolto, Bryce Passfield, Sophie Wolfe

Sport Award - Fritz Penaverde, Noelle Smith

Happy Birthday to ……

Rex Hewson, Liam Fruhstuck

DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 27th May & Tuesday 7th June – PUPIL FREE DAYS

TERM 2
Wednesday 11th May    NAPLAN – Year 3/5
Thursday 12th May    NAPLAN – Year 3/5
Friday 13th May    School Board Meeting 6pm
Monday 16th – Friday 20th May    Year 6 Camp.
Thursday 19th May    Incursion – “You can do it too”
Sunday 22nd May    Year 1 Family Mass
Wednesday 25th May    PP Paraliturgy
Thursdays 26th May    National Simultaneous Story time
          Whole School Rosary 1.15pm
Friday 27th May    PUPIL FREE DAY

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.

Colds
Upper respiratory tract infections or colds are everywhere, especially in winter, so it is almost impossible to stop children from catching them. Here are some points which may help:

- Teach your child to cough or sneeze into his/her elbow, and to wash hands straight afterwards.
- Hands should be washed after blowing noses and before eating.
- Use tissues once and then throw them in the bin. (Avoid using handkerchiefs.)
- Keep your child home from school if he/she has a cold/cough/fever/pain.
- Make sure that your children eat a balanced diet of plenty of healthy foods.
- Keep children away from smoke – it irritates their eyes and nasal passages, making it more likely that they will catch a cold.

What to do if your child gets a cold
No treatment will cure a cold or make it go away more quickly, but you can help your child feel more comfortable:

- **Rest:** This need not be in bed.
- **Provide extra drinks:** If your child doesn’t want to drink much, try giving lots of small sips of water, milk or juice, or iceblocks to suck for older children.
**2016 A YEAR OF MERCY**

**Key scripture for the Jubilee Year:**

"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It is a programme of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. ... Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him.

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**Evangelisation - The Good News -**

**Send your Spirit**

**THE WORD**

The believers were in a room when they heard a powerful wind and it filled the whole house. Tongues of fire touched each person and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to talk in foreign languages and people from every nation could understand.

**LOOK CLOSER**

**Happy Birthday!** The word ‘Pentecost’ means ‘fiftieth day’ in Greek. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as tongues of fire. It also marks the end of the Easter season, and is often called the birthday of the Church as it was from this event that the disciples went forth to spread the good news and establish the Church.

> Come Holy Spirit!  
> Fill our hearts with your gifts  
> and kindle in them the fire of love. Amen.

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**ST PATRICK’S CHURCH**

Celebrate Pentecost Sunday Mass 15th May at 10.30am with Fr Pierre Repuyan

Altar Servers: Amisha Mathews & Ebony Smith-Marciniak  
Reader: Julie Brown  
Commentator – Harry Cavoli  
Offertory - Harold Norrish Family  
Greeter – D Cavoli.

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

**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.

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**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.

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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Friday 20th May  
Katanning Town Hall  
Food • 6:30pm – 8:30 pm  
Drinks • 0-4 Free  
Dancing • 5-17 $3.00

- Entrance of children under 10 must stay & supervise their children  
- Special dietary needs are not the responsibility of the organizers.