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,

I am writing this issue of the Concern while watching our Year 6 students participate in their low ropes course at Fairbridge Farm in Pinjarra. I feel privileged to be part of this camp and watch our Year 6’s challenge themselves to balance across a tight wire rope. The risk is not high, but the gain in their social and relationship skills are fantastic. I have observed how they look out for each other and include students who aren’t as confident as they are in the challenges.

We had the opportunity to learn more about the history of Fairbridge Farm in the afternoon. It was very insightful to learn about the challenges faced by many of the Child Migrants and the hardships they endured in England. It was also heart warming to read the transcripts of their lives and the opportunities they made for themselves in Pinjarra. Our Year 6’s had already researched the farm and part of its history and they were able to contribute to much of the discussion.

Mr Nettleton, Miss Ackland and I participated in the night “capture the flag” game. A game of skill, strategy and stealth, we all cooperated to steal the tyre tube and gain a great victory for our team. Aside from having so much fun and it took me back a few years to my youth, we learnt that it is important to plan and work together to achieve our goal.

The students are definitely tired tonight and I have achieved an all time high on my Fitbit for a normal day, but it is very satisfying to have learned so much in our day.

A very special thank you to Mr Nettleton and Miss Ackland for their hard work in caring for our Year 6’s, no doubt they will have fond memories of their Year 6 camp to Fairbridge Farm.

Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to our footy teams!

Peace to you and your families,

Christopher Smith
Principal
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

**Learning** - Nowhere is learning so obvious than in the Early Years K-2. These little people appear to learn and grow before our very eyes. I sat down last week and listened to some pre-primary students read!! It was truly remarkable to see the joy on their faces as they made sense and meaning from the printed word. In Year One these clever kids are now writing words, sentences and sometimes pages of information. The conventions of the printed word are now coming through in their own writing. There is no doubt in my mind that reading is the foundation of all learning. Good readers are often good writers and spellers; they can read for understanding in all subject areas.

Like all skills you wish to master, good reading takes practise. Parents listen to your children read at least once a week, let them see you read and share story time before bed, there is no better way to end a day. *Ms Bearcroft.*

**Engagement** - How did I engage with others today? Each day I am fortunate to be able to spend time in classrooms working with the wonderful students of St Patrick’s. This time is spent engaging with students in tasks set by the classroom teacher. It has been wonderful watching the students grow over the year, and to assist them in their learning to reach their full potential. *Mrs Sugg.*

**Accountability** – The month of May is devoted to Mary the Mother of God. The focus for all classes has been to learn about Mary and to pray the Rosary, in our classrooms and as a whole school. The children have shown reverence and respect when we come together as a whole school to pray the Rosary. Through these prayers we ask Mary to help us, Mary helps us to know and love Jesus better. *Mrs Poett.*

**Discipleship** - Pope Francis challenges us in this Year of Mercy to show forgiveness and mercy in all of our works. Acts of kindness lead others to do the same. He states that “If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God’s own power.” *Mr. Smith.*

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**Bush Babies Exhibition**

On Wednesday the 11th of August the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes walked down to the Katanning Library to view the Bush Babies Art Exhibition.

This exhibition honours Noongar elders who were born in the bush in the south west of Western Australia. Indigenous and non-indigenous artists painted the portraits. Sharyn Egan one of the artists spoke to us about the paintings and artists. Sharon was taken from her family as a young child and explained how some of the subjects were actually related to her.

It was really interesting to see the different portraits and how each artist has a different style of painting. Everyone had a different “favourite painting”. My favourite was “Purple Nanna” she was the very first “Bush Baby” to be painted and it was this painting that inspired the others.

Thanks Mrs Sugg for promoting this Art adventure, Miss Mikulich for organising it and Miss Norrish for her help on the day!!

*Ms B XX*
The students and staff of St Patrick’s school continue to honour Mary the Mother of our Church by praying the rosary. Next **Wednesday, May 25th at 1.15pm** the whole school will come together at the grotto to recite the Rosary. This is a very special occasion and a beautiful, meditative experience. The Rosary can bring peace, reflection and clarity into our lives, as well as allowing us to ask Mary to intercede for our needs.

This week I had to have a general chat to the bus students regarding behaviour. It is extremely important that behaviour on the bus is of a high standard. This is a matter of safety and school pride. If the children are wearing the St Patrick’s School uniform they are representing our school and their behaviour should reflect our school standards. Please reinforce this with your child.

If you would like to make special mention of our Year 5 students who have stepped up to the role of school leaders with our Year 6 students on camp. A big **congratulations** on an outstanding job so far this week. You certainly have impressed me with your leadership potential. Good practise for next year!! Well Done!

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

This week behind the stage door the focus has been on BEAT, RHYTHM and TEMPO. The students continue to use percussion instruments to explore these concepts. The senior students are beginning to explore note values and names (crochets and quavers) as well as develop an understanding of the families of instruments within an orchestra.

Hymn singing will begin 1st June Monday straight after lunch PP-6 and St Patrick’s School Choir Practise commences NEXT Friday 1:15pm – 1:45pm ALL students Years 3-6 who love to sing are welcome. Absolutely NO AUDITIONS. …everyone can sing 😊.

Mrs Anderson and the Year 1 students had a special musical visitor Mrs Hewson, Milo and Fergus’ Mum. Mrs Hewson came and taught the Year ones some great songs. THANK YOU!!!

If any more St Pat’s parents or friends musicians would like to come and share their musical gifts please email me on [Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au).

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

Callie Hamon, Matteo D’Aprile, Pagen McKinley, Tane Kingi, Tiffany Butterworth, Nicholas Dunn, Gylan Tiongco

Happy Birthday to ……

Nate Kowald and Abbey Poett

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2
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
National Simultaneous Story time
Whole School Rosary 1.15pm
Thursday 26th May National Sorry Day
Faction Cross Country
Friday 27th May PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 31st May Year 2 Paraliturgy
Friday 3rd June Interschool Cross Country
Monday 6th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th June PUPIL FREE DAY
Wednesday 8th June Year 5 Paraliturgy
Monday 13th June P & F Meeting 7pm – Library

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 ice blocks to suck for older children.
2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Pope's burning desire that during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

Evangelisation - The Good News -

Holy Trinity

THE WORD

Jesus said, “When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine”.

LOOK CLOSER

God is a love relationship! The Father loves the Son and Jesus loves the Father, and from their love the Holy Spirit bursts forth to give life to the world. The love between them is so strong, even though each is a unique and individual divine person, they act and love as one.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate the Holy Trinity and the Year 1 Family Mass Sunday 22nd May at 10.30am with Fr Pierre Repuyan

Altar Servers: Montanna Campbell & Amisha Mathew
Reader: Year 1 Family
Commentator – Year 1 Family
Offertory – Year 1 Family
Greeter – Year 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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

KATANNING AMATURE SWIMMING CLUB INC.
Interested in Swimming Club?
Then this meeting is for you
Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 6.30pm
Katanning Leisure Centre upstairs meeting room
RSVP Tania Wolfe 0419932605 or email cdoc@katanning.wa.gov.au

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Friday 20th May
Katanning Town Hall

- 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 0-4 Free
- 5-17 $3.00

Prizes

Attendance of children under 10 must stay and supervise their children.
Special dietary needs are not the responsibility of the organizers.