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 had the pleasure today to teach the Year Three students for the whole day. In the morning we spoke about class prayer and how last Sunday was Trinity Sunday. It was very pleasing to hear the students speak about St Patrick and the three leaf clover and how he told people about the Holy Trinity. The students also prayed for people in their lives that needed an extra prayer. Saying the Hail Mary together we pictured Mary standing next to the person we are praying for. They were very reverent and sincere in their prayers.

It is so wonderful to teach in the classroom. The joys of supporting students in a one to one situation and watching them grasp a concept is a truly wonderful experience. I asked the children to write about what is happening in the school over the week and it gave me the chance to look at what learning is taking place in their classroom. Before we started, I asked them to think about ‘What I am looking for’ and teachers have been using the acronym WILF. They were able to tell me that their writing needs to be neat and legible, they need to use capital letters, commas, full stops and use adjectives in their writing to make it more interesting. I will share their writing with you about the Year 6 camp, faction carnival and winter carnival in next week’s Concern. It is fantastic to see them make use of their dictionary and editing their work to make sure it does make sense!

Tomorrow is our Cross country carnival at Katanning Country Club and we hope to see as many supporters of the children in the school. It should be a fantastic day and I know that our students will give their very best.

A reminder that this Friday is a Pupil Free Day for St Patrick’s. Our staff have a professional development day at school.

Good luck to all our teams over the weekend!
Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
Learning - In Kindy this week we are learning about numbers and under the sea we have made some painted red crabs and number stamping, counting fish in the bowl. We have also made a picture of us in a submarine mask. Mrs Willey.

Engagement - Now that another cold Katanning winter is almost upon us and we experience some rainy days, the Kindergarten and Pre Primary children will likely be spending more time indoors. This makes Engagement within the classroom a little more challenging, as the children are unable to let off steam during recess and lunch times, and are more distracted than normal. Taking regular "brain breaks" and reducing sitting time helps to keep them focused in class, but as parents and carers, you may find that they are a little more "bouncy" when you pick them up from school! Letting them have some outside time in their raincoat and gum boots after school may help to settle them back into routine. Luckily, we rarely have consecutive rainy days where the children are unable to have outdoor stimulation, so fingers crossed we will only be confined to the indoors for short periods this week. Stay warm and well. Mrs Pontillo.

Accountability – What is accountability? Accountability means we are answerable to others, and we should accept this responsibility as a gift from God. Not only does it provide a system of checks and balances that protects us from harm, but it also gives us unique opportunities to share our lives with others and encourage them. Mrs Robinson.

Discipleship - Last week I was very blessed to be able to go on camp with the Year 6's. During the week students challenged themselves and supported each other in difficult times especially during abseiling, raft building and rock-climbing. It was great to hear the lovely encouragement and positive affirmations from all the students. Each time we faced a challenge we were able to unite and draw upon our faith to give us strength to complete all activities. Miss Ackland.

Thursday 9th June - Bushies' School Day!

Like many Catholic schools in Western Australia, St Patrick’s was founded by a religious order of nuns, who came from Europe to help establish Catholic schools. The sisters who founded St Patrick’s were from the Order of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions. This order had been founded in France by Euphrasie Barbier, who was born in 1829 and was committed to missionary work overseas - particularly in the field of education. The nuns who came to Katanning arrived in January 1926 and within a week they had opened the school with an enrolment of 49 students. By the end of the first year there were 108 students enrolled and a new school was being planned. The sisters worked extremely hard, running the school, offering private lessons, keeping livestock and growing their own vegetables. In the holidays they ran Bushies’ School for children from farms who couldn’t travel every day.

At St Patrick's we are committed to honouring the memory of our founding sisters, and we remain a school in the tradition of the sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. You will see a picture of Euphrasie Barbier hanging in the administration area, and a cairn in the garden near the Year Six class room commemorates 50 years of the sisters at St Patrick’s. Bushies’ Day will be held Thursday 9th June children can come dressed in pioneer clothes. Children are asked to bring their lunch for a whole school picnic, old fashioned games at recess and lunch, and lessons about the sisters in classes and much more fun activities. Pioneer dress can be as simple as jeans and a check shirt, or a long skirt, top and apron.
Firstly I would like to say WELCOME BACK to our year six students. I know you all had a great time on camp. I certainly missed you around the school. Again, a big thank you and congratulations to the Year Five class who stepped up and lead our school last week. You were all amazing and showed some wonderful leadership potential. Thank you!!

This afternoon the whole school came together in the hall to pray the Rosary. The Rosary can bring peace, reflection and clarity into our lives, as well as allowing us to ask Mary to intercede for our needs. Well done to all the girls and boys on the beautiful way they have prayed the Rosary throughout the month of May.

*A reminder that Bushies Day is coming up soon on the 9th of June. This day is in remembrance of the founding Sisters of St. Patrick's School, from the Order of Our Lady of the Missions. It will be my first Bushies Day at St Patrick's and I am so excited! I have already learnt so much about these amazing women who gave their lives to Christ and to education.*

God's Blessings
Debra Bearcroft

STAGE DOOR

Mr Cavoli was busy behind the stage door this week. On Monday he continued with the Music programme focusing on pitch with our senior students and tempo and dynamics (volume) with the younger students. On Tuesday the students prepared their “Sorry Day” hands with Mr Cavoli and Mrs Sugg. They practised dott painting to decorate their hands. These wonderful handprints will be used as part of our National Sorry Day Assembly on Thursday prior to the Faction Cross Country. Thank you Mr C for always being happy to help out at St Pat’s.

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

No Awards this week due to Pupil Free day - Friday 27th May.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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**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

This is to be a "Year of the Lord's favour" or "mercy": Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Is 61:12). A "year of the Lord's favour" or "mercy": this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now. This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus’ mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: He who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness (cf. Rom 12:8).

Evangelisation - The Good News -

Fish & Loaves

THE WORD

After Jesus finished teaching the crowd, the people were very hungry. The disciples came to Jesus – they had only five loaves and two fish and there were more than 5000 men. Jesus took the loaves and fish, said the blessing and gave them to the disciples for the people. They all ate their fill and there were twelve baskets of scraps left over.

LOOK CLOSER

Feed me Lord! Jesus shows us that he cares deeply for his followers. He nourishes us not only spiritually, but physically as well. Today's feast, The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi in Latin) reminds us that Jesus gives us his own body and blood so that we might live with him forever.

Lord Jesus,
you are the living bread from heaven. May we live for ever with you. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Celebrate the Holy Body & Blood of Christ Mass at 10.30am with Fr Pierre Repuyan

Altar Servers: Luke Oclarit and Sophie Wolfe
Reader: M Page
Commentator – P Kerin
Offertory – Diane Noble
Greeter – J Goodheart.

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.
KATANNING AMATEUR 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

KATANNING NETBALL ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 11th of June at 6.30pm
Katanning Leisure & Function Centre
$15 per person pre-sale or $20 at the door
Tickets Available from NAB Katanning
BYO Drinks and Nibbles
Further Information Please Contact katanningna@gmail.com
Tania- 0438738680

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO UMPIRE?
Katanning Netball Association is offering a ‘GREEN SHIRT PROGRAM’ to anyone wanting to learn how to umpire. Junior players, Senior players and parents interested in learning to umpire are more than welcome to participate.

Minimum age requirement is school year 5.

Participants will be encouraged to umpire junior matches, followed by a 45 minute information session every Saturday, 12pm in the upstairs netball office as part of a 10 week program. The program has been specifically designed by Netball Australia as a beginner program for umpiring pathways. The program ensures beginner umpires are easily recognised and supported.

There is no cost, however it’s preferable that participants have a finger whistle and rule book. Rule books can be purchased for $15 from the Committee.

Any parents or confident umpires that would be willing to help coach and provide support for the green shirt participants umpiring a junior match at either 9am or 10.30am please let Tania Edwards know by emailing katanningna@gmail.com.au