Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week marks an important milestone for St Patricks School. It is 90 years since our wonderful school was started in Katanning. On Thursday, we will be celebrating the work of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. St Rita’s, which is now known as St Patrick’s School was established in 1926 with the arrival in January of that year, of three Our Lady of the Missions Sisters. The school opened on the 3rd February at 9.00am with 47 pupils, and the first classes were originally located in the Church. The school finished that year with 108 pupils. The sisters continued to teach in the Church until 1927. By then, three rooms and a verandah were built in the Church grounds, and these were opened and blessed by Archbishop Clune on the 5th December 1927.

The Congregation of Our lady of the Missions was founded in Lyons, France, by Euphrasie Barbier on 25 December 1861. Euphrasie was born on the 4th January 1829 in Caen, Normandy, and from her earliest years was inspired by the wave of missionary zeal which influenced nineteenth century France. The name of the Congregation is profoundly significant and is the source of all RNDM life, mission and works. To quote Euphrasie’s words: “In placing themselves under the patronage of Our Lady of the Missions, the Sisters desire to honour, in a special way, the Divine Missions which were the object of the ardent desires of Mary.”

Mission is everywhere. Euphrasie sent sisters to mission in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Isles. Not content with sending her sisters to the ends of the earth, she set out as soon as possible to visit them, enduring long sea voyages, sickness and shipwrecks.

The sisters’ motto was apparent to all their students who often scribed ‘AMDG’ on the top of their pages. The abbreviation of Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (for the greater glory of God), meaning to strive to give God more glory by always doing what is more pleasing to him. The Sisters’ would give of their best in whatever circumstances that arose. A wonderful testament to their order and an inspirational part of our school and Katanning’s history.

We are all looking forward to our ‘Bushies Day’ and remembering the hard work of our founding order.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
Welcome back after a long, long weekend I hope you enjoyed some extra special family time and used this opportunity to recharge the batteries to get you through the last few busy weeks of Term Two. I am certainly starting to notice the chill in the air and what feels like the start of my very first Katanning winter. Brrrrrrrr!!

As last week marked a change in our seasons from autumn to winter, it also marks a change in the Church or Liturgical calendar from Easter to Ordinary Time. The liturgical seasons are marked by special colours which are reflected in the vestments worn by the priest and the cloths and banners around the Church. The colour for ordinary time is green, this colour of life and hope.

**Sacrament Preparation Information Evening:**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 14th June, 2016  5:30pm- 6:30pm  
**WHERE:** School Hall

**WHO:** At least one parent/ guardians of students in Years Three, Four & Six who wish to commit to the Sacramental Programme in order to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and confirmation.

**WHY:** To provide a brief outline about the Sacraments and the manner in which your child/children will be prepared to receive them. An outline of how your child can be supported by family, school and Parish in this preparation. It is important that school and family work together to support the Parish in this important step in your child’s life.

This meeting is a crucial part of your child’s preparation and as such it is extremely important that you attend. If for any reason you are unable to attend please make an appointment to see Father Francis.

God’s Blessings  
Debra Bearcroft

This week behind the stage door the senior students have started to put theory into practise. They have started bucket drumming!!

I was so impressed by the speed with which the majority of the children demonstrated mastery of the basics. I was one VERY excited teacher!!

HELP !! HELP !! HELP!!

The cheap buckets I purchased from Bunnings are not going to survive the term, some didn’t last the lesson. The large 15L buckets of solid plastic are the most suitable. If you have any lying around could you please wash them and donate them to the school. Thank you in advance.

The Juniors are working on Pitch. The Sol-fa (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti Do) hand signs are being taught to make pitch visible eg. high Do and low Do. We are doing lots of singing and moving and playing games to reinforce the concepts already taught.

If you would like to share your musical talents with the students please see me or your class teacher to arrange a musical visit.

Ms B  
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**LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016**

**Learning** - In the past weeks, children have had the opportunity to discuss with their parents, their strengths, and the learning areas they may need to work on. As the semester comes to an end, teachers are busily assessing work and finalising grades for Semester 1 Reports. For staff, it is an important time to reflect on each child's progress, and how we can build on this to maximise their learning in the second half of the year. *Mrs Rundle.*

**Engagement** - Teachers have been working on implementing explicit instruction strategies in their classrooms. One strategy for increasing student engagement is to choose students at random to answer questions, rather than ask them to raise their hand if they know the answer. This way, **all** students are listening, thinking and preparing answers, ready to show their understandings at any time. *Miss Vartesi.*

**Accountability** – The Pre-Primary year has become a focus for attention as schools develop whole school plans. Pre-primary teachers can no longer work in isolation and are required to implement the school development plan in order to account for their portion of the school's work. Yesterday the teachers at St Patricks were privileged to have attended a Professional Development in Narrogin where we heard about some Explicit Direct Instruction lessons being taught. We were given the tools and encouragement to implement these into our classrooms. After attending these sessions I feel very empowered and motivated to improve my students learning and take them to a higher level. *Mrs Campbell.*

**Discipleship**- Discipleship is about creating a relationship with Jesus and getting to know his stories. Last week the Kindy class and parents joined together for our Paraliturgy. We explained the creation story and related it to our under the sea topic. We thanked God for all the ocean animals. We sang a very happy tune and gave thanks to the Lord for making me and all God’s creatures. *Miss Courtney.*

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**Bushies’ Day Thursday 9th June**

- 9.00–9.30am. Assembly – Guest Speaker. Mrs Betty Ryan
- 10.30 – 10.50am. Recess – Old fashioned games. Quoits, hoops, hopscotch, marbles, skipping rope
- 10.50am– 12.30am. Juniors Museum Visit. Kindy – Year 2. Mrs Gerry Watson will meet us there and split the group to tour the museum including the old classroom.
- 10.50 am – 12.30 am. Seniors Visit the old convent (Now DCP). Years 3–6 tour the old Convent. Michael will show the students the chapel, the rooms where the Sister’s slept. The building is ‘Heritage Listed’ and architecturally beautiful.
  - 10.50–11.40. Year 3 & 4
  - 11.40–12.30. Year 5 & 6
- 12.30–1.15pm. Picnic Lunch
  - 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Seniors Museum Visit. - Students will walk down together and be split into three groups once there. Mrs Gerry Watson will be our tour guide.
  - 1.15pm–3.00pm. Juniors class activities
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...

Judy Bates, Miranda Prosser, Liam Fruhstuck, Lara Davies, Lachlan Turner, Yasmin Prosser, Year 6 Class

Devon McKinley, Jai Tracey, Reagan Warren, Chayse Thomas, Evangeline Smith, Nicholas Dunn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

Thursday 9th June
OSLM Day
School Board Meeting 6pm
Year 3 Assembly
Year 4-6 Reconciliation
Friday 10th June
P & F Meeting 7pm – Library
School Photos
Sacramental Information night – Parents only
Monday 13th June
Kojonup Speech & Drama Festival
Tuesday 14th June
Winter Carnival
Wednesday 15th June
Semester 1 Reports Issued
Friday 24th June
NAIDOC Paraliturgy
Monday 27th June
Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 29th June
Term 2 ENDS 😊
Friday 1st July

Full term planner is available on the school website.

Wednesday 15th June

NO CANTEEN DUE TO KOJONUP SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVAL.

School Photo Day – Tuesday 14th June.

All students from Years 1 to Year 6 are required to wear their full Winter Uniform and students in Kindergarten and Pre Primary are required to wear their usual uniform.

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the front office to collect a Family envelope. Family photos are between 8:00am to 8.30am

Photo envelopes are due back ASAP.
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Celebrate the Filipino Independence Day Mass Sunday 12th June at 10.30am with Fr Francis
Altar Servers – Joseph Rose, Kobi and Ava Warren
Reader: The Filipino Community
Commentator – The Filipino Community
Offertory – The Filipino Community
Greeter – The Filipino Community

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2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Granting of indulgences for the Jubilee: A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. ... To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in His merciful "indulgence."

Evangelisation - The Good News -

The Good News

Great Love

THE WORD
Jesus was at table when a woman knelt at his feet weeping. Her tears fell on his feet and she wiped them with her hair. Then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with ointment. Jesus said to the others, “the one who is forgiven little shows little love”.

LOOK CLOSER
The Scandal of Love. The woman in this story had a bad reputation. The others did not like her, yet Jesus welcomed her. The scandal of love is that it gives people another chance. Love does not hold onto grudges. Love forgives.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord!
We ring out our joy
for the Lord forgives!
Amen.

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Last Friday I had the honour of taking a handful of our students to the 2016 Interschool Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day and all of our runners did an awesome job. We may have been the smallest school but we were definitely the loudest with all of our cheering and encouragement! To make the Interschool team is a great achievement and the students that ran should be very proud of themselves. We had nine of our students receive medals as well as three records broken!

Thank you to Mr Smith, Mrs Sugg, Miss Mikulich and Miss Cohen who supported our students and helped out during the day. Thank you also to the Year 6 students who showed great leadership with getting our runners ready for their races throughout the day.

Results:

8 y.o Boys
1st – Alby Kowald
2nd – Harry Harris

9 y.o Boys
1st – James Shackley

9 y.o Girls
1st – Reagan Warren

10 y.o Boys
1st – Jed Kowald

10 y.o Girls
2nd – Tiffany Butterworth
3rd – Ruby Rae

11 y.o Boys
3rd – Shaun Shackley

12 y.o Girls
1st – Taylor Warren

Miss Ackland.
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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

**CARMENS FAMILY FUNDRAISER**
Saturday 2nd July at the Katanning Bowling Club
What: Great family night out to raise funds for the St John Ambulance & Royal Flying Doctor.
Cost: Donation at the door.
Music for the big kids and little kids, games and giveaways, raffles, auction items and much, much more!

**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The School Dental Service (SDS) is a state-wide service operated by Dental Health Services (DHS) as part of the Western Australian Department of Health that provides free general dental care to enrolled school children aged 5 – 16 years, or to the end of year 11, whichever occurs first.

The staff at the Katanning Dental Therapy Centre (DTC), have returned from their mobile run and are attempting to examine and treat the children attending schools in Katanning. New DHS Policy requires parents to be present at some of the appointments in order for informed consent to be gained. Staff have had significant problems with contacting parents for appointments, resulting in many missed appointments and loss of valuable appointment time.

If you wish your child to be seen, please ensure you notify the DTC of any change of telephone number or address so that the staff can contact you.

Please provide the following;
Child’s full name
Child’s date of birth
Name of school and year
Correct address
Correct telephone number
Name of carer

and please post to or email KatanningDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au

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