The end of Semester One is quickly approaching and it is a busy time for our staff in the school. Staff are busily preparing mid-year reports on student progress. Schools communicate with parents and guardians throughout the year to ensure that they are well-informed about their child's achievement and progress. Schools and teachers report formally with an end of semester report and informally throughout the year in a variety of ways. In addition to formal end-of-semester reports, schools and teachers report informally about their students' learning and development in a variety of ways tailored to the needs of the family and the school community.

Assessment is the process of gathering information about students and their learning and making judgements on achievement using the data gathered. This information forms the basis of planning for future teaching and learning. Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning. Reporting is the process of communicating the outcomes of assessments to parents, guardians and students.

During our Professional Learning Community meetings, staff have the opportunity to discuss whole class and individual students and the progress they have made. We look carefully at standardised and class base assessment. Our focus is on overall growth and remediation to support students in making progress.

As a parent, I suggest focussing on the positive aspects of your child’s report. Highlight the growth and positive comments that transcend from the report. Look at areas that your child can improve on and discuss simple measures that can be implemented at home to support your child’s progress. “You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.” Developing a positive and hopeful approach about your child’s education, aligns with the belief that all children can, and will learn.

Our Year 4-6 students have participated in the Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival this week. I am in awe of the skill development of our students since the beginning of term. Congratulations to Ms Bearcroft and the classroom teachers for their hard work in preparing our students for the festival. It takes so much courage to stand up in front of people and perform. We should all be very proud of our children and the hard work of our teachers.

Have a wonderful safe weekend.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
From the AP’s desk...

Bushies’ Day was a great celebration of the founding sisters of our school - the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. Everyone looked great in their ‘Bushies’ outfits and our trips to the Katanning Museum and Reidy house really helped the students understand a little more about the early days of St Patrick’s School. A special thank you to Mrs Betty Ryan, Miss Norrish’s great Aunt, who attended Bushies’ School as a child. Her insight into the history of Bushies’ school was remarkable. Work of the sisters almost 90 years ago was.

Sacrament Meetings:

A BIG thank you to the parents who attended the General Sacrament evening last night. This was the first of number of meetings for the students and their parents. The Sacraments are a means to experience God’s grace in a very personal and real way. It is important that the family and school support the Parish in preparing the students in a meaningful way. Please ensure you note dates and times for the upcoming meetings, which are a necessary part of your child’s preparation to receive the Sacraments. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings please ensure you see Father Francis.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft

Behind the stage door the senior students have been doing some last minute rehearsal for the Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival. The year four to six teachers have done an outstanding job in preparing the students for this great performance opportunity. Very BIG congratulations to the performers who have practised so hard to commit their pieces to memory and perfect their performances. You are ALL winners in my eyes!!

The juniors have been learning about pitch and tempo. We continue to use the sol-fa scale to hear how music can be high and low. We have played games and sung songs that practise fast and slow. Going fast appears to be the most fun.

**Homework for parents and guardians – teach your child one of your childhood songs or nursery rhymes.**

Kind regards

Debra Bearcroft
Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

**Learning** - It is very interesting to see a child learn a new concept. There is so much growth and struggle to understand concepts, ideas and thoughts. Think about what it is you last learnt as an adult recently. Now bring that to a little Year One student struggling with the alphabet, and the brilliance of a teacher playing alphabet games with them. The focus on play is the hook for the child, the outcome achieved is the learning, and the fun had in accomplishing it. *Mr. Smith.*

**Engagement** - Children love to share their learning with others, especially with those who are important to them. This week, I invite all parents to our Italian Assembly on Friday. The junior classes will be singing two songs they have learnt this year. Please come along and show your support and encouragement. *Mrs Quartermaine.*

**Accountability** – Responsibility equals accountability equals ownership. A sense of ownership is the most powerful tool we can have. *Mrs Robinson.*

**Discipleship** - In learning about the founders of our school; Our Lady of the Sisters of the Missions, there is no greater example of discipleship. To leave Europe and all that was familiar to travel to Australia to provide education to Catholic children. This was God’s work and was so much more than simply teaching the children about reading and writing. The education was spiritual, not just through religious education lessons but through modelling of their “concern” for others. The students of St Patrick have a legacy to live up to; a legacy of courage and concern for all and above all a call to serve God in anyway they can. *Ms Bearcroft.*

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**St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion – Year 4**
- 20th July – Second Meeting, Parent information night 6pm
- 24th July – Commitment Mass 10.30am
- 27th July – Family Workshop 6pm
- 14th August – First Holy Communion Mass 10.30am

**Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 6**
- 10th August – Second Meeting, Parent information night 6pm
- 24th August – Family Workshop 6pm
- 28th August – Commitment Mass 10.30am
- 3rd September – Confirmation Mass 6pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3**
- 20th September – Second Meeting – Parent information night 6pm
- 12th October – Family Workshop 6pm
- 16th October – Commitment Mass 10.30
- 19th October Reconciliation 6pm
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...

Brock McKinley, Harry Harris, Leah Edwards, Maddison Garry, Chayse Thomas, Lucas Schiano Di Cola, Montanna Campbell, Noah D’Apriile, Caris Rae

Sport Awards: Christelle Garlett & Jordan Garrity

Cristian Nhkm, Abiel Ramjith

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 2**

- **Friday 17th June**: Italian Assembly – Pre Primary to Year 2
- **Friday 24th June**: Winter Carnival Year 3-6
- **Sunday 26th June**: Year 3 Family Mass
- **Monday 27th June**: Semester 1 Reports Issued
- **Wednesday 29th June**: NAIDOC Paraliturgy
- **Friday 1st July**: Year 4 Assembly

**Term 2 ENDS 😊**

**Full term planner is available on the school website.**

**TERM 3**

- **Monday 18th July**: Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday 19th July**: Students Commence Term 3
- **Wednesday 20th July**: Whole School Mass
- **Thursday 21st July**: Eucharist Parent Workshop 6pm
- **Friday 24th July**: Road & Safety Incursion
- **Sunday 24th July**: Year 4 Family/Eucharist Commitment Mass

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**Dear Parents**

On Friday, 17th June, the PP, Yr1 and Yr2 students will perform two Italian songs during assembly. Could all children in these classes please wear a red, green or white T shirt (faction shirts are perfect). We would love you to join us.

Kind Regards

Donna Quartermaine

Italian Teacher

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*No recess canteen Friday 24th June.*

Due to Winter Carnival.*
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
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Reader: Tess Cohen
Commentator – Wendy Norrish
Offertory – George Norrish Family
Greeter – Tess Cohen

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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

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 -

Follow me

THE WORD
Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to be my follower, they must deny themselves and take up their cross daily
and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.”

LOOK CLOSER
Life: losing and gaining.
Jesus says that following him will take sacrifice. There are many distractions in our lives that prevent us from following
him more closely, like our need to be accepted, our desire for money or things, our selfishness, laziness or fear of the
unknown.

Lord Jesus,
you call us to follow you.
Give us the courage to do
your will. Amen.

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The 2016 Winter Carnival is nearly upon us and will be held on **June 24th (Friday Week 9)**. The carnival is a fun and inclusive day where no score is kept from the day’s events. The focus is on participation, learning a new sport as well as socializing with other students from other schools. During Friday Sport this term students from Years 3-6 have been busy practising skills in Netball, Hockey, Football and Soccer. Last Friday was an especially rainy day however students still trained enthusiastically and had a lot of fun. Thank you to **Miss Mikulich** who is helping to coach Netball, **Miss Norrish** for sharing her hockey talents, To **Miss Cohen** who is slowly becoming a soccer expert and **Mr Nettleton** for assisting with Footy at the start of the term. Also, thank you to **Mr Sheldon Kowald** who has been a massive help coaching the Footy while Mr Nettleton is on leave. We have one more practice this Friday and we will also be running a lunchtime practice next week so students are familiar with the rules coming into the carnival.

Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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
Dental Therapy Centre
Katanning Primary School
Dore St
Katanning WA 6317
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Natural things are great for children’s play. We are looking to start construction of our nature play space at St Patrick’s, in particular, our Kindy area. We are asking the community if they can support the school with the following items.

- **Tree stumps** – approx. 500 – 1000 mm different lengths (white gum or similar)
- **Tree cookies** – approx. 300 – 400 mm diameter and 50 - 60 mm thick
- **Stones (different sizes and textures)**
- **Large boulders**

Please do not bring items to school until you have been advised. If you are able to support the school, please make contact with Mr Smith or Ms Bearcroft on 9821 2281.

Thank you.