Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, I am sharing one part of our values program at St Patrick’s. We hear the word respect every day in different context. In our school life we model our actions on the way Jesus worked and helped other people. Jesus built relationships with people. They were able to see his actions and words match. In developing our school value of respect, we will need to ensure that our school is safe and that staff, students and families are challenged and engaged.

Respect

Respectful schools are, by definition, democratically informed learning environments where people feel safe, supported, engaged, and helpfully challenged. Respect doesn’t happen in isolation; it’s based in relationships. As we learn and teach, we are respectful in the context of our social, emotional, civic, and intellectual interactions with each other.

Some special congratulations to all our Winter Carnival participants. I had the opportunity to visit each sport and was very proud of the effort by our students. We had great success in all the events. Children were having fun and they participated enthusiastically. They learned new skills and some students played a new sport for the first time. Our students showed good sportsmanship – shaking hands and congratulating the other teams they played. They learned how to listen to the referee or umpire and follow the rules of the games they were playing. A very special thank you to all the parents who supported the students by coaching or managing a team. Congratulations to Miss Ackland for the preparation and organisation of the Winter Carnival for 2016, a job well done!

This week, we celebrated NAIDOC week with a paraliturgy organised by our Year Four students. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

It has been a very busy term and I know how tired our students have become. Have a very safe and relaxing break, please drive and arrive safely.

Have a wonderful break.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
The students of St Patrick’s School celebrated NAIDOC week with a beautiful Paraliturgy run by the Year 4 students under the guidance of Miss Mikulich. Our Indigenous students shared their culture through a traditional welcome to country, readings, prayers and careful explanation of how Earth, Fire, Water & Message sticks are all part of their rich culture. Their families came to support them and joined the whole school in a wonderful celebration. It was lovely to hear the congregation sing “I am Australian” with pride and joy. What a great way to end the term with a reflection on sharing a common dream of a united Australia.

Next term we will be focusing on our Sacramental preparation and I would invite you to pray for all of the students who will be receiving the Sacraments. Parents please make yourself available for the meetings as they are a compulsory part of the preparation. If you do not attend please make an appointment to see Father Francis.

Finally, the first Wednesday back at school is a whole school Mass you are invited to attend.

All students and their families should be congratulated on a fantastic first semester. Schools are busy places, however in St Patrick’s school we find time in the busy-ness to stop and pray. Please try to keep this important practise going in the holidays.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft.

PLEASE NOTE: Crazy hair day tomorrow is JUST “crazy hair”. Students will be wearing their sports uniform.

The stage door will be transformed into the ‘studio’ door for term 3 as our Arts focus moves from Music to Visual Arts. I am excited to explore the creative talents of our students through a brand new curriculum area of the Art. Please ensure your students have an art shirt they are able to use.

Kind Regards
Ms B
Learning – Learning in the library is constantly changing. I have been talking about STEM with my classes, which you may have seen advertised on TV. Next term I am planning on implementing STEM activities with all the classes. STEM is about the blended learning of subjects whose fields are naturally integrated in the real world. As a librarian, STEM is about exposing and encouraging students to read, learn and be interested in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, so that they may eventually pursue a career in these areas.

By exposing all students, especially girls, to certain texts and using these to implement and refine research and problem solving skills, it is hoped Australia will increase the number of people going into these areas. Whilst I will continue to seek appropriate, picture, fiction and non-fiction books, St Patrick’s is lucky to already have in our amazing collection, over 80% of the texts, including many picture books and novels, that have recently been recommended by The Literature Base for this purpose. Mrs Anderson.

Engagement – It has been quite a challenge this week to keep the kindergarten children engaged in activities as the term comes to a close. Everyone is very excited about the holidays! We have also had some children away with colds and coughs etc, so the break will be a good opportunity for everyone to rest, relax and recharge in preparation for Semester 2. See you all next term, as we engage in some new and exciting Kindy learning. Mrs Willey.

Accountability - The word accountability often conjures up negative connotations, as a lack thereof can lead to undesirable consequences. However, there is a sense of achievement associated with being accountable. If I am accountable for my actions, it means that I can justify what I am doing, and that others can trust in me and be confident that I can carry out what I am required to do. In a school environment, I am also accountable for the actions of the children in my care. Whilst this comes with great responsibility, it also provides opportunities for many positive and enjoyable interactions on a daily basis. Mrs Pontillo.

Discipleship - I discussed Respect earlier in my Principals article at the start of the newsletter. This scripture reading from the weekend, sums up our call to discipleship. St Paul wrote, “Be careful not to be self-serving. Serve one another in works of love. Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go about snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you will destroy the whole community”. Mr. Smith

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...  
Year 1 Class award, Fletcher Ball, Addison O’Neill, Zachary Fruhstuck, 
Luke Oclarit, Joe Collis, Tristan Garlett, Year 6 Class award 

Sport Awards: Lachlan Turner. 

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week and during the school holidays! 
Georgina and Sharotte Sutherland, Hallee Beeck, Lachlan Turner 
Nicholas Chaplin, Xavier Smith, Caris Rae, Alby Kowald, 

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 2**

Thursday 30th June  
Crazy Hair Day–Gold coin donation for Caritas

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  
Eucharist Parent Workshop 6pm

Thursday 21st July  
Road & Safety Incursion

Sunday 24th July  
Year 4 Family/Eucharist Commitment Mass

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**Parent Awards**

Renea Garrity, Gail Butterworth, 
Angelina Rose, Sheldon Kowald, 
Craig McKinley, Richelle Warren, 
Tim Clegg, Penny Shackley and 
Lee Bessell-Browne.

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**St Patrick’s Road Awareness Day.**

*We will be St Patrick’s Road Awareness Day.*

We will be holding a Road Safety Awareness Day on Thursday the 21st of July 2016.  
All students from K-6 will be participating in activities to raise awareness of Road Safety. 
We ask that children come to school in Hi Vis or bright coloured clothes to show the importance of being safe when out bike riding or walking in our community. The students are also asked to bring in a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Katanning Road Wise group. If any parents/carers are available to come in and help cut up some fruit for our traffic light fruit kebabs on the morning of our event, could you please pop in and see Mrs Campbell in the Pre Primary or email me Campbell.nerida@cathednet.wa.edu.au. We look forward to a fun and educative day.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass during the school holiday on Sunday’s at 10.30am with Fr Francis

School Holidays Altar Servers Rosters
3rd July – Tiffany Butterworth & Montanna Campbell
10th July – Like Oclarit, Sophie Wolfe
17th July – Isabel & Joe Collis

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.

2016 A YEAR OF MERCY
After Mary as the Mother of Mercy, Pope extends his thoughts to the saints and blessed ones who have made divine mercy their mission in life. In this regard, he singles out St. Faustina:
Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I am especially thinking of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love.

Evangelisation - The Good News -
On the Road

THE WORD
Jesus chose seventy-two disciples and sent them out two by two to the towns. “The harvest is rich but the workers are few”, he said to them. “When you enter a house, say ‘Peace to this house!’ Eat what is set before you, cure those who are sick”.

LOOK CLOSER
Working for Christ. The Gospel goes on to tell how the disciples came back rejoicing for they had been able to do great things in Jesus’ name. When we work for Christ, he gives us power and grace to do His will.

Lord Jesus,
you send us, your disciples,
to share the Gospel with others.
Give us courage in the face of adversity.
Amen.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass during the school holiday on Sunday’s at 10.30am with Fr Francis
Last Friday students from Years 3-6 had a great day participating in the 2016 Winter Carnival. Leading up to the big day, students trained very hard during senior sport and during their lunch times. I was very lucky to spend the day at the hockey, with our 3/4 Hockey team putting in an outstanding effort in all of their matches. It was so great hearing about how well the students went when we got back to school Friday afternoon. The day provided an opportunity for some students to play a new sport as well as socialize with students from other schools. It was fantastic to see some of our students play a sport they don’t usually play.

The day ran very smoothly with the help of some of our awesome staff members and our amazing parent helpers. We were very lucky to have a handful of parents come and coach the students throughout the day. Their enthusiasm towards coaching our students is kindly appreciated.

Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Starz Dance Company
Classes begin Wednesday 20th July in Katanning
Classes for Kindy and up
Please Contact Tara to register
0439 841410
startarz@westnet.com.au

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
Nature Play Materials

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
CRAZY HAIR DAY

DATE: 30th June 2016
FOR: CARITAS

BRING: Gold Coin Donation
WEAR: Your Crazyiest Hair