Dear Parents and Guardians,

I attended the Leaders Day for all Catholic Schools Principals at Newman Siena Doubleview on Monday. There were many new exciting initiatives being rolled out by CEWA. We had the opportunity of listening to schools engaged in 21st Century learning and the development of contemporary learning spaces. Many schools showcased how they are implementing digital technologies to support student learning. CEWA has also implemented a new digital platform that will link up all Catholic schools in Western Australia. In this way, schools can access resources, teachers, and personnel from across the state to support student learning. The example was given of an outstanding physics teacher in Perth supporting students on a remote community in the Kimberley’s through skype and virtual classroom. The possibilities are endless. It was a very engaging forum, so watch this space in the near future.

Last week, we had our Eucharist Family workshop led by Miss Mikulich, Mrs Poett, Mrs Bearcroft and I. It gave our candidates and their prayer friends a chance to learn a little more about the Eucharist and to share their ideas with their families. A special thank you to the teachers and staff involved in supporting our candidates and their families. A very special thank you to the prayer friends and their families who attended to support our First Communion candidates.

I had an email from Fr. Francis stating that he will be in the Philippines for another two weeks. We are working with the Diocese of Bunbury to have a priest support our parish and school events in Fr. Francis’ absence. Please keep Fr. Francis and his mother in your prayers, she is still not in good health.

Our Year Five class participated in the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment today. I was so pleased with the effort the children put into completing the assessment. The assessment will provide the school with data to support our teaching and learning in Religious Education. Our Year Three students will complete the BRLA assessment next week.

This week I will be in St Mary’s Bunbury on Thursday and Friday morning, supporting the school Principal in their cyclic review. If you have any queries, please make contact with Ms Bearcroft.

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
Our St Patrick’s Family
We give thanks for our families in St Patrick’s and the wonderful work that our parents and guardians do to support our school. Please keep Sue Thomson, who passed away last week and whose funeral is tomorrow, in your prayers. Sue worked at the reception of St Luke’s Family Practice in Katanning. There are many families in our community who are dealing with health issues. Some battle through these challenges silently, please keep all our families in your prayers and that God will provide them with the courage and strength to meet their challenges.

From the AP’s Desk ....

Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

As staff in a Catholic School we are privileged to have the opportunity to assist our students in developing their knowledge and understandings in the Religious Education area. This knowledge and understanding will be assessed by the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Test. The Year three and five students will be involved in this testing this week and next. Both groups have had practice tests and are experienced at the brand new online delivery of the test. What we learn and teach in RE does not stay within our classrooms and within a set timeframe, but permeates through everything we do. The Making Jesus Real program, which is used at St Patrick’s, promotes just that kind of approach to RE: it is not something limited to a set number of minutes each day and it is not something which takes place only in the Church or in our classrooms during RE lessons. For Catholics, Making Jesus Real is something that happens every day, all the time.

St Patrick’s School Choir

The boys and girls in the St Patrick’s school choir practise every Friday after lunch. They are extremely enthusiastic and are starting to really sing beautifully.

We are currently preparing for some important upcoming events:

1. Singing with the adult choir for First Holy Communion Mass 10:30am 14/08/2016
2. Singing for the elderly clients at Bethsham 2pm 30/08/2016

❖ Please see separate note for further details.

God Bless – Debra Bearcroft

From the Studio

Last week we were treated to a visual arts display from a gifted Indigenous artist named Joey from Poornarti Aboriginal Tours. This incursion was organised by Mrs Sugg as part of our Aboriginal studies here at St Patrick’s School. Joey painted a beautiful scene for each class in a matter of minutes. Some of these works will framed and displayed around the school.

This week the students are exploring the use of colour. They will be working with various mediums and styles to impart a sense of mood or feeling through their work and colour choice.

Kind Regards
Debra Bearcroft
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning: Once upon a time in Kindy we read Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children worked together to make porridge using their maths skills. We had to measure out the oats, add and stir in the water, cook it in the microwave and give it another stir when it had cooled. The children also learned about ordering by size by sorting pictures of bowls of porridge, chairs and beds for daddy bear, mummy bear and baby bear. The children had fun discovering daddy bear had the biggest bed, mummy bear the medium bed and baby bear the smallest bed. The children had a fun and exciting week learning through hands on experiences. Miss Courtney.

Engagement – I worked with some students during the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment today and it was a pleasure to see the level of engagement by the students in completing the assessment. Students re-read through questions and double checked their work at the end. I saw students use great strategies to problem solve and work through the multiple choice and short answer questions. Well done Year Five’s! Mr Smith.

Accountability: This term, in Italian, we are learning about pets. We are learning the names of six animals and then using this knowledge to expand into conversations and asking/answering questions about our pets. I have included the names of the pets below. You can use this information to help your child become accountable for their own learning at home, if you wish. Mrs Quartermaine.

cane-dog, gatto-cat, uccello-bird, coniglio-rabbit, pesce-fish, tartaruga-tortoise

Discipleship: Discipleship – Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do and I do it with my heart. – Pope Francis. Mrs Robinson.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Year 4
14th August – First Holy Communion Mass 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 6
10th August – Second Meeting, Parent information night 6pm – Cancelled
24th August – Family Workshop 6pm
28th August – Commitment Mass 10.30am
4th September – Confirmation Mass 10.30am

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 are:

- Cristian Nhkum, Fletcher Ball, Tane Kingi, Kayde Bessell-Browne, Lara Davies, Montanna Campbell, Tristan Garlett, Year Six Class Award
- Sport Awards – Sophie Wolfe, Sharie Oclarit
- Parent Awards: Gail Butterworth and Richelle Warren

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week:

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Head Lice**

Please could parents check and treat your child’s hair if head lice are found? We have a few cases, so please be vigilant.
Thank you.

Please note, that there will be no canteen on the following dates –

- Wednesday 17th August
- Wednesday 14th September
- Friday 16th September
- Friday 23rd September
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

You are invited to celebrate a Communion Service this Sunday 7th August at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Amisha Matthew, Tiffany Butterworth

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.

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 - Be Ready

THE WORD
Jesus said, “Be ready for action and have your lamps lit. Be like those waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door when he knocks. Happy those servants whom he finds awake. For he will put on an apron and wait on them.”

LOOK CLOSER
Be Prepared. We’ve all been caught unprepared at some time. The most important thing for which we need to prepare is our life in heaven. Talk about it: If you knew you had one year to live, how would you spend it?

Lord God, you are the source of life! We praise you for your gift of life. Prepare our hearts to meet you face to face. Amen.
St Patrick’s Sport Stars

Last Friday a handful of our students from Years 5 and 6 competed in the 2016 Bendigo Bank Netball Carnival. St Patrick’s entered two teams– a 5/6 mixed and a 5/6 all girls. It was a great day with a number of different schools participating from the Great Southern region. The students also got a taste of playing outdoors as well as a few games on the grass. Once the rain started, this certainly made me feel very grateful that I play Netball indoors on the weekend! I’m so proud of the efforts from the mixed team who picked up their momentum as the day went on. Our 5/6 girls team proved to be very strong winning 4 out of 5 games. This earnt them a spot in the final against St Matthews Narrogin. Unfortunately, the girls went down but not without a fight. A massive thank you to Gail Butterworth and Richelle Warren for their help with coaching throughout the day.

Running Club

Starting this **Friday 5th August** I will be conducting a running club before school from **8:00-8:30**. This will be conducted on the school oval and all are welcome. This will continue on **every Friday** throughout the term (weather permitting). The session is designed to increase students’ fitness, as well as practice and develop their skills in running, jumping and throwing in preparation for the Athletics Carnival. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Katanning Lesuire Centre
Born to Move
When: Friday Morning
Time: 9:30am – 10:15am
Age: 2 to 4 year olds
Cost: $3.30 per child. FREE for Gold Members

Friday Night Rollerblading
For 3 dates ONLY!!
When: 12th August, 2nd September and 23rd September
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Age: parents, children, siblings, grandparents. Bring everyone!!
Cost: $6.90 Junior (under 18), $8.00 Senior (over 18), $2.00 Blade Hire
If you have any questions, please contact the KLC on 9821 4399.
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.
Year 6 cake stall

Cupcakes
Cakes
Slices
Muffins
Biscuits

When: Thursday 4th August
Where: undercover area
Why: raising money for year 6 camp.
Cost: From 20c and more