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,

This week I spoke with our students about ‘Mastery.’ It is one of our school values from our Strategic Plan and it relates so well to our students, staff and families. Mastery is comprehensive knowledge or skill in a particular subject or activity. It involves the pursuit of excellence and achieving our very best. During the next three weeks, teachers will be discussing mastery with their classes. I spoke to the students about the Olympic Games and how hard athletes train to represent their country. Some are blessed to win medals at the Olympics, however, the focus should be on the effort and commitment of athletes to master their sport, and better their own personal results. Our students are gifted in so many ways. We have wonderful artists, sportsman, dancers, mathematicians, authors, singers and students gifted with kindness and compassion. Our school value of mastery, is to support and promote the giftedness of our students and staff as best we can.

Our staff have been engaged in using explicit instruction in their classroom. At our Professional Learning Community meetings (PLC’s), our staff discussed their peer observations of each other. It was a very affirming experience for our teachers to acknowledge the structures that they are developing to incorporate explicit instruction into their classrooms. Our teaching staff are focussed on their explicit warm ups and checking for understanding. We have noted some excellent progress with our mental computation and classroom literacy results.

We wish our First Communion candidates, their prayer friends and their families the very best for this Sunday, as they take part in celebrating their First Holy Communion. A very special thank you to Miss Melissa Mikulich for her hard work and organisation in preparing our school candidates. Thanks also to Mrs Poett and Mrs Sugg for supporting the parish candidates and their families. Please keep our students and staff in your prayers this weekend.

We are looking for donations of materials for our nature play spaces at St Patrick’s. We have had a flyer at the end of our newsletter over the past few weeks. If you have any of the items mentioned on the flyer, we would be very grateful for your support in using the materials to improve our play spaces in the school. Please make contact with Mr Smith or Ms Bearcroft as soon as possible.

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
This Sunday the 14th of August, at 10:30am students from our school and parish will be receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It really is a beautiful celebration and an opportunity for all to come to the table of the Lord and receive God’s grace. Please join our school and parish family and help make this milestone in the lives of our young catholic children extra special.

The St Patrick’s School Choir will be singing at the Mass with the parish choir. All choir students must wear their **SCHOOL UNIFORMS, hair neatly groomed and shoes polished. The choir children are required at 10:00am to warm up and are invited to the shared lunch in the hall after Mass.

** Choir students are permitted to wear free dress on Monday as a “thank you “for sharing their time and talent to make Mass extra special.

** CHORPRACTISE FRIDAY:**
This Friday Choir practice will take place in the Church with the musicians from 3:30pm -4:30pm. It is important that your child attends.

Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.
bearcroftdebra@catednet.wa.edu.au

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From the Studio

I love Art! It is just so much fun to facilitate a child’s creative learning. I have started to display some of the students work in the office and around the school please take some time to come and view some of their works of Art. This week the students have had a finishing off, catch up week. Art takes time; paint needs to dry, glue needs to stick and ideas need time to grow and develop to a finished product.

I agree with whoever said....” EARTH without ART Is just EH.”

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

**Learning:** Einstein said “Creativity is intelligence having fun”. It will be no surprise that in exploring the Visual Arts area of the curriculum a lot of fun is being had. Art is messy, it takes time, sometimes it goes horribly wrong and sometimes a mistake transforms into a masterpiece. It is no different to any other learning area except our expectations from paint brush to pencil seems to be vastly different. Let’s LEARN to value and appreciate THE ARTS for all the many things it teaches us and the children. _Ms Bearcroft._

**Engagement:** I love my job in the library. Student engagement can sometimes be difficult, but because of the wonderful resources and environment—of which many are provided by the amazing fundraising efforts of our P and F, it is hard at times to unengage students to do other tasks or leave! As you get out of bed on Ram Sale Day and think of many other things you need to do that day, put a vision in your mind of our students absorbed in the non-fiction section of our library, especially the science and the arts sections, with books surrounding them! Or working with various activities on the junior table generously donated by the P and F or watching the Olympics on the interactive whiteboard or reading the CBCA Bookweek and West Australian Young Reader book Award books you have provided in the quiet corner and know that your efforts are contributing to our children sharing and engaging with some of the best resources in school libraries in our area. _Mrs Anderson._

**Accountability:** As an employee of the Catholic Education Office, I continue in my role as the Geckos Coordinator. I am accountable by fulfilling the requirements of this position by encouraging and enriching the Aboriginal Studies learning environment, through the facilitation and promotion of Reconciliation. My journey has seen our school community acknowledging Reconciliation Week, National Sorry Day and NAIDOC Week. Hopefully as a school, we grow through these experiences, by being tolerant and accepting of all. _Mrs Sugg._

**Discipleship:** It has been wonderful to see the many examples of compassion and mercy being demonstrated by our students in the playground. Yesterday, two students displayed kindness to a Year 4 student who was injured while playing football. They cared for him to make sure he was okay. Great to see, well done boys! _Mr Smith._

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**St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion – Year 4**
14\textsuperscript{th} August – First Holy Communion Mass 10.30am

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

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

Kaelen Sliskovic, Ruby Anderson, Alby Kowald, Thomas Hamon, Christelle Garlett, Mae Angel, Mia Hamon, Taylor Warren

Sport Awards: William Beeck, Montanna Campbell

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week....
Amelia Holly, Bethany Collis, Jonty Bolto

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3
Thursday 11th August     School Board 6pm
Friday 12th August       Year 1 Assembly
Sunday 14th August       Eucharist Mass 10.30am
Tuesday 16th August      Pre Primary Paraliturgy
Wednesday 17th August    Assumption Mass – Whole School 1.15pm
                          Visiting Author
Thursday 18th August     Ram Sale
Friday 19th August       Ram Sale
Sunday 21st August       Pre Primary Family Mass 10.30
Tuesday 23rd August      Book Week Parade
Wednesday 24th August    Year 6 Class Mass
                          Bishop Visit
                          Confirmation Family Workshop 6pm
Thursday 25th August     Open Night & Book Fair
Friday 26th August       Year 5 Assembly
                          Year 6 Confirmation Retreat
Sunday 28th August       Year 6 Family & Confirmation Commitment Mass

Full Planner is available on website.

2017 Kindergarten Class

St Patrick’s School is now calling for enrolments for Kindergarten in 2017. Parents should contact the school for enrolment forms, or use the school website to access the forms

http://www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au/enrolment.html

Closing date for applications is Friday 26th August 2016.
All children who will turn 4 years of age by 30th June 2017 are eligible to be enrolled.

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

- Wednesday 17th August – Ram Sale
- Friday 19th August – Ram Sale
- Wednesday 14th September – Jumps and Throws
- Friday 16th September - Faction Athletics
- Friday 23rd September – Pupil Free Day

Ram Sale Roster is available from School Website & P & F Facebook page
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate The First Holy Communion Mass this Sunday 14th August at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Joseph Rose, Ebony Smith-Marciniak, Montanna Campbell

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

How the Pope ends his bull: In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Ps 25:6).

Evangelisation - The Good News - Keep Running

THE WORD
With so many witnesses, we should throw off everything that holds us back, especially sin, and keep running the race. Let us not lose sight of Jesus! Think of the way he stood with such hostility from sinners and you will not grow weary or lose heart.

LOOK CLOSER
Running the Race. It is important to remember that our life on earth is short and in the time that we have, we should prepare ourselves for our eternal life with God. When life is difficult, remember that Jesus is always with us and will always give us what we need when we turn to Him in prayer.

Dear Jesus,
when life gets hard, give us your strength and help us to see your blessings even in our difficulties.
Amen.
St Patrick’s Sport Stars

Last week during Phys Ed students from Years 3-6 participated in a goal setting lesson as a part of their athletics unit. We discussed the different running, jumping and throwing events and talked about which areas they felt they were very good at and which events they felt they needed more practice with. We then set a SMART goal which we are aiming to achieve by the end of the term.

SMART goals are:
- **S** - Specific
- **M** - Measureable
- **A** - Attainable
- **R** - Realistic
- **T** - Time-bound

Last Friday I had such a fantastic day, reminding me just how much I love my job! It started off with a great turn out of students at our first ever Running Club. Remember parents are welcome too! **Friday Running Club runs from 8:00-8:30.**

During Friday Sport, I was also lucky enough to have some Year 6’s help out with our athletics rotations. The Year 6 Boys and Girls did an amazing job at helping our younger students, providing them with specific feedback for improvement.

The day was topped off with our first marching practice for the year. Although some students and teachers were sceptical at first, it was great to see everyone getting into the St Patrick’s tradition. Thankyou **Mr Nettleton** for your terrific bucket drumming skills!

Students to wear their faction tops on Fridays!
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Katanning Leisure 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.

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Safe Clubs 4 Kids workshop, Katanning - Wednesday 12th October 2016 6 -8pm Katanning Town Hall
The Safe Clubs 4 Kids initiative supports the sport and active recreation industry to create and maintain safe environments for children and young people. The Safe Clubs 4 Kids workshop aims to:

- Increase awareness about how to create child safe environments.
- Understand the importance of criminal record checks, including Working with Children Checks.
- Learn how to respond to and report a disclosure or suspicion of child abuse.
- Identify useful resources and contacts to support you.

RSVP Registration essential by Friday 7 October 2016 RSVP to cdoc@katanning.wa.gov.au or telephone 08 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.