First Holy Communion

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St Patrick’s School Vision Statement
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,

We have had a wonderful week at school, last week we were blessed to have the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar band perform for our school in an incursion. It was great to see the awe and wonder in the faces of our children as they listened to the concert band. The band captains talked about the different instruments and the sounds that they made. All our students were able to dance and use some un-tuned percussion instruments to perform with the band. After the performance I spoke with the teacher in charge and thanked her for the opportunity that she had provided for our school. Hopefully, this will spark the fire in some of our students to encourage a love of the performing arts – singing, dancing, drama and playing an instrument.

On the weekend our Year Four communion candidates made their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful mass and it highlighted how lucky we are to have such a dedicated staff and parent body, who are committed to giving their best for our students. A huge thank you to Melissa Mikulich for her hard work in preparing our school students and thank you to Julie Poett and Paulette Sugg, who prepared our parish candidates. Fr. Ed Stewart celebrated mass in Fr. Francis’ absence and he did a wonderful job. Thank you to all of our parent helpers in the canteen and to Tess Cohen for the preparation of food after the mass. We would like to acknowledge our parent helpers at our assembly this Friday by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation.

A huge thank you to Harry Cavoli for marking our oval with lines and markers for our games. Harry is an expert at marking and we are so appreciative of his hard work – often completed after school hours in his own time. I know that our students have enjoyed having the lanes to run in and pretend they are ‘Usain Bolt’ at the Olympics. On the weekend Tania and Garry Wolfe cleared some of the ground in front of our long jump pits and added more sand to our pits so the children can practise their jumps. We are so grateful to Garry and Tania for their work and another great sign of the contribution that many parents make to our school.

Good luck to our Parents and Friends committee this week and their big fundraiser for the Ram Sale. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their gifts and talents that they are sharing during the three days of the Ram sale. Please be generous with your time if you have an hour or two to spare to support the many parent volunteers at the Katanning Recreation Centre.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend,
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 the Rose Family in your prayers. Angelina, Jason and Joseph have their father and grandfather Mr Schiano in Perth after being seriously ill. Our prayers are with Joseph and his family and we hope that all goes well after the surgery. 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 ....

What an amazing week it was!! Congratulations to the Year 4 students, Kobi Warren, Shaun Shackley, Lauren Paganoni and Lily Richardson who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday. To the wonderful prayer friends who assisted by participating in the Mass or singing in the St Patrick’s School Choir - YOU WERE ALL AMAZING!!!
To all the staff who participated and supported this Sacrament in so many ways a personal thank you for sharing your Christian witness to our young people and their families.

A special treat:

The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Concert Band paid a visit to St Patrick’s last Thursday. This complimentary show was a fabulous display of music, song and movement. The children were up dancing, playing instruments and singing. Howie Clegg conducted the band beautifully for a stirring rendition of “Uptown Funk”.
It really was a very special treat!
Sharing your God given gifts with others is a true blessing. The gifts and talents we have are our gifts from God. How we use them is OUR gift back to Him.
God Bless

Debra Bearcroft

This week the students have been looking at human movement, inspired by the amazing feats of athleticism displayed by the Rio Olympics.
The students have been sculpting, with foil, and working with negative and positive spaces, which includes shadows. The juniors have been having a great time with collage, making carnevale masks and pictures of Rio de Janeiro in all it’s Olympic glory!
Looking forward to seeing you in the Art room on open night.

Debra Bearcroft
Learning: In kindy we are learning about nursery rhymes this week. It's The Gingerbread Man we have been listening to lots of stories and hopefully we get to cook some this week yum yum. We are always learning in kindy especially at recess and lunch making cubbies out of sheets and making cakes with sand. The new favourite game is “What's the time Mr Wolf?” which they have learnt from there Pre-Primary friends. Mrs Willey.

Engagement: It was lovely to see the Pre Primary children engaged with the visiting author Sally Murphy, this week. There is an art to story- telling, and hearing a book read by the author herself is a rare treat. Turning the pages of a book together is something that is sadly lacking in a lot of homes these days, as busy lifestyles and electronic devices take over. Sharing that special one-on-one experience with your children from an early age will foster a love of reading that they will carry throughout their lives. It is also an opportunity to take some time out and immerse yourself in some “fantasy” - a treat for both adult and child! Mrs Pontillo.

Accountability: Junior primary staff members met earlier this week to discuss how we are working towards meeting the National Quality Standards (NQS) at St Patrick’s School. In the coming weeks, we will be reviewing our Quality Improvement Plan and using it to develop a more specific action plan. This will make each of us accountable to continue to work towards our goals. Miss Vartesi

Discipleship: 
In Year 5, we share the 5 finger prayer. In this prayer each finger represents a person or a group of people for whom we send our prayer intentions.
  1. The thumb is the finger we hold onto to pray for those closest to us.
  2. The first finger (index) is the finger we hold onto to pray for those in authority.
  3. The second finger (middle) is the finger we hold onto to pray for our leaders, Church and World.
  4. The third finger (ring) is the finger we hold onto to pray for those who are weak and unwell.
  5. The final finger (pinky) is the finger we hold onto to pray for ourselves.

Miss Norrish.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 6
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......

Ben Stade, Chace Campbell, Maddison Garrity, Lachlan Turner, Chayse Thomas
Phillip Gayton, Zane Waktins

Sport Awards:
Oscar Kerin, Thomas Hamon

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week....
Ruby Anderson

DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 3
Thursday 18th August  Ram Sale
Friday 19th August  Ram Sale
Tuesday 23rd August  Book Week Parade 9am
Wednesday 24th August  Year 6 Class Mass
                          Bishop Visit
                          Confirmation Family Workshop 6pm
Thursday 25th August  Open Night & Book Fair 5.00 – 6.30
Friday 26th August  Year 5 Assembly
                          Year 6 Confirmation Retreat
Sunday 28th August Mass
                          Year 6 Family & Confirmation Commitment
Wednesday 31st August  Year 3 Class Mass
Sunday 4th September  Confirmation Mass 10.30
Thursday 8th September  School Board Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 14th September  Jumps and Throws / 400m – KLC
Thursday 15th September  Faction Money Snake
Friday 16th September  Faction Athletics - KLC

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

- Friday 19th August (Recess) – 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 Mass this Sunday 21st August at 10.30am with Father Ed Stewart.

Altar Servers: Montanna Campbell, Luke Oclarit

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

Works of mercy (sometimes known as acts of mercy) are practices common in the Catholic Church, as an act of penance and charity. The works of mercy has been divided into two categories, Corporal works of mercy and Spiritual works of mercy.

Corporal works of mercy are those that tend to bodily needs of others.

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. Shelter the homeless.
4. Visit the sick
5. Visit the prisoners
6. Give Alms to the Poor
7. To bury the dead

Spiritual works of mercy is to relieve spiritual suffering.

1. Counseling the doubtful.
2. Instructing the ignorant.
3. Admonishing the sinner.
4. Comforting the sorrowful.
5. Forgiving injuries.
6. Bearing wrongs patiently
7. To pray for the living and the dead

Evangelisation - The Good News - A People Gathered

THE WORD: The Lord says this, “I am coming to gather the nations. They shall come to witness my glory. I will send some of them to distant lands that have never heard of me. There they shall proclaim my glory.”

LOOK CLOSER: Called to the feast. Isaiah speaks of the Lord gathering people from every nation. In the Gospel (Lk 13:22-33) Jesus speaks of gathering people from all over for the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. We too are called to this feast.

We praise you Lord,
people from every nation.
Your love for us is strong!
You are faithful forever.
Amen.
Holy Prophet of God, Isaiah,
pray for us.
St Patrick’s Sport Stars

Technology and Sport – a very unlikely match.
During our athletics unit, I have been employing a handful of Apps to provide students with specific feedback to improve their running, jumping and throwing skills. One App that has proved to be very useful is SprintTimer – Photo finish. This sport timer has allowed me to create an Olympic-like photo finish during short running events. The photo finish records an accurate time for each student running in the race. Coaches Eye is another app that has allowed me to analyse student performance in throwing and long jump. This app lets you record the athlete’s movement and then instantly play it back to them frame by frame.
I look forward to showing you some of this data during our open night next week.
Miss Ackland

BREAD AND BUTTER DAY

I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36)
Pope Francis

The Year 6 class has put in place an action group that will do some of the Corporal Works of Mercy.
The initial part of the action plan is to raise some money that will help support the rest of the program.
The raising of money will come from a bread and butter day. This will take place on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} Of August (Week 6). The purpose of the bread and butter day is for the students to have empathy for those who are less fortunate than us, and to make that connection through what they receive for lunch. The donation from families on this day will be what they would spend on their child’s lunch. No lunch is required to be packed on the day.
*Recess will be normal, bread and butter provided for lunch, crunch and sip at 2pm normal, early finish.
The Year Six class will provide the bread and butter for the whole school. Deb Watkins from Community Harvest Centre has kindly offered to donate a variety of bread for the day. All dietary requirements will be fulfilled. With the money raised, the Year Six students have identified a few of the Corporal Works of Mercy that they can do in our community.

Visiting the sick – A visit to Bethshan and to use some money to buy any resources they may need (New games/books/magazines)

Feeding the hungry - We are looking into a soup kitchen or an afternoon tea within the community.

Give money to the poor - With the remaining money, we will donate to a charity that supports the poor. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to me or your classroom teacher.

*Recess will be normal, bread and butter provided for lunch, crunch and sip at 2pm normal, early finish.

Many thanks,
Matt Nettleton – Year Six Teacher
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: 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.

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.

Katanning Junior Basketball Association
Nomination Night
4pm to 5.30pm at the Katanning Leisure Centre
Tuesday 6th September 2016 and Tuesday 13th September 2016
Children born 2000 to 2009 only
Aussie Hoops (06,07,08,09) $60.00 includes pack and insurance
Full Season (2000,01,02,03,04,05) $60.00
½ Season (2000,01,02,03,04,05) $40.00
Payment with nomination is required
If you have Kidsport please bring your current health care card.
For further information please contact Tania Wolfe on 0419932604

The Apex Club of Katanning
with the assistance of
The Shire of Katanning and Katanning Senior High School
are proud to be bringing you The Regional AATFA Heat
When: Friday 26th August 2016
Doors open: 6.30pm Event starts: 7pm
Where: Katanning Leisure Centre, Pioneer Room
Pemble Street, Katanning
Cost: $5 (holders of prebooked tickets are ensured light supper)
Tickets available from the door: OR Prebooked Tickets at: apexka@yahoo.com.au; or contact Stephen on 041 799 4892
Not participating this year? Why not come along and see what all the fuss is about!
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.