Dear Parents and Guardians,
This week St Patrick’s celebrated Bookweek 2016. We had our Bookweek costume parade on Tuesday morning, capably led by Sue Anderson and Steph Pontillo. It was fabulous to see the costumes of the children and the wide variety of stories and characters that appeared. The theme for this year’s Bookweek is ‘Australia: Story Country’ and we are blessed to have so many wonderful Australian authors and story tellers. I had the privilege of listening to ‘Gary Crew and Shaun Tan’ speak about their craft and how they make books come to life from their ideas. Please continue to foster the ‘love of reading with your children.’ It is such an important and fundamental skill, which permeates all areas of your child’s education. Thank you to all our staff for dressing up in their costumes – we had a lot of fun and laughed quite a bit!

This week is the Confirmation Family workshop in our school hall. It will be led by Matt Nettleton, Deb Beacrcroft, Julie Poett and myself. We look forward to supporting the families from St Patrick’s and the wider parish community. Tomorrow, Bishop Gerard Holohan will speak with our candidates just after lunch. He would like to meet and get to know them a little better before their Confirmation Mass on the 4th September. We wish our candidates and their families the very best at this busy time in our sacramental program.

A huge thank you to our Ram Sale coordinators – Tania Edwards, Tania Wolfe, Emma McKinley and Katherine Anderson. It was a wonderful couple of days of many people contributing to support our school community. Thank you to everyone who supported the Ram sale through their time, money and food. It was fabulous to see so many people working in the kitchen and in the shed during the sundowner. Last year, I spoke of the joys of being a volunteer and number one on the list is that ‘you make a difference - every person counts!’ Congratulations to our Parents & Friends Association for their preparation and hard work – the school students, staff and community are very grateful.

During this winter we have had a number of students who have been very sick and have struggled to be at school. Please support the school by reminding your children to keep warm at recess and lunch time. Staff have noticed many children playing without their jumpers, jackets or tracksuit tops on. The oval gets very cold and windy, and we know that children need their time to run around and absorb what little sunshine there is about. Wearing something warm will protect their chests – where cold and flu symptoms develop. Thank you for support with this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend, good luck to all the football teams. Some need it more than others!

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
Bookweek at St Patrick’s School has been amazing so far!! The parade yesterday was a joy!! So much effort and involvement from all the students and staff. Mrs Anderson has transformed the library into a mysterious, wonderful world of adventure and learning, inspired by… Books! Books! Books! Read! Read! Read! Make sure you visit the library on open night. Book fair is taking place with some beautiful books for purchase.

Confirmation 2016

The year six students and their prayer friends and families have been preparing for this Sacrament over the course of Term three.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an adult step for these young students as they make a commitment to God. There is a Family workshop this evening commencing at 6pm. The Bishop will be visiting and speaking to our young people today about their preparation. The Family Commitment Mass is this coming Sunday at 10:30am preceded by a family breakfast, and the students and prayer friends will be sharing a Confirmation Retreat on Friday 10:00am -2:00pm where they share and learn about their faith, the power of the Holy Spirit and the importance of Confirmation. These events are ALL considered part of the essential preparation for Confirmation, as such attendance is compulsory. The Sacraments are a huge step on your child’s Faith journey, they are not just something that “gets done”.

Commitment is the key. As a parish, school and family let us all pray for our young Confirmation Candidates and all those who have helped them to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and all the wonders and fruits this involves.

Choir – Confirmation

The St Patrick’s School Choir will be supporting our Confirmation Students by using their beautiful voices at Mass. Sunday 4th September, 10:30am. Arrive at 10:00am to warm up with adult choir.

**Rehearsals: This Friday 26th Aug, after school in the church until 4:15pm.
Next Friday 2nd Sept, after school in the church until 4:15pm.

Choir – Bethshan

The St Patrick’s School Choir will be entertaining the residents of Bethshan NEXT Tuesday, 30th August at 2pm. Please ensure your child is dressed in FULL WINTER UNIFORM for this visit.

A note will go home today with your child. Please complete the permission slip and return to school ASAP.
From the Studio

OPEN NIGHT - VISIT THE ART
Learning: Within the Year 3 class this term we have been focusing on Australia in our Geography unit. We have studied the different states and territories of our home country and have discovered that there are six states and two territories in total. In Year 3, we have also practised naming the capital cities of each of the states and territories in Australia. After naming the important states and cities, we took a look at the physical parts of Australia such as Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef. I look forward to helping the students research more interesting and exciting parts of Australia. *Miss Cohen.*

Engagement: As we are “one more sleep” to open night it has been incredible to see all the behind the scenes preparation that staff members have been undertaking. There have been a lot of extra hours cutting, gluing, laminating, creating and tidying! However, we all do it because we love our job and it’s just another way to engage our students into their learning. I’m very excited for tomorrow’s events and you are all welcome into the Computer lab to see what has taken place this year in Sport and ICT. *Miss Ackland.*

Accountability: In the Year 4 classroom, students take ownership of their learning and have become responsible learners. Last week our class worked together in small groups to complete science experiments for Science Week. The goal was for students to take ownership of their own learning and work collaboratively with others. This created a positive group identity and helped students understand that each of them play an important role in their group and as part of the class. Through our class reflections we discovered that effective accountability requires a particular attitude and way of thinking to achieve successful teamwork. *Miss Mikulich.*

Discipleship: In Religious Education this term, we have been building a better understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Part of the the unit was having the students do research on a Saint. For those doing their Confirmation, the Saint that they chose to research will become their Confirmation name. The main purpose of the project was to make a connection with the Saint that they chose by identifying the qualities that the Saint had, and how they can emulate those qualities in their own lives. *Mr Nettleton.*

----

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......

Sam Poett, Jesse Schiano Di Cola, Jai Tracey, Tiffany Butterworth, Xavier Smith, Wesley Farmer, William Beeck

Sport Awards: Adam Edwards, Alby Kowald

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week....
Mathilda Kerin, Luke Oclarit, Oliver Bloomer, Kobi Warren

DATES TO REMEMBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TERM 3</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 24th</td>
<td>Confirmation Family Workshop 6pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>Open Night &amp; Book Fair 5.00 – 6.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 25th</td>
<td>Year 5 Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>Year 6 Confirmation Retreat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 26th</td>
<td>Year 6 Family &amp; Confirmation Commitment Mass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>Year 3 Class Mass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 28th</td>
<td>Whole School Fathers’ Day Morning Tea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>P &amp; F Meeting 7pm – School Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 31st</td>
<td>Confirmation Mass 10.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>School Board Meeting 6pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 2nd</td>
<td>Jumps and Throws / 400m – KLC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>Faction Money Snake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 5th</td>
<td>Faction Athletics – KLC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>Parent workshop Reconciliation 6pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 14th</td>
<td>Year 4 Class mass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>Year 6 Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 16th</td>
<td>Last Day of Term 3! 😊</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>Friday 23rd September – Pupil Free Day – In recognition of Staff</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liturgical Commitments</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

Sports Uniform Training for Athletics and Interschool

From week 7 till the end of week 9 Term 3, students are permitted to wear their sports uniform & faction tops to school every day. Training sessions are held at lunch time and will compliment all the hard work being done by students at morning fitness since the beginning of the year. Friday running club will still be going till the end of term.
You are invited to celebrate the Year 6 Family and Confirmation Commitment Mass this Sunday 28th August at 10.30am with Father Ed Stewart.

Altar Servers: Gylan Tiongco, Lucas Schiano Di Cola

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.

Feed the hungry:

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

- Having delicious food at Christmas dinner? Donate to a Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat.
- Research, identify and contribute financially to organisations that serve the hungry.
- The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

A YEAR OF MERCY

The Word: Jesus said, “When you give a party, do not ask your friends and rich neighbours, because they will repay you by inviting you in return. No, when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled and the blind, for they cannot pay you back. Your reward then will be made in heaven.”

Humility. Our culture glorifies the fit, the fast, the strong, the rich, the powerful. Yet in the Kingdom of Heaven, those who are humble are the ones God rewards.

Lord God,
you draw close to those who
live humbly in service to
others.
Teach us humility.
Amen.

Evangelisation - The Good News – Exalt the Humble
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.

Thank you.