Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week St Patrick’s students have taken part in some community service. Our Year Six students have helped out with a seniors’ mini Olympics at the Katanning Leisure Centre. They will be supporting some of our HACC members with playing various indoor activities. Our totem poles have been erected in the Adopt a Spot location near the rail crossing. It already has made a point of interest for the community and our next step is to design and paint the poles. A huge thank you to the Katanning Shire for their support in placing the poles at the location.

Our School Choir was meant to sing at Bethshan on Tuesday, however, due to sickness within the centre that has been rescheduled. Ms Bearcroft will let choir members and their families know of the date when that has been set.

This weekend we will be celebrating with our Year Six school and parish candidates, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Holohan. Please keep our candidates and families in your prayers. Thank you to Mr Nettleton, Miss Letter, Mrs Poett and Mrs Sugg for the preparation of our candidates in the school and parish.

Parents of students in Year Three and Five will receive their children’s NAPLAN results in the next few weeks. NAPLAN allows us as a school to determine how we are performing as a school in comparison to similar schools, the state and the nation at each specific year level. Our Year Three cohort has made some excellent progress particularly in Grammar & Punctuation, Reading, Writing, and in Spelling are above the national mean.

Our Year Fives have shown what would be the expected growth from Year Three to Year Five. The results are still not at the national average but continue to show signs of improvement. This is a significant indication that the structures that we have in place as part of our strategic direction and our annual school improvement plan are making a real difference to the learning that is occurring in our school.

Our school will continue to analyse the data to ensure that we make the most appropriate choices regarding the programs that we deliver to all students. We will deliver exactly what our students need, not just for a testing environment that is a snapshot on just one day. Rather, we will continue to approach our students’ learning in a more longitudinal approach to ensures that lifelong learning is the key goal in all of our learning intentions.

If you have materials for the Nature play spaces, can you please make contact with Mr Smith or Ms Bearcroft. We will be placing the materials behind our cricket nets ready for use.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

**Learning:** This week, leading up to the canonisation of Mother Teresa, we have been learning about her life, and the wonderful work she did with the sick and poor. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to God’s work, and continues to inspire people throughout the world, through her Missionaries of Charity, and thought-provoking words. “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” Mother Teresa  
*Mrs Rundle*

**Engagement:** Students in Year One have been engaged in our Book Week story, *Ollie and the Wind*. We used it to look at the features of a narrative story, and retold the story using objects. This week, we have been changing parts of the story to write our own version, called *Holly and the Wind*. The Year Ones are becoming such fantastic authors! *Miss Vartesi*

**Accountability:** Last week we had our Annual St Patricks Open Night. The teachers and students worked very hard to showcase some of the learning that has taken part in classrooms this year. It was great to see the children so involved in their Book Week book displays and the learning that has come from it. Our book in Pre Primary was the Cow that Tripped Over The Moon. After reading this story we were all able to understand the importance of “Perseverance” and what you can achieve when you persevere. It was great to see so many parents and family members in attendance for our open night. *Mrs Campbell.*

**Discipleship:** The Kindy class has been learning about Noah and his Ark. Noah was Gods disciple. He was given instructions to build an ark for his family and a pair of every animal. The Kindy children built their own arks with box construction. The children also glued on pictures of animals they would take onto their Ark. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Noah, what an ark actually is and the story of the great flood. *Miss Courtney.*

On Tuesday, the Year Six Class was invited to the Katanning Rec Centre to help out at the inaugural Mini-Olympics for the aged. The day was coordinated by the Katanning Home and Community care, along with the Katanning physiotherapists and Katanning Leisure Centre. The day started with the St Patrick’s students as flag bearers, followed by a torch relay around the basketball courts. There was a Thai-chi warm up before the official ‘Let the games begin!’ There were many events held on the day, including thong and tea bag throwing, chair hockey, soccer, bocce, brain and table games, mini putt, skittles, balloon badminton, and basketball.

The Year Six students were extremely helpful, encouraging and supportive at their stations. I received wonderful feedback from the coordinators, thanking our students for their enthusiasm and for the way they engaged with the aged in our community.

*Well done Year Six Class, super effort!*  
*Mr Nettleton*
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly are......

Callie Hamon, Harry Harris, Aaron Mathew, Lara Davies, Jonty Bolto, Noah D’Aprile, William Beeck, Kegan Broun, Conor Rego, Joseph Rose, Shaun Shackley, Isabel Collis, Jordan Garrity, Madsion Pepall, Caris Rae, Susann Ndong’a Taylor Warren Sophie Wolfe, Sport Awards: Shaun Shackley & Caris Rae

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week....
Oscar Kerin, Violet Quartermaine, Fritz Penaverde, Sharie Oclarit, Blair Ball

**TERM 3**

**Friday 2^nd^ September**
Whole School Fathers’ Day Morning Tea

**Monday 5^th^ September**
P & F Meeting 7pm – School Library
Confirmation Mass 10.30
School Board Meeting 6pm

**Sunday 4^th^ September**
Jumps and Throws / 400m 9.30am – KLC

**Thursday 8^th^ September**
Faction Money Snake

**Wednesday 14^th^ September**
Faction Athletics 9.30am – KLC
Year 4 Class mass

**Thursday 15^th^ September**
Year 6 Assembly

**Friday 16^th^ September**
Last Day of Term 3! 😊

**Wednesday 21^st^ September**
Pupil Free Day – In recognition of Staff Liturgical Commitments

**Thursday 22 September**
Please note, that there will be no canteen on the following dates

Wednesday 14^th^ September – Jumps and Throws

Friday 16^th^ September – Faction Athletics

Friday 23^rd^ September – Pupil Free Day

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Fathers Day Morning Tea**

Friday 2^nd^ September.

**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 every day and their faction tops on Fridays. 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.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate the Confirmation Mass this Sunday 3rd September at 10.30am with Bishop Gerard Holohan.

Altar Servers: Luke Oclarit, Joe Collis & Amisha Mathew

There will be no pocket angels this week due to Confirmation.

A YEAR OF MERCY
Give Drink to the Thirsty
Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

- We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. Donate . . to help build wells for water for those in need
- Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water tap when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

Evangelisation - The Good News - The Cost of Discipleship
Jesus said, “Before building a tower, the wise man sits down and works out the cost to ensure he has enough to complete it. Otherwise, if he begins and cannot finish, onlookers will make fun of him. In the same way, no one can be my disciple unless he gives everything he has to following me.”

Discipleship costs. The price of discipleship is weighty. Following Jesus is not a part time occupation; it’s not a hobby just for Sundays. Jesus wants our total commitment.

Lord God, open our eyes to the wonder of your love and mercy.
May we serve you with Our whole self.
Amen.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 6
4th September – Confirmation Mass 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3
20th September – Second Meeting – Parent information night 6pm – Cancelled
12th October – Family Workshop 6pm
16th October – Commitment Mass 10.30
19th October Reconciliation 6pm
Yesterday you would have received some information regarding our upcoming sports carnival. I’m looking forward to a great day full of team spirit and sportsmanship. If you are available to help throughout the day please complete the form and return it back to the office by the end of the week. Your support and help is greatly appreciated.

As lunch time practices are in full swing, students are reminded that they are to wear their yellow sports uniform from Monday-Thursday and their faction shirt on Fridays. Students are encouraged to practise their ball skills at home. Some activities may include:

- Throwing a ball up in the air and catching it
- Throwing a ball against a wall and catching it
- Partner throwing and catching
- Timing how long it takes to complete 20 partner passes

Last week I was very lucky enough to the Year 4’s helping out with Junior Sport. It was great to see some of the students standing out as potential leaders of the school. Awesome work Year 4’s, I know the junior students enjoyed having you there to help!

Hope you have a fantastic week!

Miss Ackland
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