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 St Patrick’s has celebrated our Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Holohan and the candidates from St Patrick’s Parish and School. It was a wonderful mass, highlighted with the Bishop’s homily and plea to parents to support and guide their children to develop the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are so grateful to the many staff and parents who supported the candidates at mass. A special thank you to Matt Nettleton for his work with the candidates and to Julie Poett and Paulette Sugg for supporting the parish candidates. A huge thank you to Emma McKinley, Joselyn and Jonathon Prosser for their help in the canteen to prepare and serve the food after mass. Many thanks to the families who provided food or donated money to support our parish and school candidates.

Our staff have always been very supportive with our sacramental programs. Steph Pontillo made the beautiful confirmation cake and Mel Mikulich was our official photographer. Our choir was led by Debra Bearcroft, and Bishop commented on how wonderful they sounded. Thank you to staff who attended mass, their presence at mass is very supportive of Matt and the confirmation candidates.

Our school website is beginning to transform with new photographs being added and some information being updated. Our website is an excellent resource for parents to learn about their children’s work and to access archived newsletters. If you are still having difficulty with receiving newsletters or you have not passed on your email address to the front office, please let Helen in the front office know. With the issuing of the newsletter in electronic form we have saved over $5760 dollars a year. Some families have made contact with the front office to ask for a paper copy of Concern because of internet issues on outlying properties. If you are in this predicament, please let us know and we can arrange for a paper copy to come home.

Consultation by the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA

The Commissioner for Children and Young People would like to hear the views of children and young people about school and learning. He will talk to students from Year 3 to year 12 in schools across WA. St Patrick’s has been invited to take part and our students’ views will be included in reports and information the Commissioner sends to government and other organisations to help make schools better. A consent form and letter will be coming home to students from year 3-6 to ask permission from parents for their child to participate. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to have a say about their learning and school in general. If you would like to participate please fill in the consent forms and return them to school by September 19th. All surveys are anonymous. If you agree to talk or participate in the survey, either you or your child can change their mind at any time until the end of the survey or group discussion.

I hope that all our Dads, grandpa’s, and uncles had a wonderful Father’s Day. We are blessed in our roles as fathers as we watch our children and families grow to be wonderful people.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
Our St Patrick’s Family

Congratulations to Susann N’donga who recently competed in the Tae Kwon Do Championships in Melbourne. Susann and Samantha from KSHS were the only WA Country girls ranked in the top 10 in Australia for 12-14 year olds in Red Belt. Well done Susann!

Congratulations to Miss Emily Norrish and to her fiance Josh Holmes for their wedding on the weekend. We wish them many blessings for their life together and we can’t wait to see the photographs in sunny Broome!!

From the AP’s Desk

Last Sunday I was privileged to witness the Confirmation of the students from St Patrick’s School as well as Ava Letter, Leah and Renae Sheridan. It was a beautiful ceremony led by the Bishop of Bunbury Diocese, Bishop Gerard Holohan. His homily called parents and guardians to continue to develop the gifts of the spirit. Bishop Holohan used the example of gold medallist Kyle Chalmers, a young man born with considerable ability. However, if his family had not supported this gift by facilitating training, ensuring good diet and providing him with the opportunity to compete his gift may well have not developed to the level of Olympic champion. This is true of gifts of the spirit, parents are encouraged to continue to facilitate and develop their children’s relationship with God and guide them on their faith journey.

Congratulations to all those students who received the sacrament on Sunday and Mr Nettleton, Miss Letter, Mrs Sugg and Mrs Poett who prepared them all so well.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning: I was working in the Year One class helping some students with their writing. They were able to retell the story of ‘Ollie and the Wind’ and use their story map to write their own version of the story. I was so impressed with the independence shown by the two little gentleman that I worked with. They were able to locate words around their classroom which contained the sounds they were trying to spell. Both of them used their dictionary to locate words that they wanted to use in their story.

Well done, Brock and Joshua – you showed me how much you have learned! Mr Smith.

Engagement: In Italian this term, we have been studying pets. Part of our program has included some peer tutoring between our senior and junior students. The Year Sixes have been working with the Year Ones and the Year Fives have been working with the PP. As well as supporting the lower classes in the computer lab to complete language activities, the senior students are also designing and making board games to help the younger students to practice some of their Italian vocabulary. These combined lessons have proved to be very popular with all classes involved and help to engage children more deeply in their learning. Mrs Quartermaine.

Accountability: Everyone strives to be Christ-like in their love of God, and to promote lived Christian values, is a sign of the times in our Catholic school. Those in our school who give generously of their time and talents to respond to the needs of our students are genuine contributors to evangelisation. Their efforts prepare students to hear the Word of God, and to plant this Word in them, reassure us that these efforts eventually will bear fruit. Mrs Robinson.

Discipleship: Mother Teresa was canonised as a Saint on Sunday, she is now Saint Teresa of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) This amazing woman dedicated her life to loving and caring for the poor of India. Her order The Sisters of Charity continues to live her legacy of caring for the poor and sick around the world. Jesus lived as a servant leader, he loved, healed and led by example. We are all called by our faith to love as He loved us. St Teresa of Kolkata is an excellent example of discipleship. Ms Bearcroft.
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly are......

Joseph Myopapa, Crawford Bolto, Year 2 Class Award, Inway Lipio, James Shackley, Jed Kowald, Kobi Warren, Shaun Shackley

Sport Awards: Howie Clegg

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week....
Zane Watkins, Ivana Pernverde

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 3**
- Thursday 8th September - School Board Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 13th September - Blessing of the Flags Mass 9am
- Wednesday 14th September - Jumps and Throws / 400m 9.30am – KLC
- No Concern due to Jumps and Throws
- Thursday 15th September - Faction Money Snake
- Friday 16th September - Faction Athletics 9.30am – KLC
- Wednesday 21st September - Year 4 Class Mass
- Thursday 22 September - Year 6 Assembly
- Footy / Sport Colours Day
- Last Day of Term 3 😊

**Friday 23rd September** - Pupil Free Day – In recognition of Staff Liturgical Commitments

**TERM 4**
- Monday 10th October - Term 4 Starts for Staff & Students
- Wednesday 12th October - Reconciliation Family Workshop
- Thursday 13th October - School Board Meeting 6pm
- Sunday 16th October - Year 3 Reconciliation Commitment Mass 10.30am

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

- Wednesday 14th September – Jumps and Throws
- Friday 16th September – Faction Athletics
- Wednesday 21st September – Last week of School
- Friday 23rd September – Pupil Free Day

**No Canteen week 1 of term 4.**

**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.
You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 11th September at 10.30am

Altar Servers: Ava & Kobi Warren, 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

SHELTER THE HOMELESS
There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

- See if your parish or diocese is involved with a local homeless shelter and volunteer some time.
- Donate time or money to organisations that build homes for those who need shelter.
- Many homeless shelters need warm blankets for their beds. If you can knit or sew that would be an extra loving gift.
- There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety. Engage parish groups of children, youth, young adults, and families in doing some research on the causes and challenges that these families face to survive. Contact Catholic Social Services, or diocesan offices of peace and justice for help with your research. Seek ways to provide shelter for the homeless locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

Evangelisation - The Good News – Mercy

THE WORD
The Lord told Moses, “Go down now, for the people have made a golden calf and have worshipped it. My anger will blaze out against them.” But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “This is the people you liberated from slavery, the descendants of Abraham whom you promised would have offspring as many as the stars.” So the Lord relented and did not destroy them.

LOOK CLOSER
God’s mercy. Jesus tells us in the Gospel (Lk 15:1-32) how the angels rejoice over one returned sinner. He compares it to the shepherd’s joy when he finds a lost sheep and the poor woman’s delight when she finds her lost coin. God’s mercy is indeed vast. Though we may stray from his love, he will always welcome us back.

Lord God,
you rejoice when we turn
to you. Have mercy on us!
Amen.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

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
Today marks one more week until we kick off our 2016 Faction Athletics Carnivals! I’m super excited and I know the kids are too. Lunch time practices have been a hit with students participating from Pre-Primary all the way up to Year 6. It’s so nice to see the faction spirit among our students, especially our awesome Year 6 Faction Captains. Today your child should have received a Carnival Program which includes the events and records for both Wednesday and Friday. You will have noticed some new events and activities, these include:

- Class Tug of War
- Sibling races
- Kindy (kids) race
- Parent event – Run by Year 6 students
- Faction shuttle relay (Year 6, Teachers and Parents)
- Prizes for best dressed and best faction mascot

These events will run in between and alongside the normal events.

Thank you to those parents who have put their hand up to help. You will receive some information regarding your job role by the end of the week.

Remember Team Spirit!
Parents and families are welcomed and encouraged to support the days events!

Jumps Throws & 400m – Wednesday 14th September
Running & Team Games – Friday 16th September
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: 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

October School Holidays

Katanning Lesuire Centre's School Holiday Program for kids aged 5-13

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<td>CODING  Come along and learn how to code up some of the coolest and simplest recipes EVER! 1:30pm-3:30pm $5.00</td>
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<td>DISCOVERY BAY ROAD TRIP 10–14 year olds Come on an adventure with us as we head to Discovery Bay in Albany. 10:00am–1:00pm $50.00 (Lunch is provided) (Plus spending money) Payment upfront) Spaces are limited. Check out Session at the KLC TAC SHACK 1:30pm-3:30pm $5.00</td>
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<td>BLADING  Bring some friends along and join in for some fun games as we skate the morning away. 9:30am-11:30am $6.00</td>
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<td>PJAMA MOVIE DAY  Come dressed up in your pajamas and bring all of your bedding along as we watch a ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ and eat breakfast in our pajamas! 9:30am–11:30am $6.00</td>
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<td>HALLOWEEN CODING  Come along and learn how to code up some of the coolest and simplest recipes EVER! 1:30pm-3:30pm $5.00</td>
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<td>BLADING  It’s the first day of blading for the school holidays! Bring a friend and join in for some fun games. 1:30pm-3:30pm $6.00</td>
<td>Afternoon Session “HICC” MOVIE MARATHON Join us as we watch Shower, Bath, Spa &amp; DVD! Rave Open includes yoghurt, chips and a juice box in Price 1:00pm–5:00pm $10.00</td>
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Bookings are essential! Forms available at the Katanning Leisure Centre or call 9821 4399.

Payments due to secure spot and no refunds are given!