Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week saw our fantastic Faction Carnival take place at the Katanning Leisure Centre. The weather held out for us for most of the day. I had some wonderful feedback from parents and staff about how much fun was had by all. Students were highly engaged in the events, which included some new fun activities. Congratulations to Miss Emma Ackland for her organisation of the event and all the long hours of preparation working towards the carnival. Thanks also to all our wonderful staff for their hard work in supporting Emma with training at lunch time and working at the carnival. This year we tried a new iPad app called Sprint timer Photo Finish to support us at the finish line. It came in very handy on a number of occasions. We had a draw for second and we were able to call some very close finishes.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers – parents and staff who supported us over the course of this term. You are a blessing to our school and you have supported the school with the many events that we have had this term.

A reminder that next term we transition into summer uniform. A list of summer uniform items appears in this newsletter. If you need to purchase any items, the uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00 – 3.30 pm.

Over the week we had some amazing performances for our champion boys and girls, but many individual performances of students who achieved their personal best. Also, on the weekend we had many Hockey grand finals in which students and staff competed in. Congratulations to a number of our students Jed, Jonty, Kayde, James, Shaun and Will, on winning their Hockey grand final and well done to Mrs Holmes and Miss Letter on winning their hockey grand final as well. At the Katanning Leisure Centre, the Great Southern Regional Gymnastics competition were held and we had numerous students from St Patrick’s win gold, silver and bronze medals for their events. Well done to Montanna, Ruby, Hallee, Tiffany, Sharlotte, Jesse and Chase for their great results. We also learned that our students were so well behaved at the regional meet, they are a credit to our school.

I would like to end this Concern with a scripture reading that I read at my Year 7 graduation. It is from St Paul’s letter to the Philippians 3: 12-14. With our athletics carnivals and finals for the many sports that we participate in, it is very appropriate:

“12 I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”

If you are travelling during the holidays, please drive safely. Have a wonderful break and take time to relax and enjoy the warmer weather.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
From the AP’s Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is the last week of Term Three. It has been a very busy term and I know our staff and students have worked extremely hard. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved break on the holidays.

Last Friday we had our Faction Carnival and the Children, parents and staff all had a fabulous day!! Congratulations to Gibney on being awarded the Marching Shield and the Perpetual Shield. A wonderful achievement!! Congratulations to MacLeod on being awarded the inaugural Spirit Shield for team spirit and sportsmanship.

This morning the year five students and I attended Mass with the year four students. The theme was “Joy”. I am always proud of the St Patrick’s students when they participate at Mass. I certainly felt the joy!! Congratulations to Miss Mikulich and her Year four class for organizing and leading a beautiful Eucharistic celebration. A special thank you to Father Gerome who joins us from Busselton while our own Father Francis is away.

Please continue to pray for Father Francis as his Mother is still unwell and they both need our prayers.

Term Four:

Next term we move back to our summer uniform. I have outlined the requirements of the summer uniform below. At St Patrick’s there is a requirement to wear predominantly “white shoes.” As I observed at Monday assembly, many students had multi-coloured sports shoes on. If you are having difficulty sourcing predominantly white shoes, please see me.

**Summer Uniform:** - NO HAT – NO PLAY!
(Terms 1 & 4) **Girls** – Royal blue summer dress, white fold over ankle socks with black school shoes, or brown school sandals. Bloomers are to be worn under dress on Dance days (Arts).
**Boys** – Grey shorts, short sleeved grey shirt with logo, black school shoes worn with grey with royal blue and gold stripe socks or brown school sandals.

**Sports Uniform** – Royal blue tracksuit top with gold stripe on the sleeves, royal blue tracksuit pants with gold stripe or royal blue shorts worn with long or short sleeved gold shirt with school crest. If girls choose to wear royal blue sport skirt they must wear royal blue bloomers. Predominantly white runners. White sport socks.

Please note hair is to be neatly groomed, tied back if longer than shoulder length and fringes clipped back if past the eyebrow. Styles should be appropriate to a primary school child, that is no part shaved styles, or excessively long parts of the hair ie rat tales.

This information is all in the St Patrick’s uniform policy and is reiterated in the Concern each week.

Have a wonderful holiday!!

God bless and keep you all safe.

Debra Bearcroft.

From the Studio

Term Four is DANCE term at St Patrick’s. This area of the Arts curriculum is my absolute favourite!! I am so excited to share my love of dance with the students. Dance is the area where music, drama and art all connect to bring mood and meaning to movement.

This area is one of the two “performance arts” that make up the Arts curriculum. The children will showcase their learning at the end of year concert where St Patrick’s School will celebrate dance.

Kind Regards
Debra Bearcroft
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly are:

- Milo Hewson, Shaire Oclarit, Leah Edwards, Year 3 Class Award, Shaniqua Garlett, Felix Bride, Madison Pepall

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week and during the school holiday:

Emmett Tayler, Susann Ndong’a, Karley D’Souza, Hannah Nettleton, Chace Campbell, Isabel Collis.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES**

Parents are reminded that School Fees are now due.

All School Fees are to be paid in full no later than 31st October.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

**LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016**

**Learning:** In Pre Primary we follow the Early Years Learning Framework as one of our planning Documents. Outcome 2 states Children are connected with and contribute to their world. Our children in Pre Primary have shown this when talking about Features of our town during our Geography lessons. The children, designed and set up their own café in Pre Primary. They added a bank and takeaway shop as they continued to learn more about their local town. Today they are being rewarded with a visit to the Daily Grind for a milkshake. Mrs Campbell.

**Engagement:** When we seek to engage our children, their learning experiences should be about having fun and being creative. In kindy, we have been learning about Fairy Tales, and decided it would be fun to have a “Prince and Princess Ball” to celebrate the end of term. We have also been engaged in making shields, growing beanstalks and weaving a beautiful quilt for the Princess and the Pea. Our children are encouraged to participate in hands-on activities and play-based learning wherever possible, and we have had many opportunities for role play in the past few weeks. We wish you all an “enchanted” holiday, and look forward to seeing you all in the next “chapter” of our school year! Mrs Pontillo.

**Accountability:** In Kindy this week, the children have been reading some Fairy tales with Miss Courtney. We have learned that we all must be accountable for our actions, and that what we do can affect others as well as ourselves. The Gingerbread man ran away from the Little Old Lady and was eaten by the Fox, Goldilocks broke into the 3 Bears’ house and damaged their furniture, then had to apologise to them and Little Red Riding Hood strayed from the path in the woods, leading to a nasty encounter with a wolf! Luckily, if we remember to do the right thing, we can all “live happily ever after…….” Mrs Willey.

**Discipleship:** Over the last couple of weeks in Year 6, we have been looking specifically at prayer and the different reasons why we might pray. It has been really good to see the students engage in this and see them start to realise that prayer is not restricted to Religion but can be brought into all areas in and out of classroom. Miss Letter.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 25th September at 10.30am with Father Gerome.

Altar Servers:
25th September - Sophie Wolfe, Gylan Tiongco
2nd October – Isabel and Joe Collis
9th October – Tiffany Butterworth, Ava and Kobi Warren
16th October – Amisha Mathew, Ebony Smith Marciniak

Evangelisation - The Good News - HEAVEN & HELL

THE WORD
Jesus told a parable, “There was a rich man. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus. He longed to fill his belly with the scraps from the rich man’s table. Both men died and the rich man went to hell where he was in torment. Abraham said to him, ‘In your life good things came to you and bad things to Lazarus. Now he is in comfort and you are in agony’.”

LOOK CLOSER
Hardened Hearts. The Rich man had a hardened heart. He didn’t care about Lazarus or his suffering. When he died, his heart of stone could not accept God’s mercy. (see Catechism 1035).

Father,
your mercy and love are
unbounded. May we also be
merciful to others.
Amen.

A YEAR OF MERCY

VISIT THE SICK
Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

- Give blood
- Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – Get creative and make use of your talents (e.g. sing, read, paint, call Bingo, etc.)!
- Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbor.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.
- Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3
12th October – Family Workshop 6pm
16th October – Commitment Mass 10.30
19th October Reconciliation 6pm
St Patrick’s Sport Stars

Woah what a week! I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in both our Jumps & Throws Carnival and Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the parents and staff members who helped – you made the day run very smoothly.

Well done to the students who participated and gave every event their best shot. I am so proud of the effort and determination you all showed throughout the two days. To see the dancing, cheering and encouragement made me one very happy Sport Teacher!

Final Scores:
- Gibney: 949 points
- McLeod: 882 points
- Prendiville: 793 points

I have advised the Staff and students that the Interschool team will be finalised over the holidays. Rest up and get ready for another great term. Hope you all have a lovely Holiday!

Miss Ackland
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 Tennis Club
Junior Tennis Registrations
Wednesday 12th October @3.30 pm - Katanning Country Club
(minimum age, children turning 6, 2016 calendar year)
Enquiries Felicity Clegg 0407389319 or Jane Kowald 0428712050

YOUTHCARE CHAPLAINCY CATERING AT KATANNING’s 125TH AGRICULTURAL SHOW ON 22ND OCTOBER 2016-

We need your help!
Katanning Youthcare (Chaplaincy) is again catering for the morning and afternoon teas, and lunch, in the Pioneer Room, to raise funds to support our local Primary and High School Chaplains. We are looking for volunteers who may be able to help in the kitchen or drinks area, for one or two hours between 8am and 4pm, and/or donations of cakes, slices, savoury or plain scones, or money to purchase food items with. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Leonie Daw on 9821 1860, or Chris Mills on 0417 173 925. Thank you.