Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term Four, it has been a wonderful start to the term with some warm days – thank goodness! Thank you for having your children in their summer uniforms and most students have been wearing their hats at recess and lunch time. The end of the week looks to be getting hotter, so it is a timely remind for children to wear their hats and drink plenty of water while they are playing.

This week our Year Three students will be participating in the workshop for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is an opportunity to share some of their learning with their parents and guardians about the sacrament and about the concept of forgiveness. A special thank you to Tess Cohen, Deb Bearcroft and Julie Poett for supporting our Reconciliation candidates.

Our Year Five students are also preparing for their Leadership speeches which will be taking place on Friday. In keeping with the aims of our Vision Statement, we are committed to providing opportunities for each and every child to maximise their potential in the Academic, Physical, Social and Spiritual fields. As such, we are obliged to provide as many of these opportunities as possible.

Children in the Senior Class may choose to pursue a role as a Student Councillor, and/or a Faction Captain. The four elected Councillors assume the positions of:

- **Head Boy and Head Girl and Student Councillors**, (to be deputised in the absence of the Head Boy or Head Girl). These four children will head the committees that will operate within the school.

- **The Faction Captains**, by nature of their positions, are responsible for the associated tasks of organising Swimming, Winter, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals.

- All other Year Six students will contribute as committee members of these and experience decision making, responsibility and meeting procedure. They will also receive a badge, identifying them as Committee Members.

We wish our year Five students all the best as they prepare for this important role in our school community.

We have our Interschool Athletics Carnival coming up in week four and I know how excited the students are to represent the school. Training will commence for the students who will be participating in the Interschool carnival next week. As we will have a majority of our students participating, students will be permitted to wear their sports uniform for three weeks (Weeks 2, 3 and 4). Our Interschool Carnivals will be in week 4. (Jumps and Throws - Nov 1; Athletics - Nov 3rd). Summer uniform will resume at the start of Week 5.
I will be starting Kindy interviews over the next few weeks. You will be contacted through the office to book in a time to meet with me to discuss your child’s enrolment into Kindy and St Patrick’s. It is a very exciting time to meet our new families and children wishing to attend our school. Kindy orientation will be later on in the term and Miss Courtney will advise our new Kindy parents of the time and date.

Our Term Planner will be going out to the community this week and parents will note that the School Concert has been shifted to Friday 2nd December. The purpose behind this shift is to negate the tiredness of the last week that many children feel. It puts a strain on staff and students during the last week to rehearse for the concert, as well as, cleaning up their desks and classrooms. Tired children = stress and anxiety and they do not perform at their best. The focus for the last week of school will be a smooth ending off to the year and celebrating our Whole School Thanksgiving mass on Wednesday 7th December. The concert this year will be a culmination of their work in the Performing Arts with Ms. Bearcroft, so it will be very purposeful and will showcase their talents and skills with dance. Ms. Bearcroft, will be focusing on refining their skills to give great performances and demonstrate the learning that takes place in her Arts lessons. During the concert night we will also present the awards for each classroom and acknowledge our Year 6 students who will be leaving us to transition into high school. Please also note that we have been scheduled swimming lessons in the last two weeks of term. This will involve the whole school, as our seniors missed out on lessons at the start of the year. Thank you for your flexibility in this area, we do not have control over when our lessons are set, and we are reliant on swimming instructor availability in the community.

We are looking forward to a fabulous term, although busy, it leads towards the season of Advent and the joyous celebration of Jesus’ birth. Have a wonderful 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. At times families go through much hardship (often very quietly), and there are many times to celebrate. We offer our sincere condolences to the Groenewold family on the passing of their brother and uncle. Our prayers and thoughts are with Brad, Nevinka, Phoenix and Zeppelin (Yr. 4) and their family at this sad time. Please keep them in your prayers. Also, our community would like to say congratulations to the Anderson Family on the arrival of Bridie, born on the 9th September last term. We wish Scott, Katherine and Lewis (Yr. 1), and their family all the best at this very special time. Please keep all our families in your prayers, as we well know, the power and strength that prayer provides at different times in our lives.

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

**Learning:** Learning: In Year 4 we have been learning how to use a map. When I initially asked students for direction, they suggested using Google Map or asking Siri. They soon discovered the use of a compass to indicate direction and grids for location and distance. Pirate treasure maps, road maps and flight plans were amongst the favourite learning activities. Miss Mikulich.

**Engagement:** In a Year 5 we use mini whiteboards for students to represent and show their learning during lessons. These mini whiteboards are used in Explicit Instructions lessons, in which students can work at the same stage as me during the ‘We Do’ phase and then represent their independent learning process during the ‘I Do’ phase. The use of mini whiteboards gives the teacher the opportunity to quickly scan the room and identify the needs of the students. Do they need further assistance? Am I teaching at an appropriate pace? So they need extending further? Who am I going to group in my rotational Maths groups? So many answers gained at a quick glance. Mrs Holmes.

**Accountability:** This term is the last ever term at St Patrick’s for our Year Six students. We have already started to reflect this week about their time at St Patrick’s, and one of the thing we have discussed is ‘How has your time at St Patrick’s shaped who you are?’ The students responded about making good choices, and being accountable for their actions. I am sure the values they have been taught at St Pats will enable them to make really positive choices when they transition to high school. Mr Nettleton.

**Discipleship:** Each day I’m reminded of the beautiful things in my life that I’m truly grateful for. The sunshine, the sound of children laughing and the holiday’s we receive to rest and recharge! Whenever I stop and give thanks to the Lord for these wonderful things my mood is instantly lifted. Small things are so easily over looked when we get caught up in the busyness of the day. However, when we take the time out to stop and bring on thoughts of gratitude, we become blessed with the little beauties of life. Miss Ackland.
Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome back to term four. It is going to be a busy term full of learning and lots of fun. I must admit the big smiles of the Saint Pat’s staff and students always make me glad school is back! Our school is such a happy place and a little bit of sunshine certainly adds to the positive learning environment here at St Patrick’s school.

The term begins with yet another important sacrament, the sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. The candidates for Penance are going to be attending the family workshop tonight at 6pm, followed by Year Three Commitment Mass on Sunday 10:30 am and finally next Wednesday the 19th at 6pm the children will receive the sacrament of Penance for the first time. Penance is about mending our broken relationship with God. It offers healing and strength and is an important part of our Catholic faith journey. Please pray for our students who will be receiving this sacrament.
God bless and keep you all safe.

Debra Bearcroft.

The term four Arts focus is DANCE. Lessons and learning started this week and the students have shown great excitement and enthusiasm. Each class is working on a dance piece to perform at the end of year concert. The work observed so far shows some wonderful potential. Notes will be going home shortly to explain costume requirements relevant to each class. Please be assured costume ‘basics’ will be items generally found in your child’s wardrobe and accessories, where required, will be provided.
Dance lessons are held on Monday – Year 4 & 6, Tuesday – Kindy, PP, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5. Normal school uniform is fine to be worn for dance lessons. Girls are encouraged to wear leggings or shorts under their dresses.
Encourage your children to “show” you what they have learnt. It is great to help them remember and get them used to performing in front of an audience.

Ms Bearcroft

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

Isaac D’Aprile, Amelia Holly, Sam Beeck, Ruby Rae, Lucas Schiano Di Cola, Gylan Tiongco, Devon McKinley, Conor Rego

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week.....
Emma Shackley, Ruby Rae, Mae Angel Viffafflor.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 4**

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES**

Parents are reminded that School Fees are now due.

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

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

**Absentee Notes**

It is a requirement by the government for parents to notify the school of a child’s absence from school. Please ensure a written note is handed to the classroom teacher the day the child resumes school or an absentee notification can be completed online at [www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au](http://www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au)

Please also keep our office updates with address details and contact numbers should any of these details change.

**School Board and P & F AGM Wednesday 23rd November**

P&F AGM – Wednesday 23rd November.
The P&F invites all interested parents / guardians to consider taking on a P&F executive committee role for 2017. All positions, (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and P&F representative to the Board), will be available at the above AGM.

Nominations can be made in writing by collecting a form from the School Front Office. These MUST be returned to the front office by 3pm Tuesday 22 November at the latest.

As per our new constitution; If only one written nomination is received for a position they shall be automatically elected, no voting or motion needs to be passed. If no written nominations are received then nominations can be taken from the floor at the AGM. If only one person verbally nominates then they shall be automatically elected, no voting or motion needs to be passed. If more than one person nominates for a position then voting shall occur and a motion must be passed. For further information please do not hesitate to contact any of the current committee; Shannon Beeck, Jocelyn Prosser, Kym Hamon, Davina Davies or Simon Kerin.

**Enrolments for 2016**

Is your child returning in 2016? If your child is not returning next year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible so we can finalise classes for 2016.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate the Year 3 Reconciliation Commitment Mass this Sunday 16th October at 10.30am with Father Gerome.

Altar Servers: 16th October – Amisha Mathew, Ebony Smith Marciniak

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.

Evangelisation - The Good News -

THE WORD
The Amalekites came to attack the Israelites. As long as Moses held his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. But Moses grew weary, so Aaron and Hur stood on either side and supported his arms until sunset.

LOOK CLOSER
Persistent Prayer. In the Gospel Jesus tells the story of the bad judge who gave a widow her justice just so that she would stop pestering him! Will not God, who is good, answer the prayers of those who cry out to him day and night? (Lk 18:1-8). He urges us to pray constantly.


St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3
12th October – Family Workshop 6pm – TONIGHT!
16th October – Commitment Mass 10.30
19th October Reconciliation 6pm
Welcome back to another exciting term! Training for the 2016 Interschool Athletics Carnival will commence next Monday 17th October. Those students that have been selected for the Interschool team will receive a note regarding the events they have been chosen for. Please remind your children that it is a great honour to represent St Patrick’s School at KISA carnivals.

If any parents are available to help out at any of these sessions please contact me by email.

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Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 TennisRegistrations
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.

Under 13 Cricket

THE UNDER 13s CRICKET SEASON STARTS ON SATURDAY THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER 2016!
Year 4 - 7 boys and girls
The first training session will be on Friday October 28th at 4.45 pm at Quartermaine Oval cricket nets.
For more information contact Benjamin 0448553083