

# Concern

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## Issue 2

St Patrick's School Vision Statement

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,

We have started off a great week with our swimming lessons. Students have been eager to improve their skills and achieve their new levels. Please remember that students can wear their swimming costumes under their sports uniform – gold polo and blue shorts. It would be prudent to send their tracksuit tops and pants along as the weather has started to get cold.

I congratulated the students about the way in which they have started to wear their summer uniform. Thank you to all our parents and guardians for preparing our children for the school year, by having their correct uniform. This sets a great precedent for the rest of the year. We had very few students with incorrect sports shoes – predominantly white shoes are available at Sportspower in town.

This week our **assembly moves to the afternoon commencing at 2.30 pm**. The purpose for this is to allow for as much uninterrupted literacy and numeracy dedicated time. We will be trialling this for the term and will look to receive feedback from families at the end of the term. Our awards will be given out by classroom teachers, it is one of my favourite times of the week to hear of all the good work that students have been achieving in their classrooms.

On Monday, I spoke to the students and staff about Belonging. It is one of the core values that we have at St Patrick's and it encompasses our motto of Concern. On our strategic plan, our core values are discussed in detail. Over the next three week's teachers will be focussing on belonging and what that looks like, feels like and sounds like in our school. We are part of a Catholic school and wider community, we belong to a family and to our classroom. We have responsibilities to support members of our family, class and school. I have attached our values framework from our strategic plan for families to discuss at home and support children to understand our school values.

Our Parent Information Night, will be next Monday. We have changed the format slightly from previous years. There will be a general information session to start off the parent night. Parents will hear about our school plans, our policies and ways in which we can support each other in helping our students. We will then break off into the classroom sessions, which will run for about 15 minutes. There will be two sessions and teachers will repeat their sessions, this will allow parents to attend multiple classes if they need to. A creche will be provided for parents who are unable to source babysitters. This will be in the library. Please complete the Parent Information night form and return it to your classroom teacher by Friday.

Our Parent Survey is remaining open till Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the parents who have completed the survey already and provide positive suggestions for moving forward in 2017.

*Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend. Hopefully the storms that are predicted will water our gardens and leave our buildings alone ☺*

*Peace to you and your family,*

*Mr. 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 **Clegg family** on the passing of their father and grandfather Brian on the weekend. Our prayers and thoughts are with Tim, Felicity, Howie, Max and their family at this sad time. Please keep them in your prayers. 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:** Holidays are such an important discussion to schedule when students commence their new school year. There are so many exciting stories and adventures to share with one another. So much learning takes place on holidays, for example, students reading timetables when catching aeroplanes to a new country, students using a foreign currency, students counting the time to arrive at their driving destination, students using a map or brochure at the zoo and students going shopping and using money. Holidays bring about a lot of incidental learning and the development of many skills. *Mrs Holmes*

**Engagement:** Engagement is typically manifested in terms of intense involvement in an activity, persistence in completing a task, intense concentration, fascination with people or materials, and absorption in play. Interest in learning is natural to children. If you have ever watched a young infant when they discover their hands; they are totally consumed with learning all they can about what these curious appendages can do. As teachers we strive constantly to create an environment where students are engaged in their learning. However, the impact of parent engagement in children's learning has as profound impact. So.... Find out what your child is doing? Support learning at home by listening to reading, playing games and talking to your child. Together we can make a difference. *Ms Bearcroft*

**Accountability:** What is accountability? Accountability means we are answerable to others, and we should accept this responsibility as a gift from God. Not only does it provide a system of checks and balances that protects us from harm, but it also gives us unique opportunities to share our lives with others and encourage them. *Mrs Robinson.*

**Discipleship:** *Our whole school mass last week was wonderful. We commissioned our Year Six Leaders and welcomed our new staff and families to our school. Fr. Francis showed a video about "Giving a little love". I would like to thank Mrs Shannon Beeck for her wonderful comment on our school P&F Facebook page. It read:*

*"Wonderful mass this morning! Father shared a short movie about giving a little love and you will receive a little love of your own. I love that my children are taught these important things in life. Helping people and being kind is such an amazing attribute for our children to learn. Congratulations to our Leaders for 2017 wishing them a great year! It was a pleasure watching all our beautiful children exiting the church with smiles on their little faces they are so gorgeous!"*

*Mr Smith.*

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week's Friday afternoon assembly at 2.30pm

Sophie Van Brakel, Callie Hamon, Jesse Schiano Di Cola,  
Ivana Penaverde, Lara Davies, Nicholas Chaplin.



Happy Birthday to .....

Ava Warren & Mila Crane.

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The uniform shop will open fortnightly on a Thursday morning 8.30am to 9.30am. Starting next week. (Check term planner for opening days) If you can't get into the shop during this time, please feel free to send your order to Karen or Shan or Helen in the front office. Orders will be filled weekly.

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[csukie@westnet.com.au](mailto:csukie@westnet.com.au)

Shannon Beeck - 0428217728  
[shanbeeck@gmail.com](mailto:shanbeeck@gmail.com)



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Night
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Board Meeting 6pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	P & F Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 1 Paraliturgy
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	P & F Sundowner
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Family Mass 10.30am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass 9am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre Primary Paraliturgy
	Swimming Trials
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Mass
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick Day Celebrations & Mass
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	GRIP Leadership Year 6 Students
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Faction Swimming Carnivals

**The full term planner is available on the school website.**

## **Canteen Menu Available Monday & Friday Lunch**

**Can parents please ensure that they use the KSHS canteen price list when ordering from the High School canteen and not our canteen price list.**



All orders are to be written on a brown paper bag, with the child's name, class and what they wish to order for lunch clearly written on the front on the bag. Please place payment inside the bag.

Lunch orders are to be placed in the white box in the class room before 9am. All orders will be collected from the office at 9.30am from the High School Canteen Manager and lunches will be delivered back to the office by 12.30pm. Students will be able collect their lunch from the canteen window.

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES**

Fees can be paid with cash, cheque, direct debit or EFTPOS.

If you are on the Direct Debit system, please see the office to check your payments for 2017

**Health Care Card holders wishing to avail themselves of the Discounted Fee Scheme in Catholic Schools for 2017 must present their current cards to the School Office, by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Forms are available from the office.**

# From the AP's Desk ....

Our term is really underway! Last Friday's whole school mass was the perfect start to our year. Father Francis presided over a beautiful celebration focusing on the two great Commandments; Love God and Love your neighbor. He presented a YouTube clip as part of his homily that showed how kindness and caring are catching. If we all focus positively on these two simple but vital messages our school, community, nation and world can only be the better for it.

Thank you to all those parents and parishioners who attended and really made our Eucharist a community celebration of the new school year and our new Year 6 leaders. God Bless you

## SACRAMENTS 2017



- ❖ Commitment Mass ALL Sacraments- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am
- ❖ First Holy Communion- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am
- ❖ Confirmation – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am
- ❖ Penance- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6:00pm



## Cycle Safe

Just a friendly reminder if your child rides to school:

- Helmets are compulsory and must be done up while on the bicycle.
- Roads must be crossed at appropriate crossing places and the rider should get off their bike and walk it across the road.
- It is preferred that the students walk their bikes on the footpath that surrounds the school.
- Children develop peripheral vision at age 10 and as such it is very important that young children are supervised while riding to school.



## ARTS



### **Concert in the Park: THIS SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB at 4:00pm**

The St Pat's School Choir will be opening the Concert in the Park with a few fun songs. This Concert takes place at the Piesse Park Amphitheatre 4:00pm – 9:00pm. Choir students please wear FULL summer uniform, shoes polished and hair neatly groomed.

### **Harmony Festival: SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

The choir will be performing at this event as will our Year 5 Students. The Year 5's will be performing their "This is Australia" routine from last year's concert. I would **love** as many of the students as possible to attend this wonderful performance opportunity. It is THE best form of advertising for our amazing school!!

*Please contact me should you have any questions or concern. I am always happy to hear from you. Email*

[Beacroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:Beacroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au)

*Kind regards*

*Debra Bearcroft*

*(Assistant Principal & Performing Arts Specialist to the St Pat's super stars)*

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS, COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017.

**Head girl and Head Boy:** Gylan Tiongco & Mia Hamon

**Student Councillors:** Nicholas Chaplin & Montanna Campbell

**Prendiville:** Devon McKinley & Ebony Smith-Marciniak

**Gibney:** Isaiah Marwick & Kobi Warren

**McLeod:** Noah D'Aprile & Emilie Willey

**Committee Members:** Felix Bride, Wesley Farmer, Phillip Gayton, Yasmin Prosser, Bryce Passfield, Ella Main.

**KINDERGARTEN TIMETABLE.** Tuesday and Thursday 8.50am -3.15pm and Wednesday 8.50am - 12.00pm

### SCHOOL TIMES

8.50am	Commencement of day
10.30-10.50	Morning Recess
12.30-1.10	Lunch
2.00	Crunch and Sip!
<b>Mondays</b>	
2.25	Bus Siren
2.30	Conclusion of Day
<b>Tuesdays-Fridays</b>	
3.15	Bus Siren
3.20	Conclusion of day

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

**Office Hours-8.30am-3.30pm**

**Morning playground supervision begins at 8.30am.**

*Children are not permitted to arrive at school before this time.*

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2017

Mr Chris Smith (Principal), Fr Francis Constantino (Parish Priest), Mr Simon Kerin (Chairperson), Mrs Gail Butterworth (Secretary) Mr Sheldon Kowald (Treasurer), Mr Mike Allen, Mrs Linda Hewson, Mrs Marie Hanna (Parish Representative to the Board) and Mr Tania Edwards (P & F Representative to the Board) . The School Board is responsible to the Conference of Bishops through CECWA for planning, the financial management of the School and to provide advice on policy formation. The overall role of the Board is to help the school fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the constitution, the policies, guidelines and practices of CECWA and diocesan guidelines.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2017

2017 P & F Association Executive Committee: Shannon Beck, President; Mrs Jocelyn Prosser, Vice President; Mrs Davina Davies, Secretary; Mrs Kym Hamon, Treasurer and Mrs Tania Edwards, P & F Representative to the Board.

**LUNCH ORDERS** The School Canteen will be operating for Wednesday Lunches and Friday Recess.

On Monday and Friday, lunch orders can be placed with the Katanning Senior High Canteen. Place orders into class baskets by 9.00am. Please ensure the correct money is in each bag. KSHS Canteen orders are distributed from the canteen at 12.30pm.

### CLASS BASKETS ..... Lunches ... Book Club ..... School Fees .... Etc. etc.

Each class has a small basket by the door. On arrival at school, children are asked to place in this basket their lunch orders, book club, etc. The basket is taken to the office before 9.15am by the Class Prefects. It is important that children get into the habit of doing this first thing every morning, to ensure lunch orders are not forgotten.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**SPORT UNIFORM DAYS ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

**PHYS ED: Wednesday - Year 1, 2, 5, 4 Thursday: Years PP,3, 6 Friday –Whole School Sport**

### SUMMER UNIFORM

School hats are to be worn as our "No School Hat—No Play" rule is in effect during Terms 1 and 4.

Children without hats **must** play in the covered areas.

**GIRLS:** Summer dress, **brown sandals (no socks)** OR **black school shoes with short white school socks.**

**BOYS:** Grey College shorts, short sleeve grey shirt with logo, grey school socks with blue and gold with lace up black school shoes or, brown sandals (no socks).

**PLEASE NOTE** No Jewellery (signet rings, chains etc.) / Friendship bands, necklaces / ankle chains etc. are permitted at school. If children have pierced ears, only small studs or sleepers are to be worn. Hair past collar length **MUST** be tied back (boys and girls). Blue, white or gold hair ties only, are to be worn. Nail polish is **NOT** permitted.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS** the School's Uniform Shop will be open **FORTNIGHTLY ON A THURSDAY 8.30 to 9.30am** -. Please send all orders to the office and they will be filled weekly. Please check planner for opening days.

**LOTE (Mrs Donna Quartermaine) Thursday:** PP – Year 6

**HASS (Mrs Sue Anderson): Thursday:** Year 1, 5, 4, 6 **Friday:** PP & Year 2 & 3

**THE ARTS: (Ms Debra Bearcroft: Monday:** Year 1 & 2 **Tuesday:** Year 4 & 5 **Wednesday:** Year 6 **Thursday:** PP & Year 3

**ICT: (Miss Emma Ackland): Monday:** Year 3, 4 and 6 **Tuesday:** Year 1 & 2 **Wednesday:** Year 5 **Thursday:** PP

**APPOINTMENTS / LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE:** There is a book in the office that must be filled in when a child is taken from school during the day (whether it be for a dental appointment, the child is going home sick etc.) Please ensure this is filled in before taking children from the school during school hours and if and when returning, the child is signed back in.

**ABSENCES** It is a **legal requirement** that a written note of explanation (dated) is provided for each child's absence. Please hand to the class teacher.

**ROAD SAFETY** Please inform and discuss with your children the need for traffic awareness. Please pick up your children from the school grounds rather than waiting in the cars as they are tempted to run across the road. Children **riding bikes** need to walk their bikes to the blocks outside the school, and then begin to ride. Take special care as children under the age of 8 have not developed the perceptual awareness of speed and cars and are not conscious of the dangers or hazards that riding to school presents.

## **ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am  
Altar Servers: Volunteers required.

### *God's Teaching*

#### THE WORD

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to change the Law - I have come to fulfil it. You have learnt that you must not kill. I say to you, if you are even angry with your brother or you insult him, you must answer for it before God."

#### LOOK CLOSER

God's Ways. Jesus tells us that he is the living perfection of God's teachings. God's ways are so much higher than our own. We think we are good because we don't kill, but God tells us that even being angry with our brother or sister displeases God.

Lord God creator of  
the world, you call us to  
follow your teachings.  
Forgive us for the times  
that we have been angry  
with one another.  
Amen.

# Community Notices

The Lions Club of Katanning presents the

# 2017 CONCERT IN THE PARK

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## SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017

# Harmony Festival

*Katanning*

PRESENTED BY LIVELIGHTER

### 1PM TO 7PM

KATANNING TOWN SQUARE, CLIVE STREET, KATANNING

**STREET PARADE**  
**LOCAL CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
**INTERNATIONAL FOOD VILLAGE**  
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# Parent Information Night

## St Patrick's Catholic Primary

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February



### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

General Meeting in the hall – 6.00 – 6.30

To familiarise parents with our Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy plans and aspects of our teaching and learning programs for 2017. (Important session for parents to attend).

- All classes start at 6.35 -6.50
- Classes will repeat their sessions from: 6.55 – 7.15
- ❖ The purpose of the Parent Information Night is to allow your child's teacher to introduce themselves and talk about expectations and activities.
- ❖ The sessions will be for approximately 15 minutes. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a look in the classrooms and get to know your child's teacher.
- ❖ There will be opportunity to ask questions about the class programmes. The Parent Information night is not a time for an individual interview with your classroom teacher. If you wish to discuss your child's learning in more depth, please organise an interview with your child's teacher at a later date.
- ❖ Please complete the form below to inform your child's teacher of your attendance and return it to your classroom teacher no later than Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ The Crèche is available for children aged 2+ if you cannot find a babysitter. Please fill in the slip below

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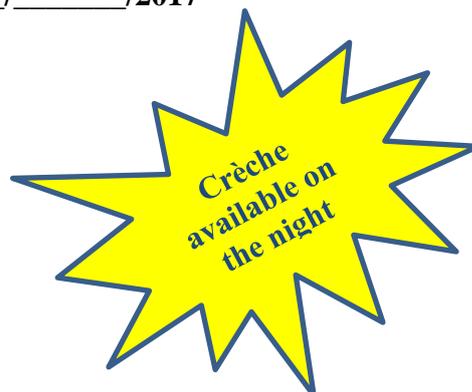
### Parent Information Night Attendance

I \_\_\_\_\_ will / will not (please circle) be attending the Parent Information Night.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will need to use the crèche facility and I have \_\_\_\_\_ (number of) children aged \_\_\_\_\_ (years old)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2017







**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald  
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia

