

Concern

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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,

Thank you for your attendance at our Parent Night. We changed the format of the night to include a general meeting for all parents to clarify some of our important teaching and learning priorities in the school. Religion is our number one learning area and it is central to all that we are trying to achieve at St Patrick's. Ms Bearcroft, explained the way in which RE is taught across the year levels and spoke briefly about the Family focussed, parish based and school supported Sacramental program.

Our Literacy and Numeracy dedicated times are set aside purposefully, to allow for uninterrupted teaching and learning time. A huge thank you to Miss Vartesi, our Literacy Coordinator and to Mrs Holmes our Mathematics Coordinator, for presenting what our literacy and numeracy blocks are composed of.

The aim of the first parent session was to allow parents to have a better understanding of what we are trying to achieve in the school with our teaching and learning. Explicit Instruction has been a major focus in our school since 2016. The staff is committed to using explicit instruction to improve the learning of our students and we have seen growth in our students evidenced by our school assessments.

Our updated behaviour management plan will be placed on our school website. We are dedicated to being consistent in its implementation to better support our students and parents in a positive and productive manner. I spoke to parents about the protocol for dealing with any issues in the classroom. Your first port of call is always the classroom teacher. Discuss a plan of action and set realistic timelines so that strategies can be implemented thoroughly. If you are still not satisfied, please make an appointment to see me.

The last aspect of the parent night I shared, was our School Values Framework. Our motto of Concern is central to all the important values that we aspire to develop in our school. Over the last two weeks our school has been focussed on Belonging. Our staff and students are looking at different ways that we can support each other to belong to our school community. I would greatly appreciate any feedback regarding the first session of the parent night and if it was valuable to parents. Please email your responses to: admin@stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au

I hope that your families were safe after the inclement weather we had last week. We pray for all of our families and community that were affected by the flood. Roads, buildings and homes were damaged across our community. Thankfully, our school suffered little damage and I am very grateful to our school staff for the support in sweeping away water from our undercover area and near our library. The sand bags we received from the shire worked well to stop any water entering our library.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith



St Patricks Family

Please keep the Allen Family in your prayers. Mike Allen's mother passed away this week. Mike is on our school board. We will keep his family in our prayers and hope that they find consolation in this very difficult time.

Principal Review Process

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia has endorsed a process of performance review for Principals. I am one of a number of Principals in Catholic schools to be reviewed this year.

This Principal Review Process relates only to the Principal's Duties and Responsibilities (as enunciated in the Principal's Contract of Employment) and is not a School Review or Evaluation.

The aims of the Principal Review Process are:

- ☑ Accountability to the Employer
- ☑ Renewal of Contract and
- ☑ Professional Development

The process will involve the following members of the school community: Selected Staff; the School Board; the Parents & Friends Executive; and the Parish Priest.

This review will be conducted by means of written evaluation, followed by interviews with a review panel which will take place during Term Three.

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning: Throughout the last two weeks, I have been learning about the children in my classroom. An example of this was when we shared stories about themselves, their families and the community. This type of learning, whilst not the formal type, allows me to get to know the children within my classroom and thus better informs my planning, as I will be able to further engage them in their learning over the year. Miss Anderton.

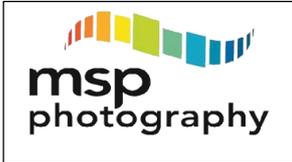
Engagement: In the Year Four classroom I use many different mediums to engage the students. So far this term we have used: the television, mini whiteboards, iPads, brain breaks, different ways to determine prior knowledge (e.g. sticky notes, think-pair-share with what their partner has told them) and a variety of mental computation games, in particular 'Around the World' and 'Sheriff' which the students love. Over the year I will introduce many more strategies to gain and enhance their interest in the various learning areas. Miss Anderson.

Accountability: Accountability is so important in all aspects of life. You are accountable of your own words, actions and feelings. You cannot control what choices other people make, but you are responsible for your own choices. At school, teachers are accountable to teach their students and students are accountable for their own learning. You are responsible for yourself and all of the choices you make. Without accountability you cannot grow and improve yourself. In Year 3, we have discussed what it means to be accountable of your own words, actions and feelings, and ways in which to improve our personal and educational wellbeing. Miss Lilleyman.

Discipleship: With the start of another school year, it has been great to see the support that the members of our school community are giving to each other. New classes, and new teachers mean that these first few weeks of the term require a lot of patience and understanding as we all get to know each other, and find out how we can best work together for the benefit of all in our school. Mrs Rundle.

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

Adam Edwards, Ruby Anderson, Miranda Prosser,
Kimberley Dowling, Lachlan Turner, Phillip Gayton.
Sport Awards – Emilie Willey, Kayde Bessell-Browne .



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Please return envelopes by
Wednesday 22nd February.

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 15 th February	School Board Meeting 6pm
Monday 20 th February	P & F Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 21 st Feb	Year 2 Paraliturgy
Wednesday 22 nd February	Year 1 Paraliturgy
Friday 24 th February	P & F Sundowner
Sunday 26 th February	Year 2 Family Mass 10.30am
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass 9am
Monday 6 th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 8 th March	Pre Primary Paraliturgy Swimming Trials
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 3 Paraliturgy
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 5 Class Mass
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day Celebrations & Mass
Tuesday 21 st March	GRIP Leadership Year 6 Students
Wednesday 22 nd March	Faction Swimming Carnivals

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 to 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, ASAP.

Forms are available from the office.

From the AP's Desk

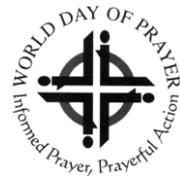
Time flies when you are having fun.....

Week 3 already.... where does the time go?? Swimming lessons are just about finished and the students have handled the changeable weather like stars!! Resilience and commitment has been evident as the children have strived to improve their skills. Pass or fail the stage, they are all to be congratulated on their efforts and determination. Well done!!

Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass:
Friday 1st March, 2017

As we head toward Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent we try to set aside some time to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us in his life, death and resurrection. In their Religious Education lessons the children will be learning about Lent and Easter. Please join us on Friday March first for this important Eucharistic celebration.

World Day of Prayer : Friday 3rd March, 2017



World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd of March. This is an international ecumenical day of prayer and St Patrick's Parish is fortunate to be hosting this year's special day. The school will be supporting this event. The focus country is the Philippines. All students of Filipino heritage are invited to wear cultural dress and attend the prayer service at 10:00am. The choir will be singing an offertory and final hymn, the year 6 Leaders will be assisting with the preparation of rice bags, a symbolic gift for those who attend and the school library will provide the venue for the morning tea.

Our own priest Father Francis will be presenting a talk to the students in place of an afternoon Assembly on Friday March 3rd. You are welcome to come and learn more about our Parish Priest and his birth place, the Philippines.

God Bless

ARTS

Debra Bearcroft

Performance Dates:

P & F Sundowner Choir -Friday 24th Feb time -TBA

Thursday 2nd of March - Concert in the Park 4pm

Piesse Amphitheatre - Choir

Saturday 18th March - Harmony Festival Choir & Year 5 Dance

"This is Australia" time -TBA

Notes home Friday

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!
Mondays	
2.25	Bus Siren
2.30	Conclusion of Day
Tuesdays-Fridays	
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 Mrs 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: Mrs Shannon Beeck, 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 19th February at 10.30am
Altar Servers: Volunteers required.

Love Your Enemies

THE WORD

Jesus said, "You have learnt: an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, if a man slaps your right cheek, offer your left as well. If he takes your shirt, give him your coat as well. It was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy', but I say, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who punish you.'"

LOOK CLOSER

Extreme Love. It's easy to love those who love us. As Jesus points out, even the tax collectors do that! Jesus calls his followers to a higher standard; to love even those who hate us and would do evil to us.

*Lord Jesus,
You are perfect mercy!
Help us to give mercy
to others.
Grant your peace
to those whose hearts burn
for revenge.
Amen.*

Community Notices

The Lions Club of Katanning presents the

2017 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Free entry

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

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Piesse Park Amphitheatre KATANNING

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SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017

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1PM TO 7PM

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My dear people

Who could not be shocked, horrified and disgusted to learn this past week of the scale of allegations of child abuse against priests, made by survivors who came forward to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Speaking personally, I found it a numbing experience which has raised grave questions about the administration of the Catholic Church in Australia.

My renewed apology

Each victim is an individual and a son or daughter in a family. Having been privileged to meet many survivors through the *Towards Healing* process since becoming Bishop, I know that no one else can fully understand what each victim goes through. Once again, I repeat my heartfelt apology, expressed in my 2015 Christmas Pastoral Letter.

I apologise to victims of abuse in the past by priests and others in the Church. I extend this apology too to the families of victims who always suffer with their abused love one."

"I apologise to all feeling alienated by Church leaders in particular who, instead of loving victims of the different forms of abuse, failed knowingly in their responsibility to protect our young and vulnerable. Who among us has not been dismayed, and even disillusioned, as we have learned of terrible examples of Church failings in this regard from the Royal Commission.

Renewed commitment to protection and care

With the priests of our Diocese, I recommit myself to doing everything possible to ensure our Church is safe for children and other vulnerable people. With the other Bishops of Australia, I will continue in my determination to implement all the professional standards changes adopted by the Church since 1996 for the protection of the vulnerable in the parishes and schools of our Diocese, and care for the survivors of abuse.

I look forward to recommendations by the Royal Commission as to how we can do things even better.

The Diocese of Bunbury

Leaving aside the national statistics, questions have been raised about what exactly are the numbers of priests against whom allegations have been made in the Bunbury Diocese. I offer the following facts.

How many priests have had allegations made against them?

Over the past 60 years, six priests have had allegations made against them. Of these

- three are dead
- three were reported to the police
- of these three, two were charged and convicted. One of these two was jailed, the other given a non-custodial sentence.

Is any priest against whom allegations have been made working in the Diocese today?

None are in the Diocese today. Two retired in the 90's and one was dismissed from priestly ministry by Pope St John Paul II.

Has there been any accusation against any priest serving today in the Bunbury Diocese?

No. Also, I have full and unreserved confidence in the commitment of every priest in our Diocese today to the protection of children.

How many priests have served in the Bunbury Diocese over the 60 years studied by the Royal Commission?

The total number was around 117 priests of whom 69 were Diocesan and 48 religious order priests.

How many priests and others across Australia have had allegations made against them over the 60 years?

The Royal Commission states that of the total number

- 572 were priests (30%)
- 543 were laity (29%)
- 597 were religious brothers (32%)
- 96 were religious sisters (5%)
- 72 were people whose religious status could not be established (4%)

Conclusion

Let us renew our prayer and any opportunities we may have to help the healing of all survivors of child abuse who were betrayed by criminals within the Church and hurt as a result of failings by Church leadership, as well as beyond.

And let us share freely our feelings with each other - priests and parishioners. We are all shocked to find how many betrayed what the Church stands for, and how many Bishops failed in their responsibilities to their calling to be good shepherds of all in their pastoral care.

We will continue in our efforts to ensure that the failings of the past never happen again.

Bishop Gerard Holohan

10th February 2017
