

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,

I would like to thank the Ram Sale committee Tania Edwards, Katherine Anderson, Paula Bolto, Emma McKinley and all our volunteer helpers. It was an outstanding three days of hard work and preparation, congratulations to the P&F for raising close to \$7500 for the school. Tania Edwards presented her report at School Board and stated that it was a wonderful opportunity for friend raising. The P&F have worked tirelessly for the school and with our Fun Run raising \$6300, it is a magnificent effort by our school and community.



A very exciting Book Week ahead of us, we had so many wonderful characters dressed up for our parade on Tuesday. We look forward to our Open Night and Book Fair on Thursday. Please come along, learn about the great work happening in our classrooms, and perhaps purchase books from our library for your children. Families also have the option of donating a book to our library as well. The theme for Book week is "Escape to Everywhere."



Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal





From the AP's Desk



Book Week at St Patrick's School

St Patrick's School is in the middle of celebrating Book Week 2017.

The staff and students all dressed up as their favourite book character.

It was wonderful to see so many great costumes and well done to all the 'costume designers' at home who did an amazing job!



Open night and Book Fair is this **Thursday 5:00pm -6:30pm** please come along and see your children's classroom, visit the library where their artwork is displayed. The Book Fair has a huge range of titles for your children to purchase and/or donate to St Patrick's library. Please ensure enough time to see everything. Thank you to all involved for bringing Book Week alive at St Patrick's School.

Thing 1 & 2

(Matteo, Brock, Miss Anderton and Miss Anderson)

Father's Day at St Pat's. Friday 1st of September

Dear Dads,

Please **RSVP** for Father's Day Lunch by **this Friday 25th August**. Note went home on Monday with your children.

Stargazing at St Patrick's School:

On the very last day of term, SciTech will be visiting St Pat's to share some science activities based on space: day/night and the solar system. Your children will also get to be involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities guided by SciTech staff.

There will be two stargazing evenings where you can view the night sky over St Pat's with two amazing computerised telescopes. These will be Friday 15th September and Friday 22nd September. This opportunity is **NOT** to be missed!! Please save the date. Thanks to the P & F for this exciting opportunity.



Year Five Assembly:

This Friday the Year Five students will take to the stage to perform. Whispers from the room suggest their book week book may be the inspiration for their performance.

Prize Box Answer: *The feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's body and soul going to heaven.*

Prize Box Question: Week 6

What is the theme for Book Week 2017?

Place answers on a piece of paper in the blue box in the front office.

**** Prizes to be awarded at this Friday's Assembly.**

God Bless,

Debra Bearcroft

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PRE PRIMARY LITTLE LADY
BUG.....
CHARLIE BESSELL-BROWNE



Please join us at this week's Friday afternoon assembly at 2.30pm.
Congratulations to this week's award winners...

Mathilda Kerin, Cristian Nhkum, Alby Kowald, Inway Lipio,
James Shackley, Nicholas Chaplin

Sport Awards: Jake Bessell-Browne

Xtra Math Awards: James Shackley, Will Collis, Robertson Saw,
Liam Fruchstuck, Harry Harris, Phillip Gayton, Kayde Bessell-Browne,
Montanna Campbell, Sharie Oclarit, Noah D'Aprile



**Happy Birthday to everyone who is
celebrating a birthday this week ...**

Mathilda Kerin and Luke Oclarit

Homework Classes with Mrs
Holmes are available for
students from Years 3 to 6
in the Year 6 classroom.
Tuesday 3.20pm – 4.00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3

Thursday 24 th August	Open Night & Book Fair 5- 6.30pm
Friday 25 th August	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 29 th August	Pre Primary Paraliturgy
Wednesday 30 th August	Year 6 Class Mass
Thursday 31 st August	Uniform Shop Open
Friday 1 st September	Year 4 Assembly
	Fathers' Day shared lunch 12.30pm
Wednesday 6 th September	Year 2 Paraliturgy
Friday 8 th September	Caritas Disco
Sunday 10 th September	Year 3 Family Mass
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 4 Class Mass
	Jumps & Throws – Ages 9 to 12
Thursday 14 th September	Uniform Shop Open
	Jumps and Throws – Ages 5 to 8
Friday 15 th September	Year 3 Assembly

Full copy of the Parent Planner is available at www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au

RUNNING CLUB

**Friday morning
School Oval 8.00- 8:30**



**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 6
CLOSES 31st August**



School Board Snippets

At the recent Board meeting we decided to add a column into the Concern once a month to inform the St Patrick's community of some of the discussion being held.

First, a little about myself... I am born and bred Katanning farmer, ex St Patrick's student and Head Boy (my only schooling claim to fame). Currently in my 2nd year on the board and my first as chairperson. With my wife, Chrissy, we are the parents of Oscar (Yr. 3) and Mathilda (Yr. 1). My favourite sports are footy (AFL), tennis and cricket. A couple of things to come out of our August 21st board meeting were:

-The Board is looking to engage some handymen or women and resourceful parents to source and supply specific materials to start a nature playground. If you are keen to help with cutting some wood blocks/ trees please let Helen at reception know.

- The Board recently passed a motion to reduce the kindergarten tuition fees to \$550 and to put a hold on any fee increases for 2018. This is good news for all current and future families!

Simon Kerin
School Board Chairperson.

The Big Bad Boardroom Joke!

**Why can't you hear a pterodactyl use the toilet?
Because the "p" is silent**

WINTER UNIFORM – Term 2 & 3

Girls Winter Uniform

Royal Blue Pinafore, with pale blue long sleeved blouse. Royal Blue Tie. Royal Blue Jumper
Navy blue tights or white socks, with black leather school shoes lace up or buckle style.

Boys Winter Grey long-sleeved with School Crest. Royal Blue Tie. Royal Blue Jumper. Grey mélange trousers, Grey ankle socks with royal blue and gold stripes. Black leather lace up school shoes.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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 cannot get into the shop during this time, please feel free to send your order to Karen, Shan or Helen in the front office.

Karen Watson – 0407 729 880
csukie@westnet.com.au

Shannon Beeck - 0428217728
shanbeeck@gmail.com

OPEN
31st August 2017

No Canteen Term 3 on the following dates
Wednesday 20th September (Athletics Carnival)

You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR!



All purchases
earn books and
learning resources
for our school!

Date 24th August

Time Open Night

Place School Library

Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction

Learning Open night is such an exciting week at St Patrick's. The school is a showcase of the great learning that students are doing in their classrooms! Enjoy the evening and the conversations that your child will have with you, they will be really proud to show you their abilities! *Mrs Holmes.*

Engagement: We have recently added Reader's Theatre as one of our Reading Groups rotations. This is where one group receive a short script and must read the lines, practice and act it out. We made this addition to increase expression when reading and it is having a positive impact so far. The Year 4 and 5 students adore drama, so why not integrate Drama and Reading together. They are fully engaged when they are reading and performing and often don't want to come back to class! *Miss Anderson.*

Accountability: Accountability means we need to be responsible for our thoughts, words and actions. Sometimes we may make choices that aren't always the best, but we need to recognise what we have done and learn from our mistakes. You cannot control what other people do, but you can control how you act and respond to others. *Miss Lilleyman.*

Discipleship: In Year 2 we have been learning about how we come together as God's family to celebrate the Eucharist by repeating the Last Supper actions and words of Jesus. Together, we nourish our spiritual lives and gifts, using sacred vessels and special words and actions. Through the Eucharist we are strengthened to show love to others as Jesus. *Mrs Rundle.*

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass Sunday 27th August at 10.30am

Altar Servers: Inway Lipio, Mae Angel Villafore



Unstoppable Faith

THE WORD

Jesus said, "Who do you say I am?". Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Jesus replied, "Good for you Simon, son of James! And so I tell you Peter: you are a rock and on this foundation rock, I will build my Church. And not even death will be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

LOOK CLOSER

Who do you say I am?

One day after communion I pulled our four year old daughter onto my lap to say a prayer. "Thank you Jesus for being our friend," I prayed piously. But Grace interrupted: "Jesus is not a friend, he's God!" and how right she was. Too often I have reduced Jesus to a mere companion. In truth, he is so much more – my Lord and Saviour!

*Lord Jesus, you are the
Christ, the Son of the Living
God, our Saviour and
Redeemer! Amen.*



St Patrick's Star Gazing Night

The St Patrick's P&F have planned an astronomy learning experience for our children by funding a Scitech incursion. School volunteers work hard to fundraise money for our children and we believe this experience will provide significant benefit for all.

In consultation with school administration the following has been planned for Friday 22 September (last day of Term 3).

SCITECH SPACEDOME SHOW: The space dome is a pop up construction that Sci-tech staff will construct in the undercover area. A 30 minute lightshow will be projected onto the roof of the dome, with two screenings of each type of programme as outlined below. A maximum of 30 students are permitted in each show, hence some classes will need to be split to enable all students to attend one of the 4 screenings.

The P&F have also funded hands on workshops to be facilitated by Scitech staff. The workshops are designed to reinforce the content of the spacedome programme by providing challenging STEM experiments for the students. It is envisaged that these will run throughout the day with children in the same 30 student groups.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Pre-Primary to Year 1: Day and Night

Show: Journey through our day time sky as it makes the exciting change into night. What is different? Why do we have day and night? What features can we observe and learn about together?

Workshop: Tinker and experiment as we build a shelter to withstand fierce weather – and make our own wild, windy day to test it out.

Year 2 to Year 6: Our Solar System

Show: Explore the universe as astronomers have throughout history and discover the specialties of our solar system and its nearest neighbours.

Workshop: Put your engineering skills to the test as you design, build and test a way to land a fragile robot rover on the surface of another planet.

In addition to the Scitech incursion outlined above, the P&F have also funded the loan of 2 Celestron CPC Series telescopes for the last 3 weeks of Term 3. These telescopes have an in-built computer and astronomy almanac. This enables a constellation name to be typed into the computer, then the telescope will swivel and find it in the night sky. It is planned that there will be several viewing nights throughout the 3 week loan period, including the night of Friday 22 September. More details of these viewing opportunities will be provided closer to the date to account for cloud cover/rain etc. The timing of this event has been chosen to provide a fantastic end to Term 3 and because the approach to winter equinox, (September 23), provides excellent night time viewing.

Further information regarding curriculum links for the above programmes can be found on the Scitech website;

www.scitech.org.au.



Year 6 Camp Father's Day Raffle



1ST Prize

Great Southern Toyota Car Detailing Voucher
valued at **\$350**



2nd Prize

Katanning Panel Beating buff and polish voucher

3rd Prize

A range of goodies for Dad!

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Please see Mrs Holmes or Mrs Robinson



Joey Scouts are coming to 1st Katanning

Skills

Games

Craft

Outdoor



For 6 and 7 year old boys and girls

Commencing Term 1 2018

Meeting Wednesday afternoons plus some weekend activities

For more information, contact 1st Katanning Scout Group:

Hilary Harris - Group Leader – 9821 4889

Ella Maesepp – Joey Leader – 9821 8616



THE APEX CLUB OF KATANNING

with the support of

Katanning Senior High School

are proud to be bringing you the

AATFA Regional Heat

When: Friday 25th August 2017
Doors open: 6.30pm Event starts: 7pm

Where: Katanning Senior High School, Library
2-8 Golf Links Rd, Katanning

Cost: \$5 (pre-booked tickets are ensured light supper)

Tickets available from the door:
OR

Book Tickets at: apexka@yahoo.com.au; or contact Stephen 0417 994 892

Not participating this year?

Why not come along and see what all the fuss is about!

