

# Concern

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St Patrick's School Vision



*To provide quality education for our students and the wider community*

*To provide a faith filled learning experience for our students*

*That all staff will have a shared belief and understanding regarding effective teaching and learning practices.*

## The Gift of Hope This Easter



The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

**Basil Hume**

With Easter almost upon us, it is timely to stop and reflect upon our journey up until this point and the sense of 'hope' that the Easter season can offer us.

There is no doubt that for all of us, 2022 has not been the best of years so far. Here in Katanning, we have been hit with a pandemic that we had all hoped may somehow pass us by. Back when the pandemic started in 2020, I don't think many would have suspected that it would only be reaching its apex some two-plus years later. The coronavirus has had a shocking impact on our community- parents unable to work, students unable to attend school, the anxiety that comes with trying to go about our daily business wondering if we could be next. Some people will have family members who have become very ill. For others, they might face the dreadful prospect of an Easter weekend spent in isolation, away from friends and families.

To make matters worse, we have been trying to deal with all of this while also coming to terms with the immense suffering faced by people in other parts of our world, due to international conflicts and devastating natural disasters, possibly contributed to by the climate change crisis. Indeed, it is tempting to consider this the worst Easter ever!

However, I urge you to take a different view- that Easter is coming at precisely the best possible time for all of us. On Good Friday, Jesus disciples looked on helplessly at the truly awful scenes of Jesus' crucifixion, probably thinking very pessimistically about what was to come. On Easter Sunday, though, following a time of great challenge, came a time of great hope and joy- Jesus was resurrected!

Like the disciples of Jesus, we too can take great hope from the Easter season. If we maintain our faith in God, he will never abandon us in challenging times. I am nowhere near clever enough to understand why bad things happen to good people, but I do know that during these times, God has not abandoned us- it is God who is giving us the strength to overcome our challenges. We can see Jesus in the face of those who love us and those who go out of their way to show kindness, lending a helping hand to those in need. Just like the disciples were uplifted on Easter Sunday, we too can look forward to better times ahead. As Christians, we are called to be people of joy and optimism. This Easter, I encourage you to take some time to be thankful for your many blessings and to go out of your way to be the light of hope for others. As the very wise Pope John Paul II so famously said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." I wish you and your family, a safe, holy and most importantly, a joyous Easter and I look forward to connecting with everyone again in Term Two.

## Stations of the Cross

We thank our Year 5/6 Class for leading the students in the Stations of the Cross today. This is always a very moving occasion and a great reminder to our students about the significance and meaning of Holy Week. I thank Miss Monty and her students greatly for the hard work that has gone into preparing this event.



## Congratulations- Htoo Family

A huge congratulations to Cindy, Dan, Isabella and their family on the birth of a beautiful baby sister/daughter last week. What a special time for your family and we just know that Cindy, Dan and Isabella will be amazing big sisters!

## Pupil Free Day

This Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of April, is a pupil free day, as the staff participate in Professional Learning. The focus for our staff on this day will be the Digital Technologies learning area, as we work towards understanding best practice and begin planning for this learning area for the remaining terms.

## Mini-Stars Playgroup

We are hopeful that the COVID-19 restrictions easing will enable us to again start running our Mini-Stars playgroup, for two and three year old students, ideally from the beginning of Term 2. Mini-Stars will again be on Wednesday mornings and facilitated by Mrs. Wilkie. This is open to all families in the community and is completely free of charge and free of any obligation. Please encourage any families with young children to get in touch with us to enrol. We look forward to all the fun of Mini-Stars again in 2022!

**MINI STARS**  
Wednesdays  
9:00am - 11:00am  
Begins 27th April

A **FREE** weekly program for 2 and 3 year old children, held in our Early Childhood Centre.

Please call our office on 9820 8100 to enrol your child or for more information.

find us at:  
[www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au](http://www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au)  
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## Term 2 Calendar

Today, a copy of the Term 2 Calendar will be sent home. Please check your child's bag. I am hopeful that during Term 2, we will be able to welcome parent involvement in our school events and activities again, as we return to a greater sense of normalcy.

## ANZAC Day- Special Assembly and Morning Tea- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

We are so excited that parents are going to be welcomed back into schools next term for special events. Accordingly, I would like to invite all parents to attend our ANZAC Day Assembly, to be held in the grotto area (weather permitting) on the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.20am. All students and parents are welcome to bring a flower or two to lay at the base of our flagpole during this Assembly if you wish.

Following the Assembly, parents are most welcome to stay behind for a morning tea, provided by the school. With the COVID-19 restrictions of Term 1, opportunities for parents to get together have been few and far between, so this might be a great chance for you to catch up with old friends, while meeting some new parents also.



The graphic is a two-column invitation for an ANZAC Day Assembly and Morning Tea. The left column features a background of orange poppies and the text: 'LEST WE FORGET', 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY', 'Tuesday · 26th April', '10:20am', 'Grotto Area', and 'After our ANZAC Day Assembly we will have a welcome back to Term 2 Morning Tea. All parents are welcome to attend.' The right column features a background of purple lavender and the text: 'ST. PATRICK'S WARMLY INVITES YOU TO MORNING TEA', 'Tuesday · 26th April', 'Please join us after the ANZAC Day Assembly to celebrate the start of Term 2.', and 'All parents welcome, come and catch up with friends, old and new.' Both columns feature the St. Patrick's ANZAC logo, which is a blue shield with a white cross and the text 'St Patrick's ANZAC'.

## ANZAC Day- Town Service

The Lions Club, in conjunction with RSL WA, will conduct the Dawn Service, at the Memorial on Prosser Park, at 5.50am on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Our school captains will lay a wreath on behalf of our school. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please wear your formal uniform for this special occasion.

This year, due to COVID-19, the march will not take place, so please head straight to the memorial.

## Staffing- Term 2-4

Next term, we look forward to the return of Mrs. Emily Holmes to our school after a period of well-deserved long service leave. We are also excited to welcome back Jayde Wolfe, who will assist us as an Education Assistant on Wednesdays. Mrs. Sarah Wilkie will take on the roles of Mini-Stars Playgroup and Maths Intervention each Wednesday.

## STAFFING

Mrs. Megan Lydeamore	K/PP Teacher (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)
Mrs. Sarah Wilkie	K/PP Teacher (Monday, Thursday) Mini-Stars and Maths Intervention (Wednesday)
Mrs. Nadine Rundle	Year 1 Teacher
Mrs. Denise Bowen	Year 2 Teacher
Mrs. Emily Holmes	Year 3/4 Teacher and Curriculum Leader
Ms. Lyndee Montgomery	Year 5/6 Teacher
Mrs. Donna Quartermaine	Specialist Teacher (Monday, Tuesday), Year 3/4 Teacher (Wednesday)
Mrs. Steph Pontillo	K/PP Education Assistant
Mrs. KJ Willey	Year 1/2 Education Assistant
Mrs. Julie Poett	Learning Support and Library
Miss Jayde Wolfe	Year 2 Education Assistant (Wednesday)

### **COVID-19- Vaccinations for Children and Self-Reporting of Positive Cases During School Holidays**

The state government has asked all principals to remind our families of the importance of children being vaccinated against COVID-19. The school holidays might be a good opportunity to arrange for your child to receive their first dose, or second dose (which should be received 8 weeks after their first dose).

Also, please note that **should your child test positive to COVID-19 over the school holiday break, please inform me by email and register the positive case on CEWA's 'Self Reporting Portal', as well as on the Department of Health website.**

Email address: [brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au](mailto:brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au)

Link to self-reporting portal: <https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>

Link to Department of Health website: <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister>

If your child becomes a household close contact during the school holidays, please inform me by email also. Your assistance with this is appreciated, as it will help ensure a safe start to Term 2 for all students and staff.

### **Happy Holidays**

I wish all of our families a wonderful school holiday break. I commend our students on the awesome attitude and the hard work they have shown in Term 1- they have well and truly earned a break! A reminder that the first day of school for Term 2 is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards



Brett Wilkie  
Principal



## TERM 2 2022 CALENDAR (PARENTS)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	25 ANZAC Day	26 ANZAC Assembly and Morning Tea	27	28	29 Cross Country Morning Training –8am KCC	30	1 May Sacramental Commitment Mass
2	2 <b>P&amp;F Meeting</b>	3	4	5 Year 5/6 Puberty Education with School Nurse Casuals For Catholics Free Dress Day	6 Cross Country Morning Training –8am KCC	7	8 <b>Mother's Day</b>
3 <b>NAPLAN WEEK</b>	9 School Climate Survey period opens Y6 Millo Meeting	10	11	12	13 <u>Cross Country Morning Training – 8am KCC</u> Year 5/6 Attend Parish Mass	14	15
4 <b>NAPLAN WEEK</b>	16	17	18 <b>SAC Meeting</b>	19	20 Cross Country Morning Training –8am KCC	21	22
5	23 Faction Cross Country Carnival	24	25 Confirmation Parent Info Night Simultaneous Storytime	26 National Sorry Day Liturgy Y3/4	27 Cross Country Morning Training –8am KCC <b>Merit Assembly (Year 2 performing)</b>	28	29
6	30 <b>P&amp;F Meeting</b> Y6 Millo Meeting School Climate Survey period closes	31	1 June	2 <b>Pupil Free Day</b>	3 <b>Pupil Free Day</b>	4	5
7	6 <b>WA Day Public Holiday</b>	7 Bushies Day	8	9 Confirmation Retreat	10 Interscholar Cross Country Carnival	11	12 Confirmation 10.30am
8	13 Y6 Millo Meeting	14	15 <b>SAC Meeting</b>	16	17 Dumblaying Arts Festival	18	19
9	20 World of Maths Incurison	21	22	23	24 <u>Merit Assembly (Y3/4 performing)</u>	25	26
10	27	28	29	30 Footy Carnival	1 July Year 3/4 Attend Parish Mass NAIDOC Liturgy (Staff led)	2	3