Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great start to the term and I am very pleased that students have transitioned smoothly into this busy term. I have attached a page of Cyber Safety tips for parents with this newsletter. It is imperative that children are supervised while making use of the internet at home. Students are taught about ‘netiquette’ and proper use of the internet to protect their privacy. There are many valuable websites that parents can access to support cyber safety. I have included a link that is credible and used by schools as a teaching resource: https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent

On the weekend, Fr. Francis returned to St Patrick’s Parish and celebrated Sunday Mass. The school and parish are very pleased to have him back and we have missed him while he was in the Philippines. Fr. Francis was caring for his mother who was very unwell, but through the many prayers of the school and parish she is recovering well. I know that teachers and students will be very happy to have Fr. Francis back around the school and supporting them. We look forward this week to our Year Three’s participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Francis on Wednesday night.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Vivian Marwick from CEWA Bunbury, presented a workshop to all of our staff on the NAPLAN results. She was very pleased with the level of engagement of our staff and the discussion we had to continue to focus on improving our standards. Our teachers looked at the growth of our students from Yr. 3 to Yr. 5 and noted that some students have grown over 2 years. I have attached a summary of the results from the NAPLAN workshop with this newsletter. Congratulations to all our staff for their dedication and commitment to improving our teaching and learning to have such a profound effect on our students.

Thank you to the parents who have supported us by purchasing predominantly white shoes for sport. The local sport store ‘Sports Power’ has many predominantly white shoes that parents can choose from which offer excellent support for growing feet.

This weekend, please pray for Mr Nettleton and his family during the Baptism of his son Samuel. We welcome Samuel into God’s family and pray for Matthew and Candice so that they can support him in his spiritual journey.

Enjoy the Katanning Show this weekend, free entry and plenty of rides and entertainment to be had by all. Our school will have its display in the recreation centre and many of our student’s art work will be up as well. Have a wonderful weekend. Hopefully the sun will shine for us and warm things up a little!

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
NAPLAN Growth

Dr. John Hattie (Director of AITSL) developed a way of ranking various influences in different meta-analyses related to learning and achievement according to their effect sizes. In his ground-breaking study “Visible Learning” he ranked 138 influences that are related to learning outcomes from very positive effects to very negative effects. Hattie found that the average effect size of all the interventions he studied was 0.40. An effect size of 0.4 equates to a year’s growth, therefore, he decided to judge the success of influences relative to this ‘hinge point’, in order to find an answer to the question “What works best in education?”

The figures below represent the growth of our Year 5 cohort from their Year 3 results as presented during our NAPLAN workshop.

**Effect size year 3 to year 5**

Effect sizes were generally outstanding with most students.

- Writing – 92% greater than 0.8
- Spelling 67% greater than 0.8
- Numeracy 100% greater than 0.8 *** celebrate!!!
- Reading 90% of students greater than 0.8
- Grammar and Punctuation 75% greater than 0.8

**2016 reflection and 2017 Focus (identified by early years teachers)**

- 2016 focus has been on sight words in Pre Primary and Year 1 with increased recognition very evident.
- Have also been implementing a spelling diagnostic test, 1 x per term.
- Increased teacher awareness of identifying student’s skills.
- 2017 – Focus needed on Numeracy and Problem Solving.
- Implement times tables scope and sequence.

**2016 reflection and 2017 Focus (identified by upper school teachers)**

- 2016 – Times Table, scope and sequence developed and implemented, consolidated Explicit teaching and Learning Intentions.
- 2017 – Examine ACER results more closely. Focus on times tables and problem solving. Consider mini action research into times tables using apps, songs, quizzes etc.

**Congratulations to our staff for the effort and commitment that they have put into our teaching and learning programs.**
Dear Parent and Guardians,

Whole School Rosary:

Yesterday the whole school gathered to pray a decade of the Rosary in honour of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This beautiful meditative prayer was led by our Year Six students. The students prayed so reverently and diligently using their Rosary beads to follow the prayers.

All Saints Mass: Friday 28th October, 9:00am:
Please join our school and parish for this special feast day. We all have ‘saint ‘potential. It requires accepting the will of God and staying strong in our faith.

Reconciliation:
The Year Three students from St Patrick’s School and Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this evening at 6pm. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Thank you to Miss Cohen, Mrs Poett & Mrs Sugg for your work in preparing these candidates.

Leadership Speeches:
Last Friday I had the privilege of listening to the Year Five students present their leadership speeches. They all presented their thoughts on what qualities a good leader should demonstrate. I was delighted to hear words such as listen, show concern, help, encourage, support and do my best. All qualities which align perfectly with our Catholic values here at St Patrick’s school. I wish them all well as they begin their preparation to move into Year Six as leaders of our school.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly are:

Lucy Quartermaine, Brock McKinley, Addison O’Neill, Kimberly Dowling, Zeppelin Groenewold, Isaiah Marwick, Caris Rae

Sport Award – Luke Oclarit

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week…..


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The full term planner is available on the school website.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Enrolments for 2017**

Is your child returning in 2017? If your child is not returning next year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible so we can finalise classes for 2017.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate the Vigil Mass this Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} at 6pm with Father Francis and on Sunday 23\textsuperscript{rd} October The Kojonup Rosary Rally at 10.30am

Altar Servers: 22\textsuperscript{nd} October – Montanna Campbell and Sophie Wolfe

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 - Needing God

THE WORD
Jesus told a parable. “Two men went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stood and prayed, ‘I thank you God that I am not a sinner like this tax collector’. The tax collector stood with his eyes lowered and beat his breast, ‘Have mercy on me, a sinner’. I tell you, it is this man, the tax collector, who is at rights with God.”

LOOK CLOSER
Humble before God. No matter how good a person may be, we are always in need of God’s grace and mercy. Often those who are most humble and aware of their sinfulness and brokenness, are the ones who are most open to God’s love.

Lord, you are close to the broken hearted;
the humble sinner who calls
to you. Be our comfort.
Give us your mercy and grace.
Amen.

St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3
19\textsuperscript{th} October Reconciliation 6pm
This week has seen a return of morning fitness. It is evident that students really enjoy this burst of exercise as last week I had a number of students asking me when it was starting back up again!

This term we have three new activities, which include:

- **Obstacle Course** - students are to complete laps around the school obstacle course
- **Smiling mind** – a combination of yoga, stretching and meditation
- **Beep Test** – the senior students will participate in a fitness test each week to track their improvements over the term

We also have, for the first time this year, the Pre-Primary students joining us every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

***REMEMBER*** Morning Fitness starts 8.50am sharp 😊

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|----------| Obstacle Course | Smiling Mind | Beep Test |

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Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTH CARE CHAPLAINCY CATERING AT KATANNING’s 125th AGRICULTURAL SHOW ON 22RD 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 0448 553 083

T20 BLAST IS COMING TO KATANNING!
WHEN: Starting Friday 4th November 2016
WHERE: Quartermaine Oval
WHO: Boys and Girls aged 6 to 10 years
COST: $60 price includes a cricket pack
REGISTRATION AT THE SHOW
OR CONTACT BENJAMIN 0448 553 083
Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. **Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cyber safety.**

2. Set a technology curfew.

3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.

4. Use privacy settings to limit access for your child – ‘Net nanny software’.

5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.

6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.

7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to **stop** responding to the abuse and then **block** those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should **tell** a trusted adult.

8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.

9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call **Crime Stoppers** 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.