Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Katanning Show. It was pleasing to see the school displays in the recreation centre, and our students participate in the gymnastics and dance. Many of our students had entries in the Lego section and the cooking sections of the show, and with first or second prize ribbons. The talents displayed by our students is a credit to them.

This Friday we are celebrating All Saints Mass. It is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls’ Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints’ Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is those recognised in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. Please come along and join in our mass to celebrate All Saints Day. Perhaps discuss if your child is named after a saint and the significance that saint has in the life of the church.

School Board

In life all good things come to an end and so with great appreciation, I inform the school community that Mrs Tania Wolfe has tendered her resignation as School Board Chairperson. Tania has been part of the school community for some 19 years and has been very active in supporting the school and community on the Parents and Friends committee and as a School Board member. With her last child finishing at St Patrick’s, Tania has decided to resign her position. With much gratitude I would like to thank Tania on behalf of the staff, students and families of St Patrick’s and wish her every success in her very busy life.

School Board nominations are available from the front office.

Our students have been working hard on their training for the KISA jumps and throws and athletics carnivals, which will be next week. Thank you to Miss Ackland and the staff who have supported her with training at recess, lunch, before and after school. It is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Peace to you and your family,

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. Our community would like to say congratulations to the Oclarit Family on the birth of a baby boy born this week – no name yet! We wish Sam, Rachel, Luke and Shari, and their family all the best at this very special time. 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: I'm most proud of the blessings that God has given me, in my life. He's given me the vision to see that you can fall down, but you can still get back up. I'll learn from my mistakes and have the opportunity to strengthen and improve the next thing I do. Mrs Robinson.

Engagement: In Italian this term, we are learning the months of the year, seasons and Roman Numerals. We have discovered that the seasons in Italy are opposite to those in Australia. I have included the months below if you would like to practice with your children. Mrs Quartermaine.


Accountability: Our teachers have been looking closely at their NAPLAN and assessment results. We have had some very pleasing growth in our students from Yr. 3 – Yr. 5 with the NAPLAN and we have had some excellent individual results from students in our school. Having a growth mindset is vital in supporting our students and helping them to reach their potential. Mr Smith

Discipleship: The Kindy children have been learning about all things creepy! We are learning about spiders and wondering how God made their spider webs. We created our own spider webs with silver string and added our own spiders. Next week we will be looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly and exploring what it would feel like to be in a cocoon. We have been going on bug hunts around the classroom and wondering if Jesus ever went on bug hunts. We have even wondered what kind of insects lived in Jesus’ time. Miss Courtney

From the AP’s Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school was abuzz with show chatter on Monday morning. It was my very first Katanning show and I was so impressed! The children’s entries stood out. So many clever cookies; making lego, baking, decorating cakes and biscuits, art work galore and some wonderful dancers!! St Patrick's talent was certainly on show. So proud of our school and all the contributions they made to support a great show!!

All Saints Mass will be held on Friday 28th October at 9:00am. All the community are invited to share in this very important solemnity.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au
There will be no assembly this week due to the All Saint's Whole School Mass at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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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 Fees 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

Please also keep our office updates with address details and contact numbers should any of these details change.

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**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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**St Patrick’s School Board – AGM Wednesday 23rd November 2016**

This year, 3 positions will become vacant on the School Board. Nominees are asked to speak at the AGM, outlining their skills and reasons for wishing to nominate for a position on the School Board.

Below are the criteria for membership of the Board.

**SCHOOL BOARD CRITERIA**

(a) Possession of an enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic schooling;
(b) A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
(c) A desire to give service to the Catholic school community;
(d) An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board;
(e) Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters;

Nomination forms are available from the office and MUST be returned to the front office by 4.00pm Friday 18th November, as no nomination will be taken from the floor.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 30th October at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Joseph Rose and Lucas Schiano

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.

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.

To everyone celebrating a birthday this week .... Maddison Garrity.

A YEAR OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

- Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise” (Prov 19:20)
- The Cross of Christ “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Cor 1:25)
- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions
- Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

You are invited to join us for morning tea after mass on Sunday. Please bring a plate to share.

Evangelisation - The Good News - Zacchaeus

THE WORD
Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector. He wanted to see Jesus but was too short. So he climbed a tree. Seeing him, Jesus told him to come down as he would stay at his house that evening. People complained because Zacchaeus was a sinner, but Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house. The Son of Man has come to seek the lost.”

LOOK CLOSER
Lost. When we live without God, it is as if we are lost and cannot find our way home. Jesus came to bring us home to his Father.

Lord God,
our home is in you.
Help us to stay close to you.
Help those who are lost to find you.
Amen.
Hi all, just a quick reminder that our KISA athletics carnivals are next week. I have sent permission slips to those participating (as well as reserves) could you please have those back by Friday 😊

DATES:

- Jumps and Throws – Tuesday 1st November
- Athletics – Thursday 3rd November

TRAINING:

- Please be advised that this week’s Thursday afternoon training (27th October) has been cancelled
- Lunch time and recess practices will continue as normal.
- The remaining before and after school training sessions are as follows:
  - Friday 28th October 8.00-8.30
  - Wednesday 2nd November 3.30-4.15

Miss Ackland
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**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 0448553083

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**I2OBLAST 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
St Patrick’s School Disco

Thursday 27th October

Kindy – Year 2
Time: 5.00-5.45pm

Year 3-6
Time: 6.00 -7.30pm

Come dressed in your favourite colour

Cost: $4
All money raised donated to Caritas