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,

It has been a very busy week at St Patrick’s with our Kindy Orientation, it was wonderful to see new mums and dads, taking a keen interest in learning more about what life in Kindy is going to be like. Thank you to Miss Courtney for having the general information ready for next year’s Kindy parents. We also had Deb Billing, our school nurse and Kira Flynn, our speech therapist speak to our parents about how they support our Kindy students. During the group rotations, Mrs Holmes and Miss Ackland provided our Kindy parents with some hands on activities to support the numeracy learning of our Kindy students. Parents took home a little ‘maths bag’ filled with cards, counters and dice. Thank you to Mrs Holmes and Miss Ackland for their preparation of the maths bags for our kindy families.

This week we have our KISA Jumps and Throws carnival and Athletics carnivals. The children have been working very hard at recess and lunch time to improve their times and skills in readiness for the carnivals. Some students, have even attended before and after school training sessions provided by Miss Ackland and supported by a few parents and staff. I spoke to the students reminding them it is a real privilege to be selected for the Interschool team and they should be very proud that they have been selected to represent the whole school.

Next week, our students from Year Three to Six will be taking part in a Food Sensation Incursion. The Food Sensation is a 90-minute interactive nutrition and hands-on cooking session. It aims to increase knowledge, skills and attitudes towards eating nutritious foods. The first part is about basic nutrition principles using practical and fun activities and the second part is cooking. In the cooking session, students are in groups and are assigned different recipes to attempt. We have been promoting a healthy choice in our lunch boxes over the course of this term and we have had some very positive feedback from parents and staff.

A very special thank you to the staff and students who attended our Caritas disco last week. We had a lot of fun and raised a substantial amount of money for Caritas. Thank you to Joseph Rose, our resident student DJ, he did a fabulous job on the night.

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 pray for the Bolto family at this very sad time. Ian Bolto, father to Cameron, passed away in hospital. Please keep Cameron and his family in your prayers at this very difficult time. We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to Cameron and his whole family. 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: This week I received a phone call from my granddaughter, who is 4 and was very excited to tell me about what she had learnt about Jesus and how he died. Her new found knowledge was a great source of conversation in the family! The conversations we have with our children are the best way to teach and for our children to learn. Let’s keep talking to our children. Mrs Poett.

Engagement: How did I engage with others today? Each day I am fortunate to be able to spend time in classrooms working with the wonderful students of St Patrick’s. This time is spent engaging with students in tasks set by the classroom teacher. It has been wonderful watching the students grow over the year, and to assist them in their learning to reach their full potential. Mrs Sugg.

Accountability: T’is the season for accountability!! Teachers are currently reflecting upon the learning and growth of their students in order to write reports. It is important to remember that teaching and learning are data driven processes that constantly address the ever changing needs of the children. A grade often does not reflect the enormous social and emotional growth of the children. Look at their work habits, allow words relating to effort to stand out, and importantly look for value - based words like “respect”, “kindness”, “cooperative”, “friendly”. All of these make for a well-rounded young person whose potential is limitless. Ms Bearcroft.

Discipleship: Mr Smith.

From the AP’s Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Tuesday was the Feast of All Saints, Melbourne Cup and KISA Jumps and Throws what a busy day!! The students, staff and parish community celebrated All Saints’ Day last Friday. Father Gerome did a wonderful job of explaining the importance of this Solemnity to our young people. He used the examples of St Patrick and Mary of the Cross as two people who lived faith filled lives and who trusted God implicitly. The students have really started to lift their voices in song during Mass and this is wonderful to hear. St Augustine said “If you sing wholeheartedly, you pray twice”. ☺ ☺ Good luck to our interschool team of athletes, do your best, we are proud of you!

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft

Dear Parents,
The costume note for dance will go out to all students THIS week. Please to not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I have tried to ensure the costume bases are items that would be found in your child’s wardrobe. Where “special” items are required they will be provided. These items remain the property of St Patrick’s School and will be utilised in the Arts programme.
Thank you
Ms Bearcroft
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly:

Max Clegg, Emily Davies, Liam Fruhstuck, Ivana Penaverde, Hallee Beeck, Blair Ball, Yasmin Prosser, Jordan Garrity

Sport Awards: Fletcher Ball, Tane Kingi

DATES TO REMEMBER

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

Parents are reminded that School Fees are now due.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

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.

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.

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 6th November October at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Joe and Isabel Collis

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.

A YEAR OF MERCY
The Spiritual Works of Mercy
INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT

Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith.

- Go on a service trip or short term mission trip. No time? Donate to support someone on their service trip
- Volunteer to help with religious education programs at your parish
- Invite someone to go to mass with you this weekend
- Know your faith! Find out more about the Catholic faith and how to live it

Evangelisation - The Good News - God of the Living

THE WORD
Some Sadducees tried to trick Jesus, but he replied, “People of this world take wives and husbands, but those in heaven do not marry. Being children of the resurrection, they are sons and daughters of God”.

LOOK CLOSER
Resurrection Promise.
God promises us eternal joy in heaven. When couples fall in love and marry, they experience a glimpse of the glory of heaven. Wonderful as marriage can be, it is only a shadow of the joy that awaits us all in heaven.

Lord God, you call us to be one with you.
We look forward with eagerness to our life with you.
Amen.

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 ....
Haley Smith-Marciniak, Jesse Schiano Di Cola and Phillip Gayton
Last week we were very blessed to have Cohen from the WACA come to St Patrick’s to run a cricket clinic. Students from Years 3-6 were immersed in a number of cricket drills with a major focus on fun and fitness.

Good luck to those students participating in the KISA carnivals this week. I am extremely proud of the effort and determination you have shown during practices. I know you will all shine 😊

Miss Ackland

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Wanslea Family Fun Event**

Katanning

2 November 2016

3 – 5 pm

Inviting all families to join Wanslea Foster Care staff and carers to meet and share information regarding foster care whilst having fun participating in the various activities and games.

**WHO:** All children, families and anyone interested in hearing more about foster care

**LOCATION:** All Ages Playground, Clive Street Katanning

**INFORMATION:** Email fostercare@wanslea.asn.au

**ACTIVITIES:** Music by DJ Gino Illiano, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Team Games, Fairy Floss, Sausage Sizzle, Colouring Competition, Mini Soccer Game, Paper Plane making and distance competition and much more
Katanning Dramatic Society Inc
Presents
A Youth Production of
Jack and the Baked Beanstalk

Written by Judith Prior
Performed with the kind permission of David Spicer Productions

At the Katanning Town Hall
November 18th & 19th 2016

Doors open 6.30pm, shows starts 7pm

All tickets $5 each,
Only available at the door on the night