Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we have the final session of the Triple P Parenting Program in our school hall. A very special thank you to Mrs Sue Williams, our Students with Disabilities consultant from Bunbury Regional Office, for presenting the program to our parents. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is a parenting and family support system designed to prevent – as well as treat – behavioural and emotional problems in children and teenagers. It aims to prevent problems in the family, school and community before they arise and to create family environments that encourage children to realise their potential.

Triple P draws on social learning, cognitive behavioural and developmental theory as well as research into risk factors associated with the development of social and behavioural problems in children. It aims to equip parents with the skills and confidence they need to be selfsufficient and to be able to manage family issues without ongoing support. And while it is almost universally successful in improving behavioural problems, more than half of Triple P's 17 parenting strategies focus on developing positive relationships, attitudes and conduct.

On Friday, our school will be commemorating Remembrance Day. The 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. Zane Watkins and Taylor Warren will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school at the Katanning memorial for Remembrance Day. Please join our school commemoration starting at 10.55 am in the grotto area.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
From the AP's Desk

As we move closer to the end of the year, it is probably a good thing to remind ourselves that this can be a stressful and anxiety-filled time for adults and children alike. As significant adults in children's lives, parents and teachers can play a big role in keeping levels of anxiety and stress manageable for children. Routine is important, as is trying to be punctual. As adults, we sometimes forget the stress that arriving late can cause our children - who actually have no control over their departure or arrival times! Something as simple as getting to school well before the siren sounds and giving children enough time to prepare for the day ahead, as well as to simply adjust to the classroom environment, can make a huge difference to how the rest of the day goes. Talking to children about the ‘rhythm of life’ can also be very helpful: as adults we know that there is an end in sight, but our children may not realise this. Reassure children that it is normal for things to be a bit busier at this time of the year, but that it will pass and things will settle down again.

Useful articles may be found at the following websites:
and: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/anxiety_and_fears

This Friday is Remembrance Day. Our school community will gather to remember and honour the men and women who fought and died for our freedom. We pray for those who continue to protect our country at home or overseas.

Your child will be taking part in a Remembrance Ceremony after recess-10:50am in front of the flagpole in the grotto area. ALL welcome to attend.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au

From the Studio

The preparations for the School Concert 2016 are well underway. The girls and boys are working tremendously hard to treat you to a celebration of dance! The costume note went home yesterday and I would like to reiterate that I am your first point of contact for any questions or concerns. Do not hesitate to email me bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

I am also looking for a few “happy helpers” to do some small costuming tasks; cutting, gluing, tying elastic onto glasses. No real sewing ability required. 😊

****Please advise me in writing/ email as soon as possible if your child will be absent for this event as it impacts on partner work and patterns and can be off putting for the other students. ****

Some dates for the diary:

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday 29th November** – Rehearsal #1 – School – Sport Uniform
- **Thursday 1st December** – Rehearsal #2 – School – **Dress rehearsal**: Costume & props. (Sport Uniform)
- **Friday 2nd December** – Rehearsal #3 – Stage & Venue rehearsal: – Katanning Leisure Centre ** NO costumes OR Props**: Sport Uniform.
- **Friday 2nd December** – **School Concert Night** : 6pm – Katanning Leisure Centre 😊

Thank you in anticipation of your support in any way big or small.

Kind Regards
Debra Bearcroft
(Dance teacher to the St Pat’s Stars)
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly:

Lewis Anderson, Sharlotte Sutherland, Oliver Bloomer, Annabelle Lydeamore, Joseph Collis, Zoe Podmore, Isaiah Marwick, Kegan Broun

Sport Awards: Taylor Warren

**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.

Please note the school has a new biller code - 100222

Please make sure your banking records are updated.

(all other details remain the same)

**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.

**P & F AGM Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November, as no nomination will be taken from the floor.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 13th November October at 10.30am.


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

ADMONISHING THE SINNER

Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely
with Christ.

- In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realising that we all fall at times
- Don’t judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation (see Mt 7:1-2)
- When you correct someone, don’t be arrogant. We are all in need of God’s loving correction.
- We should journey together to a deeper understanding of our shared faith
- "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye" (Mt 7:5)

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

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.

Evangelisation - The Good News - Endure

THE WORD
Jesus said, “Men will seize you and persecute you. They will imprison you because of my name and you will be able to bear
witness. I shall give you wisdom and words. Some of you will be put to death, but not a hair of your head shall be lost.”

LOOK CLOSER
The cost of discipleship. Following Christ is not always easy. In some countries Christians are persecuted and even put to
death for their beliefs (around 100,000 per year). Jesus tells us that we too will suffer because we follow him. Yet through it
all, God will be with us.

Lord God,
you come to rule the earth,
to rule with justice and and
reward those who have been
faithful to you.
Amen.
I would like to say a huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2016 KISA athletics Carnival. The effort and determination shown by students at training really shone through both days. A lot of our races were won at the end of the line with students pushing through to the very end.

Special mention to those students who came home with a championship trophy:

- 6yr Girls Champion: Callie Hamon
- 6yr Boys Runner Up Champion: Brock McKinley
- 7yr Boys Champion: Zacheus Ndong’a
- 7yr Boys Runner Up Champion: Fletcher Ball
- 8yr Boys Runner Up Champion: Thomas Hamon
- 9yr Girls Runner Up Champion: Shaniqua Garlett
- 9yr Boys Champion: James Shackley
- 10yr Girls Champion: Mia Hamon
- 11yr Girls Champion: Montanna Campbell
- 11yr Boys Champion: Shaun Shackley

Another awesome achievement for our students included winning the Most Improved Trophy which hasn’t been won by St Patrick’s since 2008. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out at training and on the day.

Miss Ackland

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LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

LEARNING - Love what you do
Every day provides a new opportunity for growth
Always learn from your mistakes
Remember to utilise your talents
Necessity is the Mother of invention
Invest in the knowledge of others
Never close your mind to new ideas
Gain from feedback to be the best "you" you can be.

Mrs Pontillo.

Engagement - Parents are the first, and primary, educators for their children, and the way they contribute most to their children’s education is through what they do at home. Talking about books and stories with your child and reading to them is the best way to engage them with reading. Teach them to love and engage with reading. Make reading fun and enjoyable!

Mrs Robinson.

ACCOUNTABILITY - I have greatly enjoyed the role as Mathematics coordinator this year as I have worked with some fantastic students in Maths groups in our junior primary and some very dedicated teachers throughout our school. Each term our students are assessed using a Mathematical operations test and they are asked to answer as many addition, subtraction, and multiplication and division (3-6 only) questions as they can in 1 minute. At the conclusion of each test, their teachers send me through the results and I keep an electronic data wall which shows students growth over the four terms. Just last week, I was able to show Mr Smith the great results and superb growth that our children are making in their quick recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division concepts. Well done to all our students and teachers for using the data to make great improvements!

Mrs Holmes.

DISCIPLESHIP - In Kindy we aim to use kind words to our friends and to try and make compromises when the situation arises. When we help others, it makes our heart swell and it reinforces the friendship bonds we have in our class. Sometimes, we can struggle to be patient, especially when we are waiting for our turn on a bike or the scooter. We try to remember to be like Jesus and be patient.

Mrs Robinson.
Dear Parents,

It’s that time of year again. If you are looking to purchase new uniforms for 2017, could you please download the Uniform order form off the St Patrick’s website or grab a copy from the school office. I will need all orders back to the office by Tuesday 15th November, so they can be filled before the end of the year. Again we are working on a pre-order/pre-pay system to save the school money, so all orders will need to be paid for in advance. If we run out of stock of some items, we will put them on order and get them to you ASAP.

A few notes:
Kindy and Pre-Primary order forms for 2017 can also be collected from the office.
Year 3 parents please note that the chair bags go up a size in Year 4.
Uniform shop will remain open on Tuesday afternoons from 3-3.30pm until the last week of school.
Warm regards,

Natalie Smith – Volunteer.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Katanning Tennis Club** invite you to participate in the 2016 Junior Doubles Twilight Tournament
Saturday 26th November Registration 3:30pm, starting time 4pm Cost - $10 per player
Nominations close Saturday 26th November 10am to:
Jane Kowald 0428 712 050 or birdwoodtrust6395@gmail.com
Please include Child’s name, age, gender and parent contact.
If you do not have a partner and would like to play, please submit your name and the committee will do its best to find one for you.

**Events – Girls and Boys Doubles**

- 8 & Under
- 10 & Under
- 12 & Under
- 14 & Under

Age group as at 31/12/2016. The committee has entire control of the event; some groups may be combined depending on numbers.

**Assistance supervising all matches will be required**

Players to wear recognised tennis clothes and shoes

Sausage sizzle, hamburgers, cool drinks, adult drinks all available for purchase.

Venue: Katanning Country Club, Round Drive, KATANNING

Great Prizes for all divisions!

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**Dumbleyung Lawn Tennis Club Junior Tennis Tournament Sunday 11th December 2016**

TOURNAMENT TO COMMENCE 8.30 am SHARP
ENTRY FEE IS $5.00 FOR EACH EVENT

NOMINATIONS TO:
CARMEN BAIRSTOW
PHONE: 98634447 FAX: 98634457
EMAIL: flexitrans@bigpond.com

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER
RECOGNISABLE TENNIS WEAR, FLAT SOLED SHOES & HATS MUST BE WORN.
ASSISTANCE BY ADULTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR UMPIRING.

LUNCH, ICECREAMS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

**EVENTS**

- 11/U girls round robin doubles & knockout singles
- 11/U boys round robin doubles & knockout singles
- 13/U girls round robin doubles & knockout singles
- 13/U boys round robin doubles & knockout singles
- 18/U mixed doubles. Singles only if numbers sufficient

If insufficient nominations an event may not proceed or ages combined
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
Blue Light Disco

DATE & TIME
FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION
KATANNING TOWN HALL

TICKET INFO
0-4 FREE  •  CHIPS, LOLLIES & COOL DRINKS FOR SALE.
5-17 $3:00

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ARE NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANISERS.
PARENTS MUST STAY & SUPERVISE THEIR KIDS.