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 hot start to the week. I reminded students about the need to wear their hats at recess and lunch time and to drink plenty of water. Classes also have sunscreen in their rooms and I encouraged the children to slip, slop, slap to protect themselves against the sun. Please reiterate this with your children to be sun safe when they are outside.

In today’s Concern, I would like to share the outstanding results that the school has achieved in mathematics over the semester. Congratulations to our teaching staff in achieving such great results with our students. The information below demonstrates the effect size growth of the students with our standardised maths assessment for addition in mental computation. A figure of 0.4 is the standard measure expected in a year. As can be seen from the results, we have students who have gained over a year’s growth with their results. Figures in subtraction, multiplication and division are similar. I will place these up on our webpage of the full results for our teachers and families to celebrate!

While our teachers are making great in roads on our results in Mathematics, we received data from our photocopy company to congratulate us on the outstanding job that we have done in reducing our photocopying. We were aiming at savings of $553.07 p/month with the initial proposal and under the proposed variation it is $1,538.60 p/month. This reflects a saving from last year of $18,463 per annum or 48%. Best Office systems have congratulated our school on this outstanding outcome. A wonderful result that reflects the great work of all the staff to be more economical with the use of our photocopying.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
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As the term continues to fly by it is important to remember that November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning “coming”. The students have started learning about this special time of year through the Religious Education Units.

Be on the lookout for opportunities to be generous and share joy at this special time of the year. Many families in our wider community may need our help to enjoy Christmas. What can you do to keep Christ in Christmas?

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

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Some of the fun happening in and around the Arts room this week. The girls and boys are amazing me with their enthusiasm and effort. Safe to say I am counting sleeps and getting very excited. Thanks to all the helpers who have offered to assist with costuming. I will be in touch.

Kind Regards
Debra Bearcroft
(Dance teacher to the St Pat’s Stars)

HEALTHY LUNCHES……..
Ms B and Miss Vartesi have been giving out so many for healthy lunches… check out this colourful and healthy lunch Addison O’Neill brought to school!
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly:

Year 1 Class Award, Zacheus Ndong’a, Zachary Fruhstuck, Annabelle Lydeamore, Emilie Willey, Kobi Warren, Sophie Wolfe.

Sport Awards: Isaiah Marwick

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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.

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)

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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

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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.**
To everyone celebrating a birthday this week ....
Gauge Anderson, Annabelle Lydeamore, Lara Davies.

***ST PATRICK’S CHURCH***

You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 20th November October at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Ebony Smith-Marciniak

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**A YEAR OF MERCY**

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

**COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL**

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time
- Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time

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**Evangelisation - The Good News -**

**THE WORD**

Jesus was crucified with two criminals, one on each side of him. One of them made fun of him, “If you are the Christ, save yourself and us too”. But the other rebuked him, “Have you no awe for God? This man is innocent, yet he has the same punishment as us. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

**LOOK CLOSER**

**Promise of Paradise.** Earthly kings often crave power and wealth. They rule with fear and domination. Jesus’ kingdom is one of peace and justice. He rules with love and mercy.

*Lord, you give us Christ, the king of all creation. May he reign forever and ever.*

*Amen.*
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

LEARNING - This week in ICT students in PP and Year 1 have been experimenting with a new coding application called ScratchJr. These students have been exposed to a number of coding programs including KODABLE and CODE.ORG however I think Scratch is a class favourite. The application allows students to create their own scene with different backgrounds and characters. They manipulate code blocks which stick together like Lego to make their characters move. This application can be downloaded for free on any mobile device. Alternatively, older students can access the original Scratch program online. Miss Ackland.

ENGAGEMENT - Within the Year 3 classroom, we have worked on Mathematic rotations where students move around the classroom completing different tasks suited to what is taught in class. Students have been engaged during this time, playing different maths games that are suited to their addition, subtraction and multiplication knowledge as well as different fun activities to reflect the learning in class. The students who work in my guided group have shown engagement by constantly asking questions and discussing why they think they have to correct answer. I am very impressed with the way that my class has approached the Maths rotations in class. Miss Cohen.

ACCOUNTABILITY - Accountability - Throughout the year, the Kindy students have been involved in the Kindy Oral Language Program (or KOLP). KOLP involves two speech pathologist coming in and working with the students to develop the children’s Phonological Awareness, Vocabulary, Comprehension and Grammar Skills. Together we are accountable for developing children’s oral literacy skills, as this builds the foundation for reading and writing. Miss Courtney.

DISCIPLESHIP - Discipleship - In Year 4 we are learning about our families and how we contribute to family life by keeping family values, joining in family celebrations and cooperating with parents. We wrote letters to God telling him about our families and how grateful we are for them. We discovered how Jesus showed that he belonged to the Holy Family and how prayer can draw families closer together. Miss Mikulich.

UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parents,

It’s that time of year again. If you are looking to purchasing 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.
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 Childs 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!

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 DRINK FOR SALE.
5-17 $3.00

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