Dear Parents and Guardians,

A busy week ahead with our School Board and P&F AGM tonight in the school hall. We would love to see families there to hear about the good work that has been happening at our school. Whilst on duty I was able to see our students taking part in Yoga exercises. The school has been using the Smiling Mind activities in different classes and feedback from the teachers has been very positive. Smiling Minds was endorsed by Maggie Dent in a recent article and we are so pleased we have been using it at St Patricks.

The Smiling Mind Education Program offers mental health and wellbeing tools designed for primary and secondary aged children. It has been successfully implemented in a wide variety of government and non-government schools with positive results in classes of all sizes, backgrounds, locations and ages. The Smiling Mind Education Program has been proven to help students with sleep, wellbeing, managing emotions, concentration and school behaviour including reductions in bullying. The Program also assists with:

- stress management,
- increased resilience,
- increased creativity,
- better decision making, and
- a sense of calm, clarity and contentment.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Church season of Advent begins on Sunday with the lighting of the first Advent candle. The Church will be adorned in purple – the liturgical colour for the seasons of Advent and Lent, both times of great preparation and anticipation within the church. Purple is also the colour of royalty and, at both Advent and Lent, we await the arrival of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ: first, his birth and then his resurrection. At school, we will light the Advent candles and say a prayer at our Monday morning assembly. ALL welcome.

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

The St Patrick’s School Concert is NEXT Friday 2nd of December!! Please ensure you are aware of the following dates and requirements.

Enthusiasm and excitement is high. Once again I would like to commend the students on their commitment to learning their routines and performing with such enthusiasm.

**Important Dates:**
- Tuesday 29th November - Rehearsal #1 - School- Sport Uniform
- Thursday 1st December - Rehearsal #2 - School – **Dress rehearsal: Costume & props, (Sport Uniform)** **shoes they plan on dancing in**
- 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 😊

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:


Sport Awards: Inway Lipio

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

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.

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

LEARNING - Learning- This week the Year 6 class have been working amazingly hard to learn their graduation performance. It has come together well, and we are all looking forward to our special night to celebrate our time at St Patrick’s. Mr Nettleton.

ENGAGEMENT –Pre Primary bases our programmes on hands on activities which are developed through children’s interest and needs. Children are engaged learner’s in all areas of the curriculum. Our parents have also been engaged learners in the Pre Primary classroom this year and I am very grateful for their help and support. Mrs Campbell.

ACCOUNTABILITY -At St Patrick’s, students complete the same assessments in Literacy and Numeracy across the school. This year in our staff meetings, teachers have been sharing and analysing the results of these assessments, and using them to inform their teaching. This process keeps us accountable to ensuring that all our students are moving forward in their Literacy and Numeracy learning. Miss Vartesi

DISCIPLESHIP - “If you know people in your church or your neighbourhood that are facing adversity, I encourage you to offer a hand of friendship to them. That is what Jesus would do.” - Jonathan Falwell

Mrs Rundle
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 27th November October at 10.30am.

Altar Servers: Sophie Wolfe & Montanna Campbell

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 - Stay Awake

THE WORD
Jesus said, “In the days before the flood, the people suspected nothing until the flood came and they were swept away. So shall it be when the Son of Man comes. So stay awake because you do not know the day when your master is coming.”

LOOK CLOSER
Family History. The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew details the 42 generations from Abraham to Joseph, husband of Mary. The scripture demonstrates the royal blood line of the Holy Family and includes King David and Solomon.

Lord, wake us up!
Shake us out of our laziness.
Get us ready to welcome Jesus into our lives.
Amen.

For the Manger Christmas Project
Catholic Missions

St Patrick’s School will once again support the many overseas missions who would welcome a letter from each class and a small parcel of educational materials (pens, pencils, chalk, exercise books, vegetable seeds, sewing kits etc). These will be distributed to the most needy children and mothers in their care for Christmas. A box will be placed in each classroom for children to bring items in so that packages can be distributed. Our support for this venture is a very special way for all St Patrick’s School children to understand the true meaning of Christmas - giving unconditionally.
St Patrick's Parish Katanning

Altar Server's Commissioning Mass
Sunday 4th December 10.30am
followed by

Parish Christmas Fete

Piety Gift Stall
White Elephant Stall
Hamper Raffle
Sausage Sizzle
Christmas crafts and more!
**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 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!

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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