Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward with much anticipation to our School concert this Friday. It will be an excellent celebration of our Arts curriculum and show casing the talent of Ms Debra Bearcroft and our children. Ms Bearcroft has sent a letter home outlining what parents need to do on the night. Our students have worked very hard during the term and are very keen to show case their skills and talents. It is really wonderful to have Arts so prominent in the school, as it gives our students another opportunity to shine.

A huge thank you to Ms Bearcroft and all of our staff for the great work that they have put into readying our students for Friday night’s concert.

During the concert our Student Leaders for 2017 will be announced. It is a great occasion in the lives of our current Year 5 students as they take on the role of leading the school. Our students will also be presented with their awards on the night by their classroom teachers. There will be the Academic award, Encouragement award and Religion award for each class. We will acknowledge the hard work by our students and by our current Year 6 class. I look forward to your attendance and sharing in this wonderful celebration.

Peace to you and your families,

Christopher Smith

Principal
Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first week of Advent, is a week of “HOPE”. Hope is such a positive human emotion, if we have hope then we have resilience in times of trials and hardship. Jesus offers us the greatest hope of all. In coming as a fragile baby born in a humble stable, to suffering and his death; the hope of a life in the heavenly kingdom sustained him through his trials on Earth.

As faithful people we too are offered a life of hope in Jesus. Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent the “LOVE” candle will be lit. Let us pray for the love of Jesus to be in our hearts and in our lives.

Carols by Candlelight

The students of St Patrick’s have been asked to perform “O Little Town of Bethlehem “ as part of this wonderful interdenominational preparation for Christmas . It is open to all students PP-Yr6. I will be revising this traditional Christmas carol as part of whole school hymn singing. The children will have booklets to sing from. I would like the children to wear St Patrick’s summer uniform with Christmas headwear. Santa hats, reindeer antlers, tinsel.. Please consider allowing your child to be part of this wonderful event. Best publicity for our wonderful school is the angelic sound of our beautiful children singing.

Carols by Candlelight:
WHEN: Sunday 11th December
WHERE: Town Square
TIME: 7:00pm start (our students will be performing between 7:00pm-7:15pm.)
WHAT TO WEAR: Summer uniform – Christmas headwear.

😊 See you there

For the diary:

Some of our St Patrick’s students will be performing at the Concert in the Park. 11th February, 2017 . More information to follow.

Showtime!

****Tomorrow : Thursday 1st December : Dress rehearsal at school. Please ensure your children bring their costumes. ***

Friday 2nd December : Stage rehearsal 2:00pm – 2:45pm.

Friday 2nd December: SHOW TIME !! St Patrick’s School Concert 2017: A Celebration of Dance.

Children to arrive from 5:30pm and the Concert will start at 6.00pm.

Kind Regards

Debra Bearcroft
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 4**
- Friday 2nd December: School Concert 6pm Start KLC
- Sunday 4th December: Altar Servers Commissioning Mass & Parish Fete
- Monday 5th December: Swimming Lesson continues
- Wednesday 7th December: Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 1.30pm
- Friday 9th December: Final Assembly 2.15pm
- **2017 – TERM 1**
  - Wednesday 1st February: Term 1 Commences for Students

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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 on 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.

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**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.

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**Come along to...**

**St Patrick’s BIG End of Year Assembly**

Friday, 9th December 2016
2:15 – 3:15pm

Don’t miss:
- Slideshow - 2016 at St Patrick’s Year 6 graduation item
- Farewell to leaving families
- …PLUS special guest performers!

This assembly will be run by our 2017 Year 6 leaders.

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**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 CHURCH
You are invited to celebrate The Altar Servers Commissioning Mass this Sunday 4th December at 10.30am followed by the Parish Fete.

Altar Servers: Lucas Schiano, Luke Oclarit

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 - Repent

THE WORD
John the Baptist preached in the wilderness, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near”. He wore clothes made of camel hair and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came from far away to be baptised by him in the River Jordan.

LOOK CLOSER
Come back to God. When we prepare to meet someone very important, we want to look our best. We clean up, have a shower, put on nice clothes. When we prepare to meet Jesus, we do a spiritual clean up – we get rid of the sins that make us shabby and clothe ourselves in goodness and grace.

Father in heaven, soon Jesus will make the night radiant with light. Prepare our hearts and minds. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

The 5th Annual Christmas on Clive! Saturday 10th December 3.00pm at the Town Square on Clive Street

Food & craft stalls, Busking competition, Santas Sleigh with 7 x 5m trailer & cage with goods valued at $10 000, tickets $5 each, available from Katanning Businesses, Father Christmas attending, Free Bali Trip valued at $1500, just purchase goods to the value of $30 or greater to enter.

Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 11th December at 6pm at the Town Square

Free sausage sizzle, Games for the children, Bring a rug
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!