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,

Our last newsletter for 2016 and what a wonderful way to end with acknowledging our fantastic End of Year Concert. Friday night was a celebration of the hard work that has been taking place this whole term in our Arts program. Our students have been focused on dance and incorporating movement and music to perform at our concert.

I didn’t get to see their rehearsals for the dance, but I kept on hearing how wonderful each dance was. Like you, the first time I saw all the dances was on Friday. I was so impressed with the skill and the learning that has taken place with all of our students. I keep saying to the student’s dance is hard, but from what I saw they made it look very easy!!

A huge congratulations, to Ms Debra Bearcroft, our Arts teacher. You have seen only a small piece of her skill at the concert. We have been blessed to have her talent in our school and we are looking forward to another sensational year ahead. We had so many parents comment on how entertaining the concert was, they enjoyed having it on a Friday and the length of the concert was very good. The school has worked hard to change and adapt the concert to listen to the needs of the community and I believe we have succeeded in this area.

Reports went home this week and I spoke with the children to be very proud of what they have achieved this year. It is a pleasure to read the reports and gauge the growth made by individual students and by the whole class. As our year draws to a close, I wish everyone a very happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Stay safe over the Christmas break and drive safely on the very busy roads.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
Dear Parents and Guardians,

The second week of Advent, is a week of “PEACE”. Mother Teresa said “Peace begins with a smile”. Let’s make our world peaceful one person and one smile at a time.

This Sunday the third Sunday of Advent the pink candle of JOY will be lit. Father Francis has asked that we join him in wearing pink this Sunday. Wishing all the St Patrick’s families a happy and Holy Christmas. All God’s blessings for 2017. Thank you for your support this year and I look forward to 2017 at St Patrick’s School.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

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: Starts at 6:00pm – sausage sizzle, fun for children. 7:00pm start (our students will be performing between 7:00pm-7:15pm.)
WHAT TO WEAR: Summer uniform – Christmas headwear.

See you there

Birthdays that will be celebrated in December…………………

Lane Dowling, Emilie Willey, Noelle Smith, Montanna Campbell, Jed Kowald, Joshua Lydeamore, Crawford Bolto, Leah Edwards, Milo Hewson, Sebastian Smith, Joseph Myopapa, Charlie Bessell-Browne, Joshua Shaw, Lucy Quartermine, Wesley Farmer and Jesus.

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly….

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4
Friday 9th December
Final Assembly 2.15pm
Term 4 Ends!! 😊

2017 – TERM 1
Wednesday 1st February
Term 1 Commences for Students

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

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)

2017 Student Term Dates –

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Friday 7 April

Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Catholic Day in recognition of staff support liturgical events
Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC DAY
Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June

Term 3 - Monday 17 July – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 18 July – Thursday 21st September
Friday 22 September – Pupil Free Day

Term 4 - Monday 9 October – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 10 October - Thursday 8 December

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.

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.

2017 Stationery List and Text Book Requirements are available at

www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au

Orders can be filled at Kowald’s Newsagency.

A paper copy was sent home today, please check your child’s bag.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

You are invited to celebrate Mass this Sunday 11th December at 10.30am.
Altar Servers: Joe & Isabel Collis
School Holiday Altar Servers: Volunteers

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

Be Patient!

THE WORD
Paul wrote to James, “Be patient until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer – he waits and waits for the fruit and for the rains. Do not lose heart – the Lord’s coming will be soon.”

LOOK CLOSER
Waiting, waiting... In our culture of instant gratification, St Paul’s message of patience is challenging.

God of mercy, you are
patient and kind.
Teach us to wait patiently for
the coming of Jesus.
Amen.

St Patrick’s Catholic Parish Katanning
2016 Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass Timetable:
Sunday 18th December
Christmas Cake & Sherry
Saturday 24th December
5.30pm Kojonup
8.30pm Katanning
Sunday 25th December
8.30am Tambellup
10.30am Katanning
All welcome!
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas on Clive

Free Concert and Street Fair
Town Square
Saturday 10 December
Starts 3.00pm - Band starts 6.30pm

- Father Christmas
- Busking Competition
- Stalls - Rides & More
- Bucking Bull
- Bouncy Castle
- Ferris Wheel
- Canon Ball Blaster
- Pit Crew Challenge
- Huge Christmas Raffle
- Bali Trip Promotion

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 11th December
Katanning Town Square

6.00pm Children’s games,
Free sausage sizzle and drinks
7.00pm Carols Service

Please bring along a blanket or chair to sit on and an item of food to go in a hamper for a family in need this Christmas

A combined churches event for the Katanning Community
Enquiries please call Tania 0448 211 511

The Lions Club of Katanning presents the

2017 Concert In The Park

Free entry

Featuring
Ray Ryder & Band | Food Vans
Children’s Entertainment
Local Musicians

Sat | 11.2.17 | 4PM-9PM
Piesse Park
Amphitheatre
Katanning
7th December 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to the school community to announce the staffing for 2017. At St Patrick’s we are blessed with so many dedicated and hardworking staff. The 2017 year offers many great opportunities for growth and development. I look forward to your continued support of the staff and the school in the very important vocation we share, as educators of our beautiful children.

Thank you for your support in my role as Principal, and I wish you and your family a very happy and Holy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Peace be with you and your family,

Christopher Smith

Principal.
### Staffing 2017

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**Education Assistants**

| Classroom + Library support   | Mrs Julie Poett |
| Classroom + Library support   | Mrs Paulette Sugg |
| Kindergarten                  | Mrs. KJ Willey |
| Pre Primary                   | Mrs Steph Pontillo |
| The Arts                      | Ms Debra Bearcroft |
| LOTE                          | Mrs Donna Quartermaine |
| Physical Education            | Miss Emma Ackland |
| Information Technology        | Miss Emma Ackland |
| Humanities and Social Sciences + support role | Mrs Sue Anderson |
| Cleaners                      | Ms Joy Mills |
| Administration/Bursar         | Mrs Helen Robinson |
| Assistant Principal           | Ms Debra Bearcroft |
| Principal                     | Mr Christopher Smith |
| Parish Priest                 | Fr. Francis Constantino |

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**We gratefully acknowledge the staff that are leaving St Patrick’s in 2016:**

Miss Tess Cohen  
Miss Melissa Mikulich  
Mr Matthew Nettleton  
Mrs Denise Bowen  

We appreciate the service and commitment that they have given to the school and we wish them every success in their future endeavours. They leave an unforgettable mark on St Patrick’s and we honour the hard work that they have given the school and community.