

Read Aloud Day



Concern

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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,

I had the last two days at the Principal's Leaders forum with the Executive Director, Dr. Tim McDonald. The Leaders Forum was a very engaging look at the future of Catholic Education in Western Australia. LEADing Lights looks to be quite revolutionary and will serve our school, students and families very well when it is established. I provided a brief overview of LEADing Lights in Issue One of the Concern.

Students from Servite College, Tuart Hill presented how they use OneNote as part of the LEADing Lights initiative. Three students with different learning styles showed how they access their work, collaborate with their peers in school and with peers from other schools; and have immediate teacher feedback on their work from their classroom teachers. The degree of engagement and learning was evident from the students work and presentation. 21st Century learning taking on many shapes and forms.



Next week we commence Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.



Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. Why do we put ash on our forehead?

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. This act symbolises our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance.

We look forward to our Parents & Friends Sundowner this Friday. Come and enjoy an opportunity to meet and relax with members of our school community at a FREE sausage sizzle! It will be a great night with DJ Joseph, a bouncy castle and more!

We hope to see many families come along and meet the staff and have a free sausage sizzle provided by our P&F. The Sundowner commences at 5.30 pm and concludes around 7.30 pm.

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

Christopher Smith
Principal

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning: Learning in Year One is structured quite differently to learning in Pre-Primary! In these first few weeks of Year One, students have been *learning* the routines which will help them become independent learners this year, such as how to work in small groups for spelling, reading and mathematics. *Miss Vartesi*

Engagement: One of the challenges faced by Early Childhood Educators is the constant pressure to start teaching academic skills at a progressively younger age at the expense of traditional early childhood activities. The Vygotskian approach suggests that young children can master necessary prerequisites of academic skills through engagement in mature make-believe play. Thanks to the St Patrick's P & F we will be able to make sure play is continued beyond Kindy and Pre Primary and into the Year One and Two classes with funds kindly donated for us to achieve this goal. Thank you, to everyone who has fundraised and made this possible for us all. *Mrs Campbell.*

Accountability: In Kindy this year, I have created a 'I am proud of what I do in Kindy' wall. This enables children to choose their own creations to display in the classroom. The Kindy children become accountable for choosing and showing others their work, becoming more involved in their learning and being proud to show what they have achieved throughout the year. *Miss Courtney.*

Discipleship: In PP this week we have been discussing how we are special, and how God made us to be like him. We can use our unique talents to help others and spread God's love, just by doing simple things like helping our Mum with the dishes or giving a hug or a smile. *Mrs Pontillo.*

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week's Friday afternoon assembly at 2.30pm

Fritz Penaverde, Cristian Nhkum, Zohaer Samdani, Jai Tracey,
Tiffany Butterworth, Bryce Passfield



Sport Awards: Robertson Saw



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Please return envelopes ASAP!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop will open fortnightly on a Thursday morning 8.30am to 9.30am. Starting next week. (Check term planner for opening days) If you can't get into the shop during this time, please feel free to send your order to Karen or Shan or Helen in the front office. Orders will be filled weekly.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24 th February	P & F Sundowner
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass 9am
Thursday 2 nd March	Uniform Shop Open
Friday 3 rd March	World Day of Prayer – Church 10am
Monday 6 th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 8 th March	Pre Primary Paraliturgy Swimming Trials
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 3 Paraliturgy
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 5 Class Mass
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day Celebrations & Mass
Tuesday 21 st March	GRIP Leadership Year 6 Students
Wednesday 22 nd March	Faction Swimming Carnivals

The full term planner is available on the school website.

Canteen Menu Available Monday & Friday Lunch

Can parents please ensure that they use the KSHS canteen price list when ordering from the High School canteen and not our canteen price list.



All orders are to be written on a brown paper bag, with the child's name, class and what they wish to order for lunch clearly written on the front on the bag. Please place payment inside the bag.

Lunch orders are to be placed in the white box in the class room before 9am. All orders will be collected from the office at 9.30am from the High School Canteen Manager and lunches will be delivered back to the office by 12.30pm. Students will be able to collect their lunch from the canteen window.

2017 Welcoming Sundowner
Friday 24th February
5.30pm – 7.30pm
St Patrick's School Quadrangle

From the AP's Desk

...Project Compassion:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Matt 22:39

Project Compassion Boxes:

Project compassion boxes will be given out next week this is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

In Project Compassion 2016, over \$11 million was raised to help the world's poorest communities.

Throughout Project Compassion 2017, inspiring stories from the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji will be shared, highlighting the importance of working hand in hand with communities around the world.

Every little bit helps!

Shrove Tuesday:

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday /Pancake Tuesday it is the day before Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. Traditionally the teachers make pancakes with their individual classes to raise awareness of the reasons and tradition of the day. However, this year it is school photo day and cooking before photos may not be ideal. Therefore, the children will share an afternoon tea of pancakes and toppings directly after whole school photos. If you are able to assist with pancake making the Tuesday morning, please see me or email me ASAP.

Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass: Wednesday 1st March, 2017

Please join us on Wednesday 1st March at 9:00am for this important Eucharistic celebration.

World Day of Prayer : Friday 3rd March, 2017



World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd of March. This is an international Ecumenical day of prayer and St Patrick's Parish is fortunate to be hosting this year's special day.

Father Francis will be presenting a talk to the students **in place of an afternoon Assembly on Friday March 3rd**. You are welcome to come and learn more about our Parish Priest and his birth place, the Philippines.

God Bless,
Debra Bearcroft

ARTS

Performance Dates:

P & F Sundowner Choir -Friday 24th Feb

Thursday 2nd of March - Concert in the Park 4pm Piesse Amphitheatre - Choir

Saturday 18th March - Harmony Festival Choir & Year 5 Dance

"This is Australia" time -TBA ** Please return attendance notes ASAP.

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS, COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017.

Head girl and Head Boy: Gylan Tiongco & Mia Hamon

Student Councillors: Nicholas Chaplin & Montanna Campbell

Prendiville: Devon McKinley & Ebony Smith-Marciniak

Gibney: Isaiah Marwick & Kobi Warren

McLeod: Noah D'Aprile & Emilie Willey

Committee Members: Felix Bride, Wesley Farmer, Phillip Gayton, Yasmin Prosser, Bryce Passfield, Ella Main.

KINDERGARTEN TIMETABLE. Tuesday and Thursday 8.50am -3.15pm and Wednesday 8.50am - 12.00pm

SCHOOL TIMES

8.50am	Commencement of day
10.30-10.50	Morning Recess
12.30-1.10	Lunch
2.00	Crunch and Sip!
Mondays	
2.25	Bus Siren
2.30	Conclusion of Day
Tuesdays-Fridays	
3.15	Bus Siren
3.20	Conclusion of day

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE **Office Hours-8.30am-3.30pm**

Morning playground supervision begins at 8.30am.
Children are not permitted to arrive at school before this time.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2017

Mr Chris Smith (Principal), Fr Francis Constantino (Parish Priest), Mr Simon Kerin (Chairperson), Mrs Gail Butterworth (Secretary) Mr Sheldon Kowald (Treasurer), Mr Mike Allen, Mrs Linda Hewson, Mrs Marie Hanna (Parish Representative to the Board) and Mrs Tania Edwards (P & F Representative to the Board) . The School Board is responsible to the Conference of Bishops through CECWA for planning, the financial management of the School and to provide advice on policy formation. The overall role of the Board is to help the school fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the constitution, the policies, guidelines and practices of CECWA and diocesan guidelines.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2017

2017 P & F Association Executive Committee: Mrs Shannon Beeck, President; Mrs Jocelyn Prosser, Vice President; Mrs Davina Davies, Secretary; Mrs Kym Hamon, Treasurer and Mrs Tania Edwards, P & F Representative to the Board.

LUNCH ORDERS The School Canteen will be operating for Wednesday Lunches and Friday Recess.

On Monday and Friday, lunch orders can be placed with the Katanning Senior High Canteen. Place orders into class baskets by 9.00am. Please ensure the correct money is in each bag. KSHS Canteen orders are distributed from the canteen at 12.30pm.

CLASS BASKETS Lunches ... Book Club School Fees Etc. etc.

Each class has a small basket by the door. On arrival at school, children are asked to place in this basket their lunch orders, book club, etc. The basket is taken to the office before 9.15am by the Class Prefects. It is important that children get into the habit of doing this first thing every morning, to ensure lunch orders are not forgotten.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SPORT UNIFORM DAYS **ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

PHYS ED: **Wednesday** - Year 1, 2, 5, 4 **Thursday:** Years PP,3, 6 **Friday** –Whole School Sport

SUMMER UNIFORM

School hats are to be worn as our “No School Hat—No Play” rule is in effect during Terms 1 and 4.

Children without hats **must** play in the covered areas.

GIRLS: Summer dress, **brown sandals (no socks)** OR **black school shoes with short white school socks.**

BOYS: Grey College shorts, short sleeve grey shirt with logo, grey school socks with blue and gold with lace up black school shoes or, brown sandals (no socks).

PLEASE NOTE No Jewellery (signet rings, chains etc.) / Friendship bands, necklaces / ankle chains etc. are permitted at school. If children have pierced ears, **only small studs or sleepers are to be worn.** Hair past collar length **MUST** be tied back (boys and girls). Blue, white or gold hair ties only, are to be worn. Nail polish is NOT permitted.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS the School's Uniform Shop will be open **FORTNIGHTLY ON A THURSDAY 8.30 to 9.30am** -. Please send all orders to the office and they will be filled weekly. Please check planner for opening days.

LOTE (Mrs Donna Quartermaine) Thursday: PP – Year 6

HASS (Mrs Sue Anderson): Thursday: Year 1, 5, 4, 6 **Friday:** PP & Year 2 & 3

THE ARTS: (Ms Debra Bearcroft: Monday: Year 1 & 2 **Tuesday:** Year 4 & 5 **Wednesday:** Year 6 **Thursday:** PP & Year 3

ICT: (Miss Emma Ackland): Monday: Year 3, 4 and 6 **Tuesday:** Year 1 & 2 **Wednesday:** Year 5 **Thursday:** PP

APPOINTMENTS / LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE: There is a book in the office that must be filled in when a child is taken from school during the day (whether it be for a dental appointment, the child is going home sick etc.) Please ensure this is filled in before taking children from the school during school hours and if and when returning, the child is signed back in.

ABSENCES It is a **legal requirement** that a written note of explanation (dated) is provided for each child's absence. Please hand to the class teacher.

ROAD SAFETY Please inform and discuss with your children the need for traffic awareness. Please pick up your children from the school grounds rather than waiting in the cars as they are tempted to run across the road. Children **riding bikes** need to walk their bikes to the blocks outside the school, and then begin to ride. Take special care as children under the age of 8 have not developed the perceptual awareness of speed and cars and are not conscious of the dangers or hazards that riding to school presents.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino

Sunday 26th February at 10.30am

Altar Servers: Volunteers required.

Please join us on Friday 3rd March for World Day of Prayer

10am St Patrick's Church

All Welcome.

Altar Servers' Training
2.30-3.15pm

Monday 6th March
Monday 13th March
Monday 20th March
Monday 27th March

Worry Not!

THE WORD

Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life. Look at the birds; they do not sow or reap and yet your Father in heaven feeds them. Are you not worth more than they? Think of the flowers of the fields; they never work or spin yet your Father clothes them better than kings. Set your hearts on the kingdom and all these will be given to you."

LOOK CLOSER

Trust in God. Most of us live our lives worrying about the future or replaying the past. Jesus tells us our Father knows our needs and to give our attention to the kingdom.

*Lord Jesus,
You are perfect mercy!
Help us to give mercy
to others.
And grant your peace
to those whose hearts
burn for revenge.
Amen.*



Community Notices

The Lions Club of Katanning presents the

2017 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Free entry

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

4PM-9PM
Piesse Park Amphitheatre
KATANNING

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL DOUG 0448 007 099 OR VISIT
FACEBOOK.COM/KATANNINGCONCERTINTHEPARK

Blue Light Disco

DATE & TIME
FRIDAY 17th MARCH 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

LOCATION
KATANNING TOWN HALL

TICKET INFO
0-4 FREE 5-17 \$3.00 EACH
(PARENTS MUST STAY WITH THEIR KIDS)

***GREEN THEME, FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY.**
***BLUE LIGHT PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!**

PCGC
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
-CHIPS, LOLLIES & COOL DRINK FOR SALE.
-SPECIAL DIETRY NEEDS ARE NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANISERS.

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017

Harmony Festival Katanning

PRESENTED BY LIVALIGHTER

1PM TO 7PM
KATANNING TOWN SQUARE, CLIVE STREET, KATANNING

STREET PARADE
LOCAL CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
INTERNATIONAL FOOD VILLAGE
COOKING DEMO FASHION PARADE
MARKET STALLS KIDS ZONE
AND MUCH MORE

EVERYONE WELCOME
SEE YOU IN KATANNING

FREE ENTRY

Celebrate Clean Up Australia Day with this quick event to spruce up our main street!

Clean Up Clive will happen on Sunday 5th March from 2-4pm.

Meet at the Town Square and get your Keep Australia Beautiful rubbish bags.

It won't take long to spruce the place up if we get a lot of hands to help!

Clean Up Day Community

Sunday March 5



2017

KATANNING
NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior

Forum

Where: Upstairs Meeting Room @ KLC

When: 2nd March 2017, 6.30-8.30

RSVP: Kelly Holzkecht @ budkel72@gmail.com

The Katanning Netball Association invites all parents, carers and volunteers involved with Junior Netball to come along to the Junior Forum. The purpose of the forum is to discuss the upcoming season and to meet your 2017 Junior committee!!

Topics for discussion include:

- * Coaching * Training and Development * Structure of each tier * Player pathways*
- * Umpire and Coaching pathways * Uniforms * Nominations*
- * Volunteers required * Umpiring roster and Green Shirts*

If you have any items for discussion, please email them through previous to the meeting to be added onto the agenda.

Reminder to all coaches - *You must now have a current Foundation level accreditation or above. Foundation courses can be completed online through my Netball. Please present your certificate on nomination day. The cost of the Foundation course is \$56.50 – KNA will refund the cost of any accreditation completed prior to the 30th June through our Volunteer grant fund (Note: limited \$\$ & time).*

Many hands make light work



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

20 February 2017

Dear Catholic school communities

On Thursday, 16 February, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released the full report of its survey results on claims made against Catholic organisations for alleged child sexual abuse.

The public release of this information has finally provided a voice for the victims of abuse and has justifiably been deeply distressing and confronting for Catholics and society in general. As a Catholic education community in Western Australia and nationally, we are profoundly saddened and shamed by the failures of so many in our Church to care for our children and young people.

It is my deepest hope that the challenging work of the Royal Commission, and its findings, will help heal some of the unimaginable pain of the victims of this abuse. As a Catholic community, we acknowledge the victims who have come forward and shared their stories, and we thank them for their extraordinary bravery and willingness to help Australians understand what happened to them.

As the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, has expressed, *“each substantiated case represents a child or young person who had their innocence stolen from them, nearly always with devastating and long lasting effects on their lives. Each incidence of sexual abuse by a priest represents a chilling and destructive betrayal of everything the Catholic Church purports to stand for. Beyond the almost unimaginable suffering of the victims and survivors of this abuse, the circle of suffering widens out to include their families, their friends and the wider community.”*

As a father with children in Catholic schools, I am aware of the burden that is carried by our schools and learning communities at this time. I acknowledge the damaging impact this has on the faith of many in our communities, but also the trust and confidence that families have in Catholic education.

To provide some reassurance to our Catholic education community, I accepted an invitation from the Royal Commission to participate on a panel with other members of Catholic Education in Australia. My participation last Thursday focused on the governance structures in Catholic Education Western Australia, as well as current child-protection and child-safety policies and procedures in Catholic schools.

Significantly, it illuminated the ongoing work of our schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care remains our highest priority. In summarising the panel discussions, Royal Commission Chair, The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM, acknowledged the important role our schools play in providing safe learning environments and commended Catholic Education for its commitment to child safety.





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I remain enlivened by the deep commitment of Principals, teachers and staff in our schools who reinforce our policies with strong pastoral support and focus on maintaining safe and engaging learning environments where all students can flourish.

This is a time of real change, a time to recognise the opportunity of healing and hope that the Royal Commission provides not only our Catholic community but our society as a whole. It allows us individually, and as Catholic learning communities, to reflect on the healing that is taking place.

This transformation will be a journey, but it is equally an imperative for Catholic Education Western Australia. I am confident that we will emerge from this time of deep reconciliation as a faith-filled Catholic education system; filled with determination and commitment to provide all students with the knowledge, skills, hope, optimism, and a Catholic worldview, to live meaningful lives, and shape and enrich the world.

As we continue to focus on our purpose of transforming learning for all, I thank you for entrusting your child's learning to one of 163 Catholic schools in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

Tim McDonald

