

Activity Club



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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,

This week our whole school attended an excursion at the Katanning Town Hall to watch Kookoo Kookaburra. The theme of the play was about kindness and learning that it is great to laugh with people, not at people. Our students will certainly remember the dancing and digeridoo playing of the performers.

Today, we had the Katanning Shire working with our students on their Big Idea workshop. The sessions focused on what the students want for Katanning's future; how they would like it to feel? What features they would like to see and what they think is important for its future? They had to build (with Lego or craft materials) a giant map of Katanning and at the end of the day they had the community map complete. The sessions ran for 40-45 minutes in our multi-purpose room. The students also had the opportunity to complete a 'Big Idea Card'. It was a great opportunity to be part of the planning and development for Katanning's future.

Our veggie garden in the junior primary area is taking shape very quickly. A huge thank you to **Mr Don Richardson** for his hard work in setting up our veggie patch. He has worked very hard to dig up some old plants and trench the ground for our limestone blocks. Our students will benefit greatly from growing the vegetables and we will be able to share them with the canteen and continue promoting healthy eating in our school.



Our Faction Cross Country carnival was last Friday. I was so impressed with the determination shown by many of our students. I spoke to the children during assembly and said to them that some students are very good at running and that some people are not. That did not stop anyone from finishing! Being determined to accomplish a goal even if we are not good at it, is an admirable quality.

Congratulations to our **Fun Run lap winners**. I was very proud of all the students in completing the Fun Run and obstacle course challenge. The most laps from Pre Primary: **Flynn Stade** - 16; from Year One: **Sebastian Smith** - 19; from Year Two: **Max Clegg and Lewis Anderson** both with 25; In Year Three: **Zacheus N'donga** – 33; in Year Four: **Thomas Hamon** – 35; in Year Five: **Jed Kowald** – 40; and in Year Six: **Montanna Campbell** – 41. A super effort, your sponsors will be very proud.

Peace to you and your family,
Mr. Christopher Smith
Principal



From the AP's Desk

Albert Einstein once said "I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide conditions in which they can learn." The past few weeks have been busy, very busy from performances to pure grit in competing in the Cross Country Faction Carnival. Many of these saw the pupils out of class and involved in many and varied learning opportunities. My fondest memories from my school days involved the opportunities afforded me out of the classroom and out from behind a desk. My point, please do not view time away from what is considered normal curricula as a waste. It is in fact the very basis of what makes for great learning and memories; and a part of the reason that these primary school years are the best years of our lives.

Notes Home and Permission Slips:

Parents please be aware it is a legal requirement that written permission be given for children to leave the school grounds for events. CEWA (Catholic Education WA) have recently advised that verbal permission is not sufficient. Therefore, the courtesy calls from Mrs Robinson will no longer meet requirements, instead you will be sent an SMS advising you that you need to come in and sign the form. Please be aware we are legally compromised if we take your child off school grounds without written permission and we can no longer do this.

Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival

The Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival will be held on **Wed 7th June**, 2017. The students in years 4-6 will have the opportunity to perform in this festival as a soloist and/or as part of a group. Please try to attend and be part of the St Pat's Fan Club. ** NOTES DUE BACK : **Thursday 1st of June, 2017.**

OŞLM / Bushies Day:

Thursday 8th June is the day we celebrate the founders of St Patrick's School; Our Lady of the Sisters of the Missions. The children are encouraged to dress in "olden day" or "bushies" style clothing. Our day will begin with Mass at 9:00am. The students will have the opportunity to have a "lesson" in an olden day styled classroom. The multi-purpose room will be styled with old fashioned desks, abacus, copy books and quill pens. The children will have the opportunity to read from "olden days" readers and practise their writing using quill and complete mathematics with an abacus. Absolutely NO technology of course!! Special thanks to Gerry Watson and Ainslie Evans from the Historical Society for their support. Over the day the students will hopefully develop some awareness of the amazing women that brought Catholic education to the children of Katanning and beyond.

Kodja Place Excursion:

The excursion to Kodja Place will take place over two Thursdays, half the school will attend on **Thursday 15th June** and the other half **Thursday 22nd of June**. This excursion incorporates two important areas of the Australian Curriculum; Aboriginal Studies and History.

Notes will be sent out early next week and prompt return of permission slip is appreciated.

ARTS

The lucky students have been using brand new percussion instruments provided by the P & F. The students are loving learning about beat, rhythm, and note values while enjoying a variety of great percussion instruments. Thank you for supporting our P & F as their generous donation to the Arts programme at St Pat's has helped bring music alive in our school



PRE PRIMARY LITTLE
LADY BUG.....
EVANGELINE SMITH



Please join us at this week's Friday afternoon assembly at 2.30pm.
Congratulations to this week's award winners...

Mathilda Kerin, Kasey Dowling, Pagen McKinley,
Maddison Garrity, Emaan Samdani, Joe Collis, Yasmin Prosser

Sport Award: Ebony Smith-Marciniak and Flynn Stade

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2 nd June	Interschool Cross Country
Monday 5 th June	WA Day Public holiday
Wednesday 7 th June	Kojonup Speech & Drama Festival
Thursday 8 th June	Uniform shop open OSLM – Day
Sunday 11 th June	Year 4 Family Mass
Tuesday 13 th June	Pre Primary Paraliturgy
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 5 Class Mass School Board Meeting 6pm
Thursday 15 th June	Kodja Place Excursion Year
Friday 16 th June	Squash Clinic Year 1-6
Wednesday 21 st June	Information Meeting all Sacraments
Thursday 22 nd June	Kodja Place Excursion Uniform shop open
Friday 23 rd June	Winter Carnival Year

Full Term 2 Planner is available at www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au

Book Club Issue 4 Closes 7th June 2017



Year 6 Camp Fundraiser 2017



All orders are due to the front office by Wednesday 7th June with money included.

Saturday 17th June

**Wood Raffle at Woolworths &
Sausage Sizzle at the
Farmers Market**

***This week's activity will be.....
Blue Earth Activities with Mr Smith
on Tuesday***

Activity Club

2018 Enrolments are now open!

St Patrick's School is now calling for enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre Primary to Year 6 in 2018. Interested parents should contact the school for enrolment forms. Closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd June 2017**.

Kindergarten forms part of St Patrick's School, and as a Catholic school, will support the development of the individual, through providing many varied play and learning opportunities, including the Religious Education programme.

The Kindergarten programme will challenge and enrich a child's thinking, nurture their creativity and expand their view of their own physical world.

The Kindergarten operates from a purpose built early childhood centre, with excellent facilities and equipment. An Early Childhood trained Teacher, together with a Teacher's Assistant, implements the Kindergarten Programme. A specialised programme operates in Oral Language and Fundamental Movement skills.

All children who are born between **1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014** are eligible to be enrolled.

WINTER UNIFORM – Term 2 & 3

Girls Winter Uniform

Royal Blue Pinafore, with pale blue long sleeved blouse. Royal Blue Tie. Royal Blue Jumper
Navy blue tights or white socks, with black leather school shoes lace up or buckle style.

Boys Winter Grey long-sleeved with School Crest. Royal Blue Tie. Royal Blue Jumper. Grey mélange trousers
Grey ankle socks with royal blue and gold stripes. Black leather lace up school shoes.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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.

Karen Watson – 0407 729 880

csukie@westnet.com.au

Shannon Beeck - 0428217728

shanbeeck@gmail.com

**OPEN:
Thursday 8th
June**

No Canteen

The canteen will not be open on the following dates –

**Please use the
current winter
menu**

**Wednesday 7th June - Kojonup Speech & Drama
Friday 23rd June – Winter Carnival**

P&F School Fun Run

Now we have all had time to recover from the Fun Run excitement it is time to order the prizes!

Can everyone please check they have done the following;

- Register on-line (www.schoolfunrun.com.au). Please type in St Patricks school as the WHOLE name before you start searching for our school otherwise it will NOT work.
- For cash donations there is a button in your online account which you can click to add that cash amount to the total your child raised. If you have already sent your cash into the school and can't remember the amount please contact Davina Davies (0428657854). If you have yet to send in your cash donations please add to your online account and then send cash to school.
- Order the prize your child has earned! Please ensure you have added the cash total FIRST so that they get the best prize they are entitled to.

It would be greatly appreciated if people could do this prior to midnight Sunday 4 June. Thank-you all for your fantastic fundraising! Money is still rolling in but the total raised is looking AMAZING!!

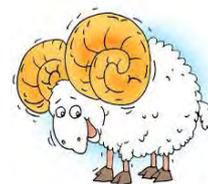
RAM SALE 2017

**Thursday 17th & Friday
18th August
including Thursday night sundowner.**

**P&F major fundraiser
for the year.**

**2017 Committee contact:
Tania Edwards 0438738680,
Katherine Anderson, Emma
McKinley, Paula Bolto**

**SAVE
THE
DATES!!**



LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction

Learning: This term, in Year 5 and 6, we have been combining the two classes for the first 10 minutes of our Mathematics dedicated time. We have established small groups that rotate to target specific areas of Mathematics; place value, addition, subtraction and times tables. I have been working with students to enhance their recall of times tables facts and we have been having a lot of fun whilst learning. The results from the testing last week show really pleasing improvements in each of the three groups! Well done Year 5 and 6 students and we look forward to having the Year 4 class join us! *Mrs Holmes.*

Engagement: Full student engagement in learning is the goal of all teaching and learning experiences. I recently witnessed this in the music lessons with the brand new percussion instruments. It highlights the importance of appropriate resources to support the goal of engagement. To that end supporting fund raising efforts of the P & F is a great way for parents to engage in the school community, and in doing so, support the level of engagement of all students by providing wonderful resources.

Ms Bearcroft.

Accountability: Teachers and students are actively working together for the pursuit of good and truth.
Mrs Anderson

Discipleship: Last Friday St Patrick's school, as a part of the WA Catholic Education community, acknowledged 'National Sorry Day' with a Paralyturgy and the start to National Reconciliation Week. This event is an important day to remember the Stolen Generations and the sadness of events from the past. As students lay their "Sea of Hands", they were acknowledging and showing respect of the day. It also gave all cultures a chance to come together, to work 'together towards a brighter future'.
Mrs Sugg.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino
Sunday 4th June 10.30am
Altar Servers: Robertson Saw, Zacheus Ndong'a, Gylan Tiongco



Receive the Holy Spirit

THE WORD

When Pentecost came, the believers were gathered together. Suddenly they heard a powerful wind and it filled the whole house. Then they saw tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages. People from every nation were amazed to hear them speak in their own language.

LOOK CLOSER

Happy Birthday! 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day' in Greek. It marks the end of the Easter season and is often called the birthday of the Church as it was from this event that the disciples went forth to spread the good news and establish the Church.

*Come Holy Spirit!
Fill our hearts with
your gifts and
kindle in them
the fire of love. Amen.*

★ St Patrick's Sport Stars ★

I would like to say a huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country last Friday. It was a fantastic day and we even had several students break existing records. Well done to those students who have made the Interschool Cross Country team. I look forward to another great day at the Katanning Country Club this Friday 2nd June.

Miss Ackland



Community Notices

KATANNING
GERALDTON
NARROGIN
NORTHAM
BUNBURY
DONGARA

ALBANY
WAROONA
BROOME
DENMARK
MOUNTBARKER

PERTH WILDCATS
2017 REGIONAL TOUR

Price: \$65.00 per participant
Age 6-12 mixed
Date: Tuesday 13 June
Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Where: Katanning Recreation Centre
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!
For any further questions please contact
Megan at megan@wildcats.com.au or call (08) 6272 0777

Friday Night Rollerblading

When: 5th May, 19th
May, 9th June &
23rd June

Where: KLC

Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Cost: \$4.40 Junior
\$5.50 Senior

\$2.50 hire of skates



Don't miss out!



Everyone is invited

Colds

Upper respiratory tract infections or colds are everywhere, especially in winter, so it is almost impossible to stop children from catching them. Here are some points which may help:

- Teach your child to cough or sneeze into his/her elbow, and to wash hands straight afterwards.
- Hands should be washed after blowing noses and before eating.
- Use tissues once and then throw them in the bin. (Avoid using handkerchiefs.)
- Keep your child home from school if he/she has a cold/cough/fever/pain.
- Make sure that your children eat a balanced diet of plenty of healthy foods.
- Keep children away from smoke – it irritates their eyes and nasal passages, making it more likely that they will catch a cold.

What to do if your child gets a cold

No treatment will cure a cold or make it go away more quickly, but you can help your child feel more comfortable:

- **Rest:** This need not be in bed.
- **Provide extra drinks:** If your child doesn't want to drink much, try giving lots of small sips of water, milk or juice, or ice blocks to suck for older children.

