

Latest News from the Principal

St Patrick's Katanning has made it into the GRAPEVINE magazine from the Catholic Diocese of Bunbury. We had three articles from the school published in Vol. 9.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH, KATANNING

First Holy Communion at Broomehill

On Saturday 13 September three children from Broomehill received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima.

The children have been travelling to Katanning each week for many weeks to have lessons with Catechist Mrs Sugg and Mrs Poett. The support from their parents and the Broomehill community was very evident with a lot of people coming to Mass to support them. It brought back memories for their Dads who also received their Sacraments in the same Church. The evening was completed with a beautiful meal with their family and friends.

Aidan, Giselle and Whyatt Paganoni with Fr Peter Njau



School Spirit (continued)

St Patrick's School, Katanning



Rosary Boxes for Classrooms

This year at St Patrick's School all classes received a new resource box. The boxes contained all that we need to help to teach children to say The Rosary. Each box contains a statue of Mary, How to say The Rosary cards, Rosary Beads, a blue prayer table cloth and a story of the Life of Mary. Each class used the boxes in May and October, in their classes and when the whole school meets to say the Rosary. Also in the box is a blue bag so that children can take home the statue of Mary to pray with their families.

The Year 6 class with the Rosary Boxes

St Patrick's Parish, Katanning (continued)

Renewal Workshop

The power of silence within the Mass, and the opportunity this provides for reflection, was one of the many themes explored by participants from St Patrick's Parish, Katanning, and St Bernard's Parish, Kojonup, recently. Fr Tony Chiera travelled to Katanning to facilitate a renewal workshop for Extraordinary Ministers, readers, commentators and acolytes on Saturday, October 18, titled 'Eucharist: Forming and Transforming the Christian Community'.

Fr Tony explored the key elements of the Mass – gathering, listening, thanking, eating and drinking, and going forth – in relation to our human story, the Jesus story, ritual and mystery.

He reminded participants that there are times for silence and reflection built into the Mass, and highlighted the importance of observing these times so that parishioners have the opportunity to stop and think about what is being shared at the Mass. It was a great reminder for everyone present to make the most of these

opportunities, and the discussion certainly led to a richer experience at Mass the next day.

After the workshop, Fr Tony joined participants in a shared lunch, bringing an end to a most enjoyable and informative day.



It is fabulous to see how proactive our school and community has been this year. Our Year 6 class has also made the local newspaper with their Uthando Doll Project. The year 6 students with the help of parents, grandparents and helpers made dolls for the orphan children of KwaZulu Natal province in South Africa. Congratulations to our Year 6 students and all of their magnificent helpers. They have learnt so much about the poor in the world, as well as, working so wonderfully with our class helpers.



St Patrick's Primary School students Sienna Ball, Gabby Millan and Janey Beeck.

Dolls show support

■ Toyah Shakespeare

A St Patrick's Primary School class has lovingly handcrafted dolls to be sent to the other side of the world to children affected by HIV and AIDS.

Thirteen Year 6 students have made Uthando dolls to be sent to KwaZulu Natal in South Africa as part of an international effort to support children and orphans whose family and cultural support is missing or fragmented because of HIV/AIDS.

Teacher Emily Norrish said over the term, they had sewn, stuffed and created unique outfits for the toys.

"I was at a young leaders' conference and they discussed how Uthando was one way to get children involved in helping others," she said.

"The students made them and are so proud of the dolls that they're not ready to part with them, however, they understand it's to help others."

Since 2004, thousands of dollmakers from around the world have sent 38,570 handmade dolls for children in KwaZulu Natal.