Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students and teachers will be participating in NAPLAN testing. I am urging parents to be informed about the use of NAPLAN in the school and wider context. It is only one form of assessment that the school is mandated to undertake. I recommend to each parent to not stress themselves or their children over the testing itself. The school values the whole school data provided by the testing to identify areas of need and focus regarding our teaching program. The tests shouldn’t tell the school or parents anything about their child that they didn’t already know and because it will take until at least September to receive the results, their ability to affect individual students is certainly minimised. If parents would like further information about the NAPLAN Testing they can access it from: NAPLAN Parent Information (http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf).

It has been fabulous to see so many students taking part in the Cross Country training. We have teachers helping out at the Katanning Country club and at school at lunchtimes. Many students are coming in early and using the marked lines to run around and build on their stamina in preparation for the Cross Country Carnival. On Fridays our students have been busy getting into shape for the Winter Carnival. It has been great to see parents coming in to support teachers and students with their particular sport. I am supporting the soccer players and they have been very enthusiastic and they have demonstrated good skill learning in dribbling and protecting the soccer ball.

This term our Year 3 class will prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. Please keep Miss Creed and our Year Three students and families in your prayers. Reconciliation is about re-building the relationship with God and being mindful of how we say sorry and demonstrating our willingness to change and becoming better people.

The dates for the program are: 4th June Penance Workshop in the school hall at 6pm and 28th June Sacrament of Penance at 6pm in the Church. The Year 3 Family Mass is on Sunday 13th June at 10.30am.

Since the beginning of May our whole school has been participating in the Rosary after lunch. The Marian months of May and October and the months between them offer us a central time-frame for educating and promoting the value of the Rosary in our lives. The familiar beads place a simple way of praying in our hands. This is why the Rosary has been taken up by millions of believers across the centuries. It is a way of meditating on Jesus Christ. We join Mary, our Mother, in a rhythm of prayer, as we meditate on his life, death and Resurrection in the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. The Rosary has been described the “Gospel at our fingertips”. At this time in the Archdiocese, it provides another way of contemplating the Resurrection in the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. The Rosary is widely practised in all countries around the world.

Next Thursday the students will be taking part in a workshop to prepare for National Sorry Day on 26th May. Caitlyn Fitzgerald (Coordinator of Follow the Dream) from the Katanning High School and Mrs Paulette Sugg have organised a workshop day with their Indigenous students in the Follow the Dream program, to come to our school to make the hands for Sorry Day. The hands will then be displayed on the lawn outside the Library facing Amherst Street. The Sorry Day initiative is run throughout all Catholic Schools in Western Australia and many independent and state schools. Dr Tim McDonald and the Catholic Education Office are committed to bridging the gap educationally, emotionally and spiritually in the Reconciliation process.

Please be mindful of our winter school uniform and our sport uniform. Teachers will be reminding students about wearing their uniform with pride. I was very impressed with some of the Year 7 and year 5 boys for having their shirts tucked in after recess and lunch. I observed them tidying themselves up after playing football. What a great demonstration of the fact that they respect being part of the school, as well as taking pride in themselves. I am pleased that I am also seeing predominantly white running shoes on the oval. However, fluoro shoes and different colours are still about. If you need support with finding white runners please chat with your class teacher and we can help you and your child.

Please take note that the Parents and Friends have a sport uniform survey that they would like returned by May 26th. It is vital that all families return the survey so that an informed decision can be made to investigate options for a revised and functional sport uniform.
Have a wonderful weekend, good luck to all the AFL teams…some teams are going to need it after the last round!

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - In Year 3 this term, we have been focusing on how to work cooperatively with each other in partner work, small group and whole class activities. We have discussed the importance of being able to work with a variety of people and how this is a skill for life. The students were given puzzles to complete, without being told why they were doing them. I walked around and observed how the students were working together to complete the puzzle in their groups. We had a talk afterwards to discuss some behaviours that were observed, both good and bad. From there, the students brainstormed what working together skills should ‘look’ and ‘sound’ like. They then came up with a group work skill that they believed they could improve on such as; staying on task or speaking to others in a nice way. Every week, our class will be completing an activity to both encourage and enhance cooperatively learning. It is paramount to optimal learning!

Engagement - In Year Two this term, students have been engaged in the topic ‘Cultures around the World.’ They have demonstrated an interest in learning about people in other countries around the world, and how their lives are different to ours in Australia. Students have been excitedly showing me things they have discovered about other countries as they find information in books, and put together a world map.

Accountability: In Year One we have been discussing the need to be accountable for everything we do. We have used Bounce Back Bear and acted out a number of different scenarios in order to show how we are accountable for the actions and decisions we make each day. As a classroom teacher I have been showing the children how I reflect upon my days teaching and how I strive to make myself more accountable to the students I am teaching. From this model we have been able to reflect as a class and talk about the things that have taken place for the day and how we can be more accountable to those around us. The children have also decided that they are going to work towards having a footy party at the end of the Term to celebrate their achievements.

Discipleship - In the Pre-Primary classroom our current RE unit is ‘I Can Talk to God’. We have been discovering that there are many ways to communicate our love and care for others just as Jesus did. Simple things such as taking turns and listening to others are ways the children can demonstrate their ‘concern’ for others. We are also learning that prayer is our way of communicating with God. We can pray anywhere, and at any time. Prayer can be in the form of words, music, singing, or movement, and strengthens our relationship with God.

From the AP’s Desk …

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is a partnership between students, parents and teachers. Our upcoming Three Way Conferences are a perfect example of this: students, parents and teachers sitting together to celebrate learning achievements, and to discuss and set learning goals. The opportunities to do this in such a collaborative way are few and far between, and I would encourage you to really value the process - even if your child might seem a little reticent and unsure of what to say. Monday’s conferences are an opportunity for children to develop their skills in becoming reflective and pro-active learners - skills that will stand them in good stead throughout their lives. When everything is going well at school, we might forget that school is a partnership and our visits or chats to class teachers might be few and far between, but it is worthwhile maintaining a level of contact with your teacher so that even small concerns and worries can be shared. Our teachers are always happy to talk to you, and especially need to hear from you when things may not be going well at home, such as when your child is experiencing anxiety. Check out this week’s tips below:

** Avoid avoidance! While it may seem helpful to keep your child at home, it does not help them to overcome their worry or anxiety.**

** Talk to your child’s teacher. Children often hide their anxiety at school and then have a ‘meltdown’ when they get home. Talk to the teacher and let them know what is happening at home so that you can work together to reach a resolution.**

** Routine is important with anxious children. Try to avoid rushed, panicky situations—especially when you are getting ready for school.**

Have a lovely week - God bless!

Mrs Marino
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly…
Zachary Fruhstuck, Lara Davies, Kobi Warren, Bryce Passfield, Susann Ndong’a,
Georgia Robinson, Janey Beeck, Natasha Quartermaine

Sports Award: David Gill & the Year 3 Class.

We would like to thank the parents of the Year Six and Seven classes, for their contribution to the Pig on the Spit last Friday. It was a fantastic turnout, and an estimated 190 people turned up to enjoy the delicious food. A big THANKYOU to Chris Jennings, Ian Coleman, the Durack family, Wayne Byrne and Tania Wolfe for their help, without which the night would not have run as smoothly. We raised over $2000, which will be going towards reducing the cost of the Year Six and Seven camp. Thank you to all who attended. It was a great night!

Miss Hewitt & Miss Norrish.

Happy Birthday to …… Liam Fruhstuck, Janey Beeck, Hamish Bolto, Nate Kowald

DATES TO REMEMBER!

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Cross Country training will be offered on these days and times:

Wednesday: Morning training at Katanning Country Club 7:50am – 8:20am & Lunchtime training at school

Thursday: Lunchtime training at school

Friday: Morning at the Katanning Country Club 7:50am – 8:20am & Lunchtime training at School

Dear Parents and Families,

Miss Norrish is seeking volunteers who are willing to come into the Year Six class and volunteer their time to teach students life skills. Life skills incorporate a range of skills from cooking, to word work and anything in between.

If you have any further questions or would like more information, please see Miss Norrish in Year Six or contact the office to make an appointment.
Evangelisation (The Good News)

Jesus said, "Do not be worried and upset. Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you… I am the way, the truth and the life; No one goes to the Father except by me."

The Way, Truth & Life. If we believe in Jesus, he promises us a place in heaven with him. It’s more than just accepting that he; live two thousand year ago in Israel. It means being open to the Holy Spirit, breathing in the life of grace that empowers us to follow Jesus and live our lives according to his teachings.

Father, you promise us a place with you in your house. Thanks you for living us and being our father.

Amen

Payment Options.

Option 1 – Payment in Advance – all fees and charges paid in full.

Option 2 – Direct Payment – Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Fee Free Option available for school fees to be paid directly from your bank to ours in fortnightly or monthly payments. Forms and further information is available from the school office.

Option 3 – Term, Fortnightly, monthly payments.

EFTPOS is available for the payment of all school accounts.

B PAY facilities are available

If you are on the Direct Debit system, please see the office to check your payments for 2014.

Please contact the office if any difficulties arise with the payment of fees.

Sound Waves Snippets

Week 3 12th May

Unit 13 ; (a, ai, ay, a_e, ey, eig)

As in; lady, rain, today, mistake, obey, feign

Chant and Action

“Snails play – ai, ai, ai”

Hold arms in front with fists facing down and thumbs stuck out. Move slowly to be snails sliding along. /ai/ is a long, moving sound. It is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau

Sunday 18th May 2014

Altar Servers: Vincent Lin, Jo Rundle, Peter Temby

Mass on first four Sundays of the month at 10.30am

Every Fifth Sunday of the month Mass is at 6pm on the Saturday evening

And then at St Michael’s Church at Tambellup at 10.30am on the Sunday.

Everyone most welcome to attend.

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 Marino 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 Marino.

2014 Sacramental Dates

Penance – Year 3

Workshop – Wednesday 4th June (6pm School Hall)

Family Mass – Sunday 14th June (10.30 Church)

Sacrament – Wednesday 25th June (Church & Hall)

Holy Communion – Year 1

Family Mass – Sunday 2nd July (10.30 Church)

Workshop – Wednesday July 30th (6pm School Hall)

Sacrament – Sunday 10th August (10.30 Church & Hall)

Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 6/7

Family Mass – Sunday 2nd November (10.30am Church)

Workshop – Wednesday 5th November (6pm School Hall)

Saturday 15th November (6pm Church)
Community Notices

PIANO LESSONS
Expression of Interest is being sought for the commencement of piano lessons at St Patrick’s in the hall Monday afternoons. Renowned local piano teacher, Audrey Jessop, has over 40 years’ experience in teaching piano, specialising in children from beginners to the aspiring concert pianists! Lessons will start at 2.30pm and will be half an hour ($30) for 8yrs and over and 20 minutes ($20) for 8yrs and under, including theory. Places are limited so register your interest and preferred lesson time ASAP by emailing Kristy Rae familyrae@bigpond.com or 0488 212493

KATANNING COUGARS HOCKEY CLUB – MINKEY HOCKEY
Minkey Hockey for kids aged between Kindy and Yr3 will commence on Thursday 1st May at 4pm, At the hockey grounds at the rec centre. If your kids are interested in Hockey this is a great way to get them started. Registration is $10

KATANNING JUNIOR SQUASH
Tuesday Nights - 4pm to 5pm
Girls and Boys Years 4 to 7.
Cost $40.00 Term 2 (Kidsport is available for children who are eligible)
Registration 13th May 2014 at 4pm. Equipment Supplied.
The club has racquets and glasses for people to use. For Further enquiries please speak to Ashley Clarke on 0421974350

Katanning Dental Therapy Centre will be open during term two. - The DTC is CLOSED on Fridays.
HOURS: Monday to Thursday 8.15am to 4.30pm
Closed for lunch between 12 noon and 1 pm.
Contact: 98211734 or 0400612364

Auskick provides boys and girls from PP – Year 4 a fun and safe place to learn to play AFL football.
The 2014 season begins on Saturday 3rd May 10-11.30am
Register & pay online at aflauskick.com.au
The packs have arrived and will available at the first session to all financial members. Cost for the backpack and program is $50. Families eligible for Kidsport please bring your current Healthcare/Pension card to register at first session.
Enquiries: Tim Fitzgerald 0439555089 Gerri Kowald 0428170377

STARZ DANCE COMPANY
Classes in Katanning and Wagin
Classes for Kindy+
Classes begin Wednesday 30th April (Katanning)
or Thursday 1st May (Wagin)
Please Contact Tara to register
0439 841410
startarz@westnet.com.au

The Great Southern Early Years (0 to 8) Network (GSEYN) is planning an Early Years Conference to be held on Sunday July 19th and Monday July 20th in Albany in 2015. The theme of the conference is ‘Building Capacity ….Growing our children together’ and will provide for the interests of professionals and practitioners (education, health, industry), community organisations and parents and families.
To provide subjects of relevance for parents and families, we are seeking feedback through a simple survey to be found on two local facebook pages.
If you scroll down to the shared link for the Great Southern Early Years Network and click on the link to the survey below ‘SEE MORE’, you will go to the survey.

Amity Health https://www.facebook.com/pages/Amity-Health-Albany/392576264151803
If you scroll down to the shared link for the Great Southern Early Years Network and click on the link to the survey below ‘SEE MORE’, you will go to the survey.

LA SALLE COLLEGE, MIDDLE SWAN – MEMORABILIA FOR 60th ANNIVERSARY
La Salle College’s 60th Anniversary Community Mass and Open Day will be held on Sunday 22 June from 10am to 3pm. As part of this event the College would like to display significant items of memorabilia from over the years (photographs, publications, anniversary items, uniforms of De La Salle College). If you are able to assist with the use of these items, please call the Community Relations Department on 9449 0635 or email communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au

Katanning Gymnastics Club
Registrations will be held this coming Wednesday 7th May, at the Katanning Gymnastics Club building on Taylor St, between 5-6pm, Children aged kindy and up, there is also a class for younger children being held on Mondays 1.30 till 2.15pm.
If you are unable to make it to registrations but your children would like to enrol please contact Anita on 0437791378
Food Allergy Week
Next week, 12th – 18th May, is Food Allergy Week. It is a week dedicated to raising awareness of, and showing you care about the growing rate of food allergies in Australia.

“Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world... In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.” (Food Allergy Week website)

We will be supporting Food Allergy week at St Patrick’s on Friday, 16th May, by painting one nail to symbolise that one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Each class will also adopt an allergy for one day to better understand the challenges people with allergy face every single day, by planning and cooking a recipe to cater for their adopted allergy.

Pre-primary & Year Six: Adopt a nut allergy
Year One & Year Seven: Adopt a gluten allergy
Year Two & Year Five: Adopt a lactose allergy
Year Three & Year Four: Adopt an egg allergy

Please bring in a gold coin donation, so that we can raise some money to help increase awareness!

You can further support Food Allergy week, by adopting an allergy at home for a day, and planning the day’s meals with your child/ren.

The Mysterious Shoe - By Georgia Sullivan

I found a shoe and it walked,
It jumped up and started to talk.
It talked non-stop all day and night,
But of course it was being most polite.
I stared at the shoe on the floor,
Along came another and started a war.
They fought and fought,
One lost a wart!
I was speechless and couldn’t believe my eyes,
I mysteriously began to rise.
Then they slipped on to my feet,
And there they looked all pretty and neat.
I was up on stage and began tap dancing,
Then I stopped all the prancing.
The crowd gave a huge applause,
Then all of a sudden everything paused.
I saw a shoe on the floor,
A lonesome shoe with no wart at all.

ME –
By Olivia D’Aprile

Me, I’m Olivia the best girl in town!
I’m smart,
I’m funny and I never frown.
I’m always happy and love a chat,
I’ll talk all day and that’s a fact.
I love my animals, 5 are mine.
They’re my best inspiration all the time.
They keep me going when I’m feeling down,
That’s all I think about while I’m up town.
My family encourage me to do the things I love most,
I’m really good at horses riding, but I’ll try not to boast.
Mum and I play netball most Saturdays,
We cheer each other on with a Hip-Hip Hooray!

The Dream – Robert Pepall

I had a pony,
As fat as fat Tony.
I rode it to school,
And it jumped in the pool.
As I got to class,
I forgot my pass.
So I made another,
Then found the other.
So I went to class,
And used my pass.
After five past three,
I went to my tree.
I forgot my pony,
That’s now a phony.
So I rode it to the candy store,
And found a lolly on the floor.
Then I went home,
But forgot my phone.
I’d gone so far,
I just got hit by a car.
I heard a scream,
When I woke it was just a dream.