Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week St Patrick’s had our Three Way conferences. It was a valuable experience for many of our parents, students and teachers. We have not had this process in a while at the school. Our aim in having the three way conferences is to develop in our students the skill of being reflective about their work. We all need to be reflective about the procedures and policies we use in our school and community. It is an opportunity to improve but also to acknowledge all the successes in our students, parents and teachers. We would appreciate your feedback in making the three way conferences better. Please make contact with your class teacher and give your suggestions to enhance the process.

I was lucky enough to attend the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Performance management workshop run by the Education Department. In the workshop I learnt about the processes schools around Australia are using to manage the performance of staff. St Patrick's School has made a start into performance management – staff meet with me and discuss their programs of work. Later on in the term I will be observing them in class and having a discussion about their assessment and recording keeping. We are also trying to build in more peer observation and feedback for our staff. This is an on-going process and it will be enhanced every time we take part in being observed while we teach and when we provide feedback to our peers. We are learners in this process and our main goal is the improvement in student outcomes.

This week we have students from the Follow the Dream program at Katanning High school coming to work with our classes in preparation for National Sorry Day. The students will be working on making hands to put around the school to acknowledge National Sorry Day. I have provided a link for parents to look at and gather further information:

http://www.nsdc.org.au/

Our staff are working hard to support parents with having their children in correct school uniform. If you are having difficulty in having your child in correct uniform please make contact with your class teacher so that we can support you. It has been very pleasing to see the number of fluorescent and coloured running shoes diminish. Well done to the boys for having their shirts tucked in after break times. Great job!

A very special thank you to our Parents and Friends for supporting the school financially with some of our teaching and learning needs. The generosity of providing support where it is most needed is greatly appreciated by the staff. Briefly, they have provided monies for the purchase of ipads into the classroom, monies for sport, library, Kindy, Pre-primary and pledged money towards our Year 6 and 7 camp. When our website is fully operational I know the P&F will make good use of the website to show off their great support of the school.

Our students have been saying the rosary in their classes and participating in the rosary at lunch time on a Wednesday. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for the rosary on Wednesdays in the hall starting at 1.15 pm. It is wonderful to see the reverence that many of the students are displaying while taking part in the rosary. Many thanks to the staff who have led the rosary and a huge thank you to Mrs. Julie Poett for making up the class Rosary Boxes.

Good luck to your AFL team this week, have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Peace be with you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal
**LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016**

**Learning** - In Kindy our philosophy is to develop the whole child so that they can understand the world around them and function and adapt in today’s world. We do this through planning for play. If we want to learn how to recognise groups of numbers (subitise) we might play a game of beetle. If we need to learn to count and recognise numbers we might go on the track and jump five times. If we learn our letters we might make playdough letters and animals or sing songs and do actions. The same applies for cutting, phys ed, drawing writing etc. We are not just ‘playing’ without a purpose- although it is important to do this sometimes for our social development. The Curriculum for Early Years emphasises play itself as a social entity and our role as teachers is to create, facilitate and extend this play. Play is not analysed as something separate but as an important focus and tool for learning. Play lets us learn in a happy and safe environment where we can experiment while feeling like we are loved and valued so that we feel like we belong and are important.

**Engagement** - Throughout this term we have been engaged in learning more about our communication skills. We’ve been working on our listening skills and our team work skills. Learning to concentrate and focus on specific things. We have learned how to react and we have learned how to freeze and ‘be in the moment’. This term specifically, we have been really engaged in our oral communication skills as we prepare for the annual Speech and Drama festival. Engaged in understanding how to perform text, to use punctuation and expression and eye contact so as to further engage our audience in our poems, oral reading, speeches and mimes. All of the students should be congratulated on the wonderful contribution they have each made, trying their very best over several weeks now to fully participate in this important speaking and listening activity.

**Accountability**- The main aim for our students this year during our Library classes is to have an understanding that the library is not just a place that contains books for us to enjoy, but that it is a huge ‘centre of resources’ where the children can obtain different types of information in many different ways. Activities will include learning how to accurately choose a resource to locate specific information about a topic. Our students will learn to draw on the knowledge created and gained through Library discussions and activities to not only complete their tasks, but also see that we are all accountable for our own learning, and that what they put into their learning will determine the outcome.

**Discipleship** - The focus of this term for sport is the upcoming winter and Cross Country carnivals. I have been offering morning and lunchtime training sessions in order for the students to improve their running times and stamina. It has been wonderful to have the support from a wide range of St Patrick’s staff. Several staff have been kind and generous enough to offer their time to supervise and support the children to train either on a Wednesday or Friday morning at the country club. At morning training the teachers run with the students and offer them encouragement and support as they are running. For those children who are unable to make it to morning training lunchtime training is also offered and a number of staff have been graciously giving up their lunchtimes so that this can continue. Running is a great way to keep warm and stay fit! I encourage you to continue to support your child with their training and encourage them to always try their best.

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**From the AP’s Desk …**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday I attended a Professional Development day in Perth and, although it was about Leadership, we spent some time talking about being joyful, and the difference between fun and joy. As adults we all have the capacity to have fun, but we discussed whether we lose (or forget) our capacity for joyfulness – the type of joyfulness that comes so easily to us as children. Our discussion moved on to our capacity to bring joy to others, and we finished with the thought: “Who are you joyful for today?”

It’s a thought well in keeping not only with our Catholic faith, but also with our own school motto of Concern – concern for ourselves and also for others. As a school community, we have made Mary our focus during the month of May, coming together to regularly pray a decade of the Rosary: as classes and as a whole school. The Rosary is a meditative prayer which allows us to focus on our faith and our own place within God’s greater plan. As with all meditative activities, it offers us the capacity to open ourselves to that which is deeper than ourselves: and, if we wish, to the capacity we have for true joyfulness in our lives – as children and as adults.

Next Wednesday, May 29th, we will pray a decade of the Rosary together as a school and parish community in the School Hall from 1.15pm. You are most welcome, and are joyfully invited, to join us.

Have a lovely week - God bless!

*Mrs Marino.*

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

**Year 1 Class Award, Noelle Smith, Ava Warren, Joseph Collis, Nicholas Chaplin, Joseph Rose, Hugh McFarland, Epiphanie Ndayishimiye, Errick Jennings**

**Sport Awards:**

Jo Rundle, Georgia Deer, Mia Quartermaine, Natasha Quartermaine

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**Pre Primary Star of the Week**

Jesse Schiano Di Cola
Happy Birthday to ....... Trenton Keast, Madison Pepall

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- Wednesday 21st May: School Board Meeting 6.30pm
- Thursday 22nd May: National Sorry Day Workshop
- Friday 23rd May: Walk safety to school Day
- Sunday 25th May: Year 6 Family Mass
- Monday 26th May: National Sorry Day
- Monday 2nd June: Public Holiday – Foundation Day
- Wednesday 4th June: Year 3 Penance Workshop 6pm
- Friday 6th June: Year 3 Class Assembly
- Thursday 12th June: Kojonup Speech & Drama Festival (Selected Yrs4-7)
- Friday 13th June: Year 4 Class Assembly
- Sunday 15th June: Year 3 Family Mass

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

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 4 19th May Unit 14:
(I, II) Lizards like lollipops – I, l, l. Mime holding a lollipop on a stick and licking it

What type of lizard is in the picture? Come and tell Mrs Bowen what you think.

Tips for Kids
- Lift your long, lizard tongue up behind your top teeth.
- /l/ is a long, noisy sound, so use your voice!
- If you are saying /w/, let your tongue do the work rather than your lips

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

Canteen Roster

Friday 23rd May – Angelina Rose & Penny Shackley – Sushi Rolls $2
Wednesday 28th May – Lyn Coleman, Cathy Deer, Ann Passfield & Danika Kowald
Friday 30th May – Shannon Beeck & Richelle Warren – Milo & Oreo’s $1
Wednesday 4th June – Kerry Wilhelm, Cathy Deer, Emma McKinley, Tara Ball

Congratulations to Ava Warren for winning the “Daily Prize” for the Billie B Brown competition at the town Library! – Enjoy your new books!
Evangelisation (The Good News)

Jesus said, “If you love me you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper who will stay with your forever. He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God... When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you.”

WWJD: What Would Jesus Do? When faced with moral dilemmas big and small. Pause and ask yourself: What would Jesus do? We can be sure that his response would always be based on love, on acting with compassion and generosity towards others. Make a habit of asking yourself this question before you act.

Jesus, you showed us how to love. We thank you for your example and ask for our help in learning to be more like you. Amen

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ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau

Sunday 25th May 2014 – Year 6 Family Mass
Altar Servers: Epiphanie Ndayishimiye, Arnotn Barinakandi, Makayla Robinson

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.

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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.

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This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day.

Following the assembly on Friday we will walk, 2 blocks around the school together.

Parents are welcome to joins us!

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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 4
Family Mass – Sunday 27th 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 School Hall)
National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

Thank you to Mrs Matthews for Organising National Simultaneous Story Time at St Patrick’s, classes enjoyed working together with their buddy classes on activities related to the story.

The elephant in the photo was given to Mel by her Uncle when she was born. It is 30 years old and comes from England!
KATANNING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
Please join us to celebrate our 20th Birthday Tuesday 27th May 2014
Cake Cutting Ceremony 2.30pm – Free sausage sizzle 10am-4pm
Contact the Resource Centre on 98214433 for more information.

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 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

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

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 (Kataninnng) or Thursday 1st May (Wagin)
Please Contact Tara to register
0439 841410
startarz@westnet.com.au

2015 Early Years Conference Albany
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