Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term Four is rapidly sliding away, we are already into Week Three and it has been a very busy start. We were lucky to have our wonderful Faction Sports Carnival on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd}, after rain on the weekend caused a cancellation. I was really impressed with the number of volunteers we had to set up tents and equipment prior to the carnival. We had it complete in 30 minutes! Throughout the day we had many parents come up and offer support to the teachers. We received some great feedback on the excellent work of the sports captains and how they helped in their bays. Congratulations to the students on their hard work and dedication to improving their results. A very special thank you to JB’s Quality Meats for the donation of the sausages for the day. Thanks to Wayne, Jay and Aaron who cooked up 200 sausages, I know that the children, parents and staff really appreciated it.

Last Friday, our Year Six and Seven Confirmation candidates had their Confirmation retreat with Mrs Jane Lee. The students learned more deeply about their saint and about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. I have been working with the Year Six class and we have been looking at the gifts of Blessed Mother Teresa and her work with the marginalised people of India. The Year Six students have brought together their learning from the Sacramental program and linked in how Mother Teresa used her gifts to show God’s grace to all people. I am very confident that when Bishop Holohan speaks with our Confirmation candidates, he will be impressed with their preparation. Well done to Emily Norrish, Kara Hewitt and Jane Lee for supporting the Confirmation candidates.

A reminder about our fantastic school website which can be accessed at http://web.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au/

There are some great pieces of work from our classes and some very interesting Educational links for parents to use. I have included links related to health issues that are faced by school children and it gives parents information on how to deal with concerns related to their child’s health. The link is provided below: http://www.health.wa.gov.au/health_index/c/child_health.cfm

Have a wonderful weekend.
Peace be with you and your families,
Christopher Smith
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, all students and staff at St Patrick’s took part in reciting the Holy Rosary, in recognition of the fact that October is the month dedicated by the Church to this. It was lovely to see all our students, from the youngest in Kindy to the oldest in Year Seven, engaging with this in the most beautiful, respectful manner – well done to everyone.

The Holy Rosary is a set of prayers which can be easily remembered and recited, and which help us to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. Reciting the Rosary is a time for reflection and contemplation: two things which we may normally not get to practice in our busy lives. When the whole school recited the Rosary together in the church on Friday, it was both a reflective and contemplative experience, as evidenced by the silence at the end. Some children even commented how calm they felt afterwards.

Silence is something else we may not get to practice regularly in a world where noise, from one source or another, is constant. There is great power to be found in silence and in the space it allows us to reflect and contemplate. Too often, we are so busy focusing on what is happening next that we move on from things before they have been properly dealt with. A simple example is how pausing after each reading and prayer at Mass can give us the space we need to think about what we have just heard or said. The gift of silence, and the opportunity it presents for reflection and contemplation, may be one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children.

God bless!

Mrs Marino.

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**LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016**

**Learning** - Learning is looking a little different in Year Two this term. Students have been choosing where to work, so that they can learn effectively. They have also been making choices about how they demonstrate what they have learned. For example, in Religion, children have chosen between writing, drawing, role play, or using an iPad app to show their understanding of jobs in their families, and of members of Jesus’ family. Here is an example of a student’s work on the Popplet app – Miss Vartesi

**Engagement** – Last Term the Year One students asked me to read them a book about spiders. I saw how engaged the students were in this topic, therefore I have set up an inquiry table in our classroom around the theme of spiders. The students came up with a variety of Wonder Questions that they would like answered. To help them research and find information I have included a variety of different learning tools on this table such as books, an iPad, spiders, magnifying glasses, puzzles, paper and pencils. We have even had some real spiders come in and spider eggs. Please pop in and see if we can answer any of your questions about spiders – Mrs Campbell

**Accountability** – As reporting time quickly approaches, and the year draws to a close, it is an important time to reflect on the learning that has taken place within our classrooms. Teachers have the opportunity to carefully consider the growth and holistic development of every child in their care, and how they have used their skills to best facilitate this. “If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn.” (Unknown) – Mrs Rundle

**Discipleship** - In Kindy, we work from the “Let the Little Children Come to Me” resource produced by Catholic Education of WA for 3 and 4 year olds. There are five major aims in this and each aim has a list of outcomes. This term we are working on “Religious Education in the early years aims to provide students with the opportunity to develop a basic understanding of Catholic life, prayer and Scripture.” At present the outcomes we have chosen to work on are:

- knowing that prayer is the way that people talk to and listen to God
- recognising religious symbols including the cross, liturgical colours and holy water.
- knowing simple ways of praying - making the Sign of the Cross, joining hands in prayer, singing.
- engaging in informal prayer experiences i.e. prayers of praise, thanks, sorrow, petition, spontaneous prayers or through song or movement
- participating in rituals

We have done this by having Mrs Marino come and talk to us about the Rosary Beads and then we have gone and prayed the Rosary with Father Peter, the Year 1’s Year 6’s and 7’s. We loved looking at the Rosary beads and counting them – Mrs Anderson
There will be no Awards or Assembly this week due to our whole school Mass for All Saints 9.00am – All Welcome to attend.

**Snacks for kids**

Here are some healthy snack ideas to get active children through the day…

- Muffins (made with fruits or grated vegetables or both)
- Celery sticks and peanut butter.
- Dried fruits and nuts.
- English muffins with cheese.
- Fruit bread.
- Scones (plain, fruit or pumpkin).
- Pikelets or pancakes.
- Small tub of yoghurt.
- Cheese stick or triangle.
- Pita chips (cut pita bread into triangles, sprinkle with cheese and bake in the oven until crispy, once cooled store them in an airtight container).
- Wholemeal crackers and cheese.
- Low-sugar breakfast cereal (dry).
- Homemade plain popcorn.
- Fresh fruit pieces.

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**ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL BOARD & P & F AGM**

Please be advised that the School Board / P & F Committee AGM will be held on Wednesday 26 November 2014, 7.30 pm in the St Patrick’s School Hall. Nominations are now open for all P&F Executive Committee positions; President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. PLEASE be advised of the following constitutional requirements should you wish to nominate;

1. Nominations for Executive positions shall be in writing. Nominations to close at 12 noon on the Thursday prior to the AGM (ie Thursday 20th November). NO late nominations will be taken.
2. Nominations can ONLY be taken from the floor at the AGM if no written nominations for the position have been received.

All nominations forms for School Board & P & F are available from the Front Office.

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**Mrs Tanya McGuire’s Farewell:**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Tanya’s farewell has been changed to Saturday 22nd November. Please see new invite attached.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER -TERM 4**

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**Term 4 - NO HAT = NO PLAY!**

**Week 1 – Sports Uniform – Faction T-shirts to be worn.**

**Weeks 2-9 – Summer Uniform for Years 1-7**

**Girls Summer Uniform**

- Royal Blue Summer Dress
- Plain White Socks – fold over ankle socks.
- Black leather school shoes- lace up or buckle style OR brown sandals
- Royal blue slouch hat with School Crest.

**Boys Summer Uniform**

- Short sleeve grey shirt with School Crest
- Grey college shorts
- Grey ankle socks with gold and royal blue stripes
- Black leather lace up school shoes OR brown sandals without socks
- Royal Blue slouch hat with School Crest.

Uniform order forms are available at www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au

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**Happy Birthday to ……..**

Maddison Garrity, Luke Radovanovic and Jesse Schiano di Cola
Literacy Pro

The online reading comprehension site that was previously known as Lexile is now known as Literacy Pro.

In Literacy Pro students sit an online test at school which gives them a Lexile reading measure which guides them towards texts that will challenge but not frustrate them. Students are able to select their own interests and can generate a list of books or choose a book to read within their Lexile range. They take an online quiz. If they pass, they build their word count and earn points. Student data is updated for:

- Word count
- Average quiz score
- Quizzes passed
- Points earned
- Certificate level

Periodically, students take the Lexile Test again at school. Their reading development is able to be tracked over time.

All students who have a Lexile have been given a username and password. If your child cannot locate theirs please ask them to ask their teacher for the details.

Students are able to access quizzes at home. The URL for the Scholastic Learning Zone is a long one so please save to favourites to make it easy for students to access https://slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/intl/Login/AUS72YV or search www.scholasticlearnningzone.com

Evangelisation (The Good News)

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who are tired and overburdened, I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. My yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Saints in Heaven. We are all called to live in eternity with God in heaven. A saint is simply a soul that is in heaven with God. Therefore, we are all called to be saints! Sainthood is not an exclusive club of hardcore mystics, it is for everyone, each in their own way, living God’s call to be with him and to do his will.

Get out the old photo albums and spend some time reflecting on the family and friends who are no longer with us. Offer thanks to God for the gift of their life.

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ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau

Saturday 1st November 9am All Saints Day (Healing) Mass
Sunday 2nd November 10.30am All Souls Day and Year 6/7 Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

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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Altar Servers
Sunday 2nd Nov- Peter Temby, Lachlan Byrne and Luke Daly
Nov 9-Joseph Rose, Tara Huggins, Isabel Collis
Nov 15-Sophie Wolfe, Georgia Robinson, Paris Byrne

Confirmation workshop
Wednesday 5th November 6pm

Bishop Holohan visit to St Patrick’s School to speak with candidates – Monday 10th November

Confirmation Mass
Saturday 15th November 6pm

Please contact Mrs Bowen if you are able to cover our new Lexile books!
**Community Notices**

**KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
KSHS P & C AGM
Wednesday 19th November 6pm, Conference Room
ALL WELCOME

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**YoungStars School Holidays are back and better than ever!**

10 days of exciting programs including
- Laserscape (one session only!)
- Blading
- Basketball
- MAD Science
- Lego Cooking and much more!

Bookings are essential and payments are due to secure spots!
If you would like to book someone in or have any questions, please contact the KLC on 9821 4399

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**JUNIOR TENNIS CLINIC**

To be held on Tuesday 30th September 9-12 & Wednesday 1st October 9-12 at KCC.
7 yrs and under will run from 9-10 am both days.
Any enquiries to Justin 0410479577.

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**KATANNING ALLSTARS ABORIGINAL GRASSROOTS NETBALL PROGRAM**

Wednesday 12th November Katanning Leisure Centre Ram Pavillion
4.00-5.00pm
Please bring a water bottle and wear sports shoes

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**Application for Transport Assistance:**

**Bus Students in Years 7 and 8**

If a student is changing schools (as your transitioning Yr. 6’s and 7’s are) then they will need to re-apply for transport assistance on the website. The details of the website address is in Katanning Senior High school Yr. 7 and 8 handbooks so parents will need to be aware that even if they are already on a bus they are changing schools, so must complete another “Application for Transport Assistance” form online.

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**Reminder to Parents and Guardians**

Please remember to sign in when you come into school. We have a side gates to come in to school and not signing in. Our focus is on and staff, and we need to know who is on the premises at all times. the school in keeping our students safe.
St Patrick’s School Board
Cordially invite everyone to join them

Farewell
Mrs Tanya McGuire

(Retiring Principal 2003 – 2014)
Where: St Patrick’s School, Amherst Street
When: Saturday 22nd November 2014
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm.
Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.
Picnic rug and chairs
Tea, Coffee, Water and Cordial provided.

RSVP: Monday 17th November 2014
Telephone: Tania Wolfe on 0419932605
Or Meryn Clune on 0428637200