Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another busy week is upon us! During Term Four we have so many events scheduled to take place, we often find ourselves time poor. We race to meetings and try to make deadlines. Last week Mrs Marino spoke of the value of silence and finding time for silence. I would like to re-emphasise this with all of our community. Take time for renewal throughout your day – breath in and re-energise yourself. Spend time quietly in nature and restore your spirit. If we speed through our day, we miss all the little miracles that pass us by. When we are calm and centred, we can pass this onto others whose day might be in turmoil. And what a wonderful gift that is to give to someone.

We are quickly approaching Advent. Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. Advent is celebrated as a time of joy and happiness as we await the coming of the King.

Our new Junior School Redevelopment building project will be commencing soon. I will be informing the community of changes to parking, dropping off and picking up students. Please be mindful of the construction areas, be careful and safety conscious at the beginning and end of the school day. Importantly, please be patient - it may take a little bit longer and you might have to park that little bit further away. Focus on the positive and embrace the exercise.

We wish our Interschool competitors all the best for the Jumps and Throws carnival today, and the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday. We know that they will give their best for the school. It will be great to see parents, relatives and friends there to support our students.

Go St Pats!!
Have a wonderful weekend,
Peace be with you and your Family,
Mr Christopher Smith
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

Things are a little tense in our house at the moment as our sons, Devan and Nicholas, prepare to sit their final Year 12 WACE exams. Their time at school is officially over and they were farewelled from Katanning Senior High School in a very special and moving Valediction ceremony last Thursday night. It’s hard to believe that this chapter of their lives (and ours) is almost over - it only seems like yesterday that we were dressing them in their St Patrick’s uniforms ready for their first day in Year One with Miss Coulson!

It reminds me of how precious our children are, and how precious our time with them is. It is easy to forget this when we are bogged down in the busyness of life - flying from one commitment to the next and trying to get through all the things we have to do. Jesus provided us with the perfect example of how to nurture and value our children: he took the time to sit with them and listen to them, he shared stories with them, and he recognised within them, the wisdom of the ages. When he said "Let the little children come to me," he was reminding us of the exquisite perfection of all children. He accepted and loved them all, and we are called to do the same - even when they are big, hulking teenagers who persist in leaving wet towels on the bathroom floor!

God bless!

Mrs Marino.

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

**Learning** – Today, very few careers can be performed without a basic understanding of computers and technology. Technology helps the teachers prepare students for the real world environment. As our nation becomes increasingly more technology-dependent, it becomes even more necessary that, to be successful citizens, students must learn to be tech-savvy. No matter what grade, the use and practice of technology helps to prepare students for life once they leave primary school. From Word Processing to Publisher, Websites to Power Point, Padlet to Nearpod, students have covered many topics in computers this year that will help them for life ahead – Miss Hulin.

**Engagement** – “One child, one teacher, one pen & one book can change the world”. Malala Yousafzai

**Accountability** – While searching the Internet for some information recently, I came across this sentence, ‘Responsibility is one of the most valuable lessons students can learn in school.’ When we fully involve students in learning experiences and encourage their participation and effort, by ways such as coming to class on time, being prepared, productive group work and contributing to class discussions, we are in fact helping our students to be responsible for their own success. It is important for both parents and teachers to be continually thinking about ways to encourage children to become responsible students. Mrs Matthews

**Discipleship - The Star Fish Story** - One day, a wise man was walking along the shore and saw a young man throwing starfish into the ocean. Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?” asked the wise man. 'The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die.' The wise man replied, 'But, young man, don’t you realize that there are thousands of starfish on the sand? You can't possibly make a difference!' At this, the young man picked up a starfish and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, 'It made a difference to that one.' So, I challenge you to make a difference to one person today. – Mrs Quartermaine.
**DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 4**

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**INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS** Pre Primary to Year 3
Monday 1st December – Friday 12th December.
Notes to be returned by 7th November.
Payment to be made before Friday 14th November.

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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](http://www.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au)

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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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**REMEMBER THAT**

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE NOW.**

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Happy Birthday to ..........

Vincent Lin, Alexander Wolczyk, Elliot Daly, Dillon Wood

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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.
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

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau
Sunday 9th November 10.30am
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.

Evangelisation (The Good News)

Jesus went to the Temple and saw people selling animals and money changers. He made a whip and drove out the animals and turned over the money changer’s table. He said, “Take all of this our and stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” The Jews were angry and demanded he explain. Jesus answered, “Destroy this Sanctuary and in three days, I will raise it up.”

We are the Temple. St Paul understood Jesus’ meaning in the Gospel. He explains to the Corinthians, we are God’s building with our foundation on Jesus himself. The Church is not just a physical building, it is a living people who build the Kingdom of God.

Lord, We are your Church. Sanctify us and always be in our hearts. Amen.
St John the Evangelist, pray for us.

Altar Servers

Nov 9 - Joseph Rose, Tara Huggins, Isabel Collis
Nov 15 - Sophie Wolfe, Georgia Robinson, Paris Byrne, Jasmine Butterworth

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

Confirmation Mass
Saturday 15th November 6pm
KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
KSHS P & C AGM
Wednesday 19th November 6pm, Conference Room
ALL WELCOME

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

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.

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.

TENNIS
Katanning Junior Tournament -Sunday 9th November registrations from 8.15 am nominations close this Friday.
Narrogin Junior Tournament held on Saturday 6th December. Nominations must be received prior to Wednesday 3rd December.
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