Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very busy week for the staff and students with our build commencing. Our Kindy and Pre-Primary areas have been fenced off and some shrubs and foliage have been removed. With the Annie St gates closed, we have had to use the double gates on Amherst St to allow students and parents access to the school. We are using the first three bays outside the front office as a “Kiss and Drive” zone. Thank you to the parents who have used this area so far. Please remember not to park in this area for an extended period of time, so that we can keep the traffic flowing. Another reminder also to parents and guardians about making U turns and Three Point turns on Annie and Amherst streets. Please be mindful that this takes time and is also dangerous for other cars and our students. A comprehensive outline for the drop off and pick up zones can be found on our school website: http://web.stpatskatanning.wa.edu.au/parentinfo.html

Our grotto is nearly complete, with the statue of Our Lady Mary being put in place and a light installed. We are awaiting the placement of some St Patrick’s roses in the planter box in front of the grotto. Our plan is to also place some plaques representing the link between the parish and our school, and to have some seating put in around the grotto. We are looking to have an official blessing and opening of the grotto next year. If you have the chance, drive by or stop in after dark when the lights are on and have a good look. Our Lady looks beautiful! Thank you to David Steere for the excellent work and all who supported the project.

This Saturday we are looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick’s Church at 6pm. We wish all of our confirmation candidates a happy and Holy celebration. Bishop Holohan visited and spoke with our students on Monday. He spoke about how they can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives, especially as they transition into high school. He also asked them about their choice of saint and why they made their choice. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, prayer friends and their families in your prayers.

Term Four is very busy and I emphasise being calm and taking time to reflect throughout the day. Help your child to be still and relax, this will help to relieve anxiety. Also, thank you for the way in which we have started with our new parking and drop off zones. It is greatly appreciated that parents are so patient and mindful of all the new routines that we have had to implement. Be aware of safety around the school when you are with your children, please don’t allow them to run off without you. There will be trucks and utes moving around the school constantly.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Peace be with you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The lack of significant initiation ceremonies or rites of passage between childhood and adulthood is often discussed as something which is lacking in modern Western culture, leading to a void between the two stages of life. Tribal and traditional societies are often seen to be much more supportive in helping their children negotiate the often tricky path towards adulthood by continuing to recognise ceremonies or celebrations which honour this transition. But within our Catholic faith there is a rite of passage which, among other things, recognises and celebrates just this: the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As our Year Six and Seven candidates receive the Sacrament this weekend they will be taking an important step towards adulthood. In receiving the Sacrament of Baptism their parents and godparents spoke for them and made the decision to commit their lives to God. In receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will do these things themselves: they will renew their baptismal vows and pledge to continue their faith journey. In the eyes of the Church they are no longer children whose faith decisions must be made for them, but young adults who, strengthened with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, can begin to make their own decisions.

We congratulate our Year Six and Seven candidates and wish them well on their lifelong faith journey.

God bless!

Mrs Marino.

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No access to the Church car park at drop-off and pick-up times due to safety concerns.

Access to school for drop-offs and pick-ups through double gates on Amherst St.

No parking on Beaufort or Avon streets around school due to bus parking.

Please keep first three bays outside the office for ‘Kiss and Drive’ drop-offs and pick-ups in the mornings and afternoons.

Annie St parking and entrances to the school closed.

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Congratulations to this week’s Awards winners.....

Alexander Wolczyk, Ruby Rae, Alyssa Cutler, Ella Sullivan, Shaun Shackley, Jemima Richardson, Oliva D’Aprile, Georgia Robinson, Year 6 Class Award, Ethan Willey
DATES TO REMEMBER -TERM 4

15th November  
Confirmation Mass 6pm
19th November  
Kindy Paraliturgy
20th November  
Year 6/7 KSHS Transition Day
26th November  
Whole School Thanksgiving Mass
AGM - School Board & P&F – 7.30pm
27th November  
Year 6/7 KSHS Transition Day
T20 Cricket Competition Year 4/5
28th November  
Year 7 Graduation and Mass 6pm
2nd December  
Year 6 Orientation Day – KHSH
3rd December  
Year 7 Orientation Day – KHSH
5th December  
Year 6 Graduation and Mass 6pm
10th December  
Prize Night & Christmas Concert

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.

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

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.

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

REMEMBER THAT
PAYMENT OF
SCHOOL FEES
ARE DUE NOW.

Happy Birthday to .......

Samuel Beeck, Gauge Anderson, Annabelle Lydeamore.
Evangelisation (The Good News)

A man called three servants and gave them 5,000, 2,000 and 1,000 gold coins. When he returned from his trip he called each servant. The one to whom he gave 5,000 had made 5,000 more. The servant who had 2,000 had made 2,000 more. And the master was pleased. But the servant to whom he 1,000, buried it and had only the 1,000 coins to return the master. ‘You lazy servant,” he said.

Faithful Servant. The coins are a symbol of our talents. God gives every person gifts and talents. Our talents are not given for our own enjoyment alone. God wants us to use those talents to do good work and bring people closer to him.

Father in Heaven, we praise you for the many gifts that you have given us. Amen.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau

Confirmation Mass - Saturday 15th November 6pm

Altar Servers: Sophie Wolfe, Georgia Robinson, Paris Byrne, Jasmine Butterworth

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.

We would like to congratulate Jo Rundle for receiving acknowledgement of her outstanding achievements in her schooling, and for earning a Top 10 position as a finalist for the Vi Barham award. Last Friday, Miss Hewitt and Jo’s parents went to Narrogin for a luncheon, where the winner was announced. She represented the school exceptionally well, and we are very proud of her. Great work Jo!
KATANNING ALLSTARS ABORIGINAL GRASSROOTS NETBALL PROGRAM
Wednesday 12th November Katanning Leisure Centre Ram Pavilion
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 few parents using the side gates to come in to school and not signing in. Our focus is on the safety of our students and staff, and we need to know who is on the premises at all times. Thank you for supporting the school in keeping our students safe.

If anyone has a boat that they would like to donate to the school, suitable for the playground.
Please contact the office.
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