Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a brand new and exciting school year. It has been so wonderful to see your children returning to school with huge smiles on their faces. Many of our students are new to the school and their transition into the classroom has been fantastic. Our school students are very welcoming and have helped to make our new St Patrick’s students feel at home.

Along with our new students we have a number of new staff members starting this year. A warm welcome to the following staff:

Mrs Jemima Tomlinson, our new Kindergarten teacher
Miss Julia John Allii, our new Year Three teacher
Miss Emily Newman, our new Year Four teacher and Physical Education teacher
Miss Melissa Mikulich, our new Year Four teacher and Information Technology teacher.

We thank them for being part of our school and community. Please make them feel very welcome to our wonderful school and support them on their journey with us.

During 2015 I will be continuing to share with our families the strategic direction of the Catholic Education Office LEAD. Learning – What did I learn from my experiences today? Engagement – How did I promote positive relationships with students/staff/parents today? Accountability – How did I take responsibility for my work quality today? Discipleship –How did I live out the teachings of Jesus today?

Learning – during our first two days back at school our staff worked on logistical aspects of our school: our religious education planner, assessment schedules, rosters, duties and roles. I would like to thank Mrs Denise Bowen and Mrs Sharon Marino for their hard work in preparing the assessment schedule and rosters. It is a demanding task and we are working towards having all of our staff members fully equipped to deal with the commencement of the year.

Engagement – our students are meeting their new grade teacher for the first time. Even if they have been taught by their teacher previously, there is always something new to gain from their teacher this year. Our teachers will be working on building strong and positive relationships with all of their students and parents. This is so vital in setting up a wonderful year for the class. Please communicate openly and work productively with your child’s teacher.

Accountability – at St Patrick’s School we will be incorporating a closer, more visual, look at our student data. We will be developing specific data walls for our classes and whole school. This will give us a
representation of every child’s strengths and challenges, and how we, as a school, can support them in making progress.

Discipleship – we are a Catholic School and we are Christ centred. In our modelling of prayer and practice, and our commitment to being more like Jesus, we have a huge effect on our children. When we speak about God in our daily interactions with them, it helps our children to make a connection with God. We are disciples in whatever vocation we have chosen. As parents, as husbands, wives, uncles, aunts, teachers and principals, we should always look to sharing our faith experience with our children. Don’t underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working with us every day to bring about a wonderful change in our school and community.

School Board
Welcome to our new School Board for 2015. I am looking forward to working closely with the board members in developing a sound strategic plan, which will look to the next three years and the development of educational and community goals for St Patrick’s Katanning. The School Board is responsible to the Conference of Bishops through CECWA for planning, the financial management of the School and to provide advice on policy formation. The overall role of the Board is to help the school fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the constitution, the policies, guidelines and practices of CECWA and diocesan guidelines. Thank you for the commitment and dedication of all the board members in moving St Patrick’s to a very bright and prosperous future. Our School Board members for 2015 are: Mr Christopher Smith (Principal), Mrs Sharon Marino (Assistant Principal), Mrs Helen Robinson (Administration officer), Fr Peter Njau (Parish Priest), Mrs Tania Wolfe, Mrs Angelina Rose, Mrs Gail Butterworth, Mr Cameron Bolto, Mr Mike Allen, Mrs Jo Sullivan and Mrs Marie Hanna (Parish Representative).

Parents and Friends
The P and F Association is a hard working body within our school, that undertakes many fundraising and networking activities, aimed at enhancing the facilities and resources for our children, and this in turn, grows our sense of connectedness for our families. We, the staff at St Patrick’s, are very grateful for the hard work that goes on behind the scenes at our school. Please support the P&F Association with your time and any skills or services that you think will enhance the school community. Our P&F executive members for 2015 are: Mr Wayne Byrne (President), Mrs Shannon Beeck, (Vice President) Mrs Davina Davies (Secretary), Mrs Tara Ball (Treasurer) and Mrs Jo Sullivan as P & F Representative to the School Board.

It is a great privilege to be part of your child’s learning and growth. Our staff take on their vocations with great sincerity and have a belief that every child can, and will, succeed. Please support your classroom teacher and school staff in helping your child flourish. Keep the lines of communication positive and open. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful and fruitful year ahead.

Peace to you and your family,

Mr. Christopher Smith
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly.....
Luke Radovanic, Maddison Garrity, Lara Davies, Jonty Bolto,

Presentation of 2014 End of year book prize to Amisha Mathew

Happy Birthday to ......
William Collis, Bryce Passfield, Joe Collis, Pagen McKinley, William Blackburne-Kane,
Olivia D’Aprilie, Matteo D’Aprile, Clayton Millan, Zacheus Ndong’a, Robert Pepall, Carie Ball,
Oscar Bride, Armond Barinakandi, Hugh McFarland, Shaun Shackley, Mr Nettleton, Mrs Marino , Thomas Hamon,
Addison O’Neill, Corbin Kowald, Ella Sullivan
From the AP’s Desk …

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year! Maybe you are like me and wondering where the past six weeks went, but hopefully you enjoyed a lovely, relaxing holiday with your families. All our staff have enjoyed the opportunity to re-connect with our existing students, to meet new students to the school, and to swap stories about the holidays.

Our whole school Welcome Mass and Commissioning of Year Six Leaders today was a lovely celebration of our school and parish community. In the Gospel reading from Matthew, we were reminded not to worry; that God will take care of our needs. That is a great reminder for all of us at this time of the year when everything is new and there is so much to remember and to do. Congratulations to our Year Six students who have begun the year in true leadership mode, setting a great example, and being great role models for our younger students.

A reminder that our Parent Information Sessions are being held in Weeks Two and Three - dates and times for classes are listed in this Concern and your term planner. Children are excited about their parents attending to hear about what will be happening in their classes this year, and teachers are also excited to share this news with you. Please make every effort to attend - to make this easier for families, we will be offering a crèche facility this year for those who need it. A note will be coming home soon for you to let us know if you need this service.

It’s been a busy, hot week! Try to enjoy a restful weekend and please join us for Mass on Sunday at 10.30am if you are able. Pocket Angels for children will be running as normal during the first part of the Mass.

God bless!
Mrs Marino.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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MEDICATION

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication to be kept at school, please bring your child’s medication and updated plan to the front.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

Fees can be paid with cash, cheque, direct debit or EFTPOS. If you are on the Direct Debit system, please see the office to check your payments for 2015. Health Care Card holders wishing to avail themselves of the Discounted Fee Scheme in Catholic Schools for 2015 must present their current cards to the School Office, by Friday 13th February 2015. Forms are available from the office.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Peter Njau
Sunday 8th February at 10.30am
Altar Servers: Volunteers required, please see Mrs Poett.

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
Simon’s mother-in-law was sick with a fever, so Jesus took her hand and healed her. People came to Jesus and he healed many who were sick and drove out many demons. Then Jesus went to a lonely place to pray. The disciples looked for him, saying, ‘Everyone is looking for you.” Jesus answered “We must go to the other villages - I have to preach to them too.”

Prayers Answered. When people are sick we pray for them. Sometimes they get better and sometimes they don’t. God always hears and answers a sincere prayer, just not always the way we were expecting. God knows that the difficult times can be a source of grace and growth in our lives and, like a loving parent, God wants to be with us and to help us.

Father, We ask you to watch over our family. We know that you hear our prayers. We offer our joys and sadness.
Amen

SCHOOL CAPTAINS, COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2015.
Head girl and Head Boy: Joshua Hope-Blyth & Jasmine Butterworth.
Student Councillors: Hamish Bolto & Carie Ball
Prendiville: Codie Mills-Durack & Georgia Sullivan
Gibney: Samuel Wilhelm & Robert Pepall
McLeod: Oscar Bride & Georgia Robison

KINDERGARTEN TIMETABLE. Tuesday and Thursday 8.50am - 3.15pm and Wednesday 8.50am - 12.00pm

SCHOOL TIMES
8.50am Commencement of day
10.30-10.50 Morning Recess
12.30-1.10 Lunch
2.00 Crunch and Sip!
Mondays 2.25 Bus Siren
2.30 Conclusion of Day
Tuesdays-Fridays 3.15 Bus Siren
3.20 Conclusion of day

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE
Office Hours 8.30am-3.30pm
Morning playground supervision begins at 8.30am. Children are not permitted to arrive at school before this time.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2014
2015 P & F Association Executive Committee: Mr Wayne Byrne, President; Mrs Shannon Beeck, Vice President; Mrs Davina Davies, Secretary; Mrs Tara Ball, Treasurer and P & F Representative to the Board Mrs Jo Sullivan.

LUNCH ORDERS  The School Canteen will be operating for 2015 on Wednesdays for Lunch only, and Fridays for Recess only. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, lunch orders can be placed through the Olde Mill Deli. Place orders into class baskets by 9.00am. Please ensure the correct money is in each bag. Deli orders are distributed from the canteen at 12.30pm.

CLASS BASKETS  ..... Lunches ... Absentee notes .... Banking..... Book Club ..... School Fees .... Etc. etc.
Each class has a small basket by the door. On arrival at school, children are asked to place in this basket their lunch orders, absentee notes, book club, banking etc. The basket is taken to the office before 9.15am by the Class Prefects. It is important that children get into the habit of doing this first thing every morning, to ensure lunch orders are not forgotten.

SCHOOL BANKING  Catholic Development Fund passbooks can be handed to the office during the week and will be returned at the end of the day. New accounts can be opened through the school office. Parents who wish to open CDF accounts may do so as there are many fee free benefits. More details at the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
SPORT UNIFORM DAYS ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
PHYS ED: Thursday Year 1-6  Friday –Class Sport PP -6

SUMMER UNIFORM
School hats are to be won as our “No School Hat—No Play” rule is in effect during Terms 1 and 4. Children without hats must play in the covered areas.

GIRLS: Summer dress, brown sandals (no socks) OR black school shoes with short white school socks.

BOYS: Grey College shorts, short sleeve grey shirt with logo, grey blue and gold school socks, with lace up black school shoes or, brown sandals (no socks).

PLEASE NOTE  No Jewellery (signet rings, chains etc.) / Friendship bands, necklaces / ankle chains etc. are permitted at school. If children have pierced ears, only small studs or sleepers are to be worn.

Hair past collar length MUST be tied back (boys and girls). Blue, white or gold hair ties only, are to be worn. Nail polish is NOT permitted.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS  the School’s Uniform Shop will be open  Friday 8.40am-9.30am

LIBRARY DAYS please make sure children bring in their books on these days. Books to be returned before any new books will be issued.

WEDNESDAY: Year 2, 3, 4, 6, THURSDAY: PP, 1, 5

LOTE (Mrs Donna Quartermaine) Tuesday: PP – Year 6

DRAMA: (Mrs Jane Lee): Tuesday 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 - Wednesday – PP, 4

ICT: (Miss Melissa Mikulich): MONDAY: Year 1-6 FRIDAY: PP

APPOINTMENTS / LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE  There is a book in the office that must be filled in when a child is taken from school during the day (whether it be for a dental appointment, the child is going home sick etc.) Please ensure this is filled in before taking children from the school during school hours and if and when returning, the child is signed back in.

ABSENCES  It is a legal requirement that a written note of explanation (dated) is provided for each child’s absence. Please hand to the class teacher.

ROAD SAFETY  Please inform and discuss with your children the need for traffic awareness. Please pick up your children from the school grounds rather than waiting in the cars as they are tempted to run across the road. Children riding bikes need to walk their bikes to the blocks outside the school, and then begin to ride. Take special care as children under the age of 8 have not developed the perceptual awareness of speed and cars and are not conscious of the dangers or hazards that riding to school presents.
At St Patrick’s, in addition to ‘Word Work’ during Literacy Dedicated Time, we base our word study programme on Sound Waves.

This is a whole school approach which we have been using for approximately six years. Sound Waves is designed to develop spelling, reading and writing skills using the phonemic approach. Phonemic Awareness is an awareness and knowledge of the Phonemes (basic units of sound in our language) and Graphemes (letters and letter combinations that are used to represent these sounds ie spelling choices).

Each level of Sound Waves builds on the previous level. It is a spiral curriculum with concepts being revisited within the same level and at further levels.

This week, all classes have been working on the ‘Let’s get started’ unit, which is a unit introducing the basic elements of the Sound Waves programme.

Each week in the Concern we will publish the focus sound for the following week. This will allow parents to explore the sound with their children. Asking children to listen for the focus sound in words and orally brainstorming words with the sound are ways of supporting your child.

Other ideas for using the focus sound will also be published regularly.

If you have any queries about Sound Waves, please contact your child’s teacher.

**Sound Waves**

**Term One**
**Week Two**  
9th February

Grapheme:  
**b bb**

as in: bat, balloon, bureaucracy, bacterium and abbreviated

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**Community Notices**

**BUSH POETT’S BREAKFAST**
Saturday 21st February 7.30am at the Katanning Clay Target Club  
Adults $20, Primary School Children $5, Pre-school children FREE. Entertainment only $10.  
Tickets available from Travel Centre or Tourist Info Centre  
Contact: Adrian Rocke 98212844

**STARZ DANCE COMPANY**
Dance classes for children Kindy - High school  
Katanning and Wagin  
Classes start 11th Feb (Katanning)  
Classes start 12th Feb (Wagin)  
Contact Tara Punch for more information  
0439841410 or startarz@westnet.com.au

**UNDER 13’s JUNIOR CRICKET**
Under 13’s Cricket starts this Saturday the 7th of February in Kojonup.  
Training will be held this Friday at 4.45pm at Quartermaine Oval.  
Under 13’s is for year 5, 6 and 7 players  
(Students in year 8 that played last year are eligible to play once again!)  
For more information contact Benjamin Quartermaine 0448553083

**KATANNING JUNIOR TENNIS**
Junior Tennis coaching for Term 1 2015 will commence this week at the Katanning Country Club.  
Coaching is available Wednesdays from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings for all levels and abilities.  
New players are always welcome.  
For more information or to register, please contact Kristy Rae on 0488 212493 or via email familyrae@bigpond.com.  
Hope to see you there.

**KATANNING SCOUT GROUP**
Sections meet weekly in the Scout Hall (Cnr Conroy & Park St)  
Commencing Wednesday 11th February 2015  
Cub Section 4.15 -5.45pm (Ages 7½ to 11 year olds)  
Scout Section 6.00 - 8.00pm (Ages 11-14 year olds)  
All boys and girls are welcome.  
Kidsports funding is available to assist with fees. Enquires please contact Hilary 0428 221501 or 98214889.