St Patrick’s Catholic School in Katanning aims to emulate Jesus through its motto of Concern by engaging children, teachers, parents, community and the parish to work together in a supportive and happy environment. Our school acknowledges parents as the primary educators of their children, and aims to further develop each child intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually, creating lifelong learners who have the ability to draw upon processes and skills, to cope with future technologies in a changing society. Our school strives to be accepting of multicultural and individual differences. It acknowledges the rights of children to be safe and values them through pastoral care.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week our Year 6 students have taken part in Transition at KSHS. It must be a very exciting time for our Year 6 students as they prepare for their Graduation and moving into high school. During their Confirmation workshop, many of them spoke of being worried about what they had to do in high school and the different issues they would face. They mentioned peer pressure, meeting new people, and exams to name a few. It was fitting that they spoke about these issues during Confirmation preparation. The sacrament of Confirmation is a strengthening sacrament. The power of the Holy Spirit enlightens the Gifts and Fruits in people to help them through their struggles and times of challenge in their lives. I spoke to them to remember what they have learnt in their time at St Patrick’s and what they have learnt from their parents. The foundational morals and values we teach our children are so important and helps them to deal with the many issues they face in life. As we approach Graduation for our year 6 students, please keep the students and their families in your prayers.

This week, also sees the first week of Advent starting on November 29th. Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th). The liturgical colour for this season is purple. Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ’s birth, and for the time when Christ will come again. We look forward to Advent and Christmas as a joyous and hopeful season.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Peace to you and your family,
Mr Christopher Smith
Principal
Happy Birthday to everyone who will be celebrating a birthday this week!
Caitlin Thomas, Codie Mills-Durack,

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - In Kindy we are wrapping up our Farm theme by going on an excursion to Tilly's farm. We are very excited to see sheep, farm equipment, wheat crops and rabbits. We have learnt all about what we get from farms and the animals that live on them. We are lucky to live in such a fantastic location where there are farms all around us! Mrs Tomlinson.

Engagement – Historically, student engagement has been thought of in terms of students “paying attention”, raising hands, asking questions, and making eye contact. Of course, we know now that learning can benefit from learner self-direction and self-initiated learning as much as it does simple “engagement” and participation. The Pre Primaries have shown their engagement throughout the year in many different forms such as self-directed learning, co-operative learning, explicit direction and play based learning. We have seen them achieve and make many gains in all areas of their learning. We are so proud of you all and wish you all the best for Year One. Mrs Campbell

Accountability – This week staff have finalised our ‘Quality Catholic Schooling’ components for 2015, and planned which areas to carry on with or work on next year. Doing this makes us accountable for reflecting on areas in which our school can improve and putting plans into action achieve this. Miss Vartesi

Discipleship – It is nearly the end of another school year, and everyone is working hard to make it to the finish line in a few weeks time - we can do it! Fourth term is traditionally a very busy time at St Patrick’s. The lead up to Christmas means report writing, the school magazine, graduation for our Year 6 class and the end of year concert preparations. Together, we work as a whole school community, to help each other out, and bring everything together in celebration of all we have achieved, and the special time in the liturgical year - the birth of Jesus. Mrs Rundle.

Enrolments for 2016

Is your child returning in 2016? If your child is not returning next year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible so we can finalise classes for 2016.

School Board and P & F AGM

We are looking for future active members for our School Board and P&F. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th November at 6.30pm is the school hall. If you would like to nominate yourself or some else in our school community please complete the nomination forms and return them as soon as possible.

P & F nominations close 10 minutes prior to the AGM commencing. Nominations can only be taken from the floor at the AGM if no written nominations have been received.

School Board nominations closed 4pm Friday 20th November.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Church season of Advent begins on Sunday with the lighting of the first Advent candle. The Church will be adorned in purple – the liturgical colour for the seasons of Advent and Lent, both times of great preparation and anticipation within the church. Purple is also the colour of royalty and, at both Advent and Lent, we await the arrival of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ: first, his birth and then his resurrection.

At school, we will light the Advent candles on each of our remaining Mondays, at a prayer service before the assembly. Please join us if you are able.

In closing, I wish all our students and families a blessed Advent season, and I would like to finish with the words of the Bishop of Wollongong, the Most Reverend Peter Ingham: “Each year at Advent, we experience a knock at the door of our heart, a gentle yet insistent call, inviting us to be alert, to wake up, to recognise that something truly extraordinary stirs in our world. We are invited to ponder the mystery that we are loved beyond measure.”

Further information can be found at:
www.advent.dow.org.au

God Bless!
Mrs Marino
**PROPOSED CHANGES TO P&F CONSTITUTION**

The P&F will be voting upon changes to the P&F constitution at the AGM to be held Wednesday 25 November, 6.30pm in the school hall.

The revised constitution brings our document into line with that recommended by the P&F Federation. All changes have been documented at the 2014 AGM and in 2015 general meetings.

A copy of the revised constitution, and previous minutes, are available for your perusal in the school administration office or via the P&F Facebook page.

All queries or concerns should be directed to Davina Davies, Secretary on 0428 657 854 prior to the AGM.

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**In Term Swimming Lessons**

 Starts - Monday 30th November - Friday 11th December for students in Pre Primary – Year 2.

**Season Ticket numbers must be received at the office by TOMORROW!**

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**Friday 27th November – Final Canteen for 2015!**

Lunches only will be available from the KSHS Canteen on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as of next week until the end of term. Please use the KSHS menu.

**THANK YOU!**

To all our wonderful parents who have volunteered in the canteen in 2015!

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**BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 8 – CLOSES - Wednesday 25th November!**

**TO ENSURE DELIVERY BEFORE SCHOOL FINISHES!**

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**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Can all library books please be returned to Mrs Anderson by Friday 4th December. – Thank you!

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**Sport Report**

Due to the T20 cricket carnival being cancelled we are running a school competition during senior sport on a Friday. Students from year 3-6 have been put into four mixed teams and will play each other over the next few weeks. At the end of the term we will have a final match with a wind-up ceremony. Each week the results will be posted in the newsletter.

**Week 6’s results**

Green (34) defeated Blue (10)
Red (56) defeated Yellow (35)
Canteen Menu
NOW Available Monday, Wednesday & Friday Lunch

Can parents please ensure that they use the KSHS canteen price list when ordering from the High School canteen and not our canteen price list.

All orders are to be written on a brown paper bag, with the child’s name, class and what they wish to order for lunch clearly written on the front on the bag. Please place payment inside the bag.

Lunch orders are to be placed in the white box in the class room before 9am. All orders will be collected from the office at 9.30am from the High School Canteen Manager and lunches will be delivered back to the office by 12.30pm. Students will be able collect their lunch from the canteen window.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Katanning DTC Dental Health Services
Our clinic hours are 8:15am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.
Our Christmas shutdown for the clinic is from the 21st December 2015-27th January 2016. Parents can contact the Katanning Dental Clinic or the Kojonup Dental Clinic or whichever suits if problems arise.
Children ages 2-17 years old are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (Medicare voucher) if parents are on a certain tax break. They can take this voucher to the Katanning Dental Clinic.

The staff present are:
Dental Therapist- Louise Abbott
Dental Clinical Assistant- Christine Aitken

St Patrick’s Adopt a Spot
St Patrick’s School have begun a program linking the school, the Shire of Katanning and the Katanning Action Network to beautify a spot selected by the shire. We have been in negotiation with the shire to work on an area near the railway carriage at the Clive St crossing.
The school has been working with shire officers to develop the spot as an important volunteering aspect for our Year 6 leaders.
If you drive past the spot, you will see that mulch has been laid down and we are preparing to work with the Men’s Shed, Katanning branch, in putting down pavers. The students will be planting in the spot as well. We are looking for donations of plants or money to be able to support this fantastic project. If you are able to help, please make contact with Miss Emily Norrish, Mrs Emma McKinley, Mrs Kristy D’Aprile or Mr Smith. We are really looking forward to beautifying our little spot and carrying on this project in future years. The selection of plants that we are looking for are:
Melaleuca trees small (corky-bark, honey myrtle), Finger Rush (juncus subsecundus), and Kangaroo Paws.
Katanning Public Library
Dec 1st 2015 – Jan 31st 2016

8 iPods to be won just for registering!

Loads of other competitions and prizes to be won.

Registration is free and can be done online or at the library.

Phone: 9821 4300 for further info.