Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week, we had our Annual General Meeting in the hall. We heard of the fine work of the School Board and Parents and Friends Association of St Patrick’s School. Our Board chair Tania Wolfe spoke of the great events that have taken place in our school this year and of all that we have accomplished. Our P&F president Wayne Byrne also presented his report on the work that the P&F have so ably worked through in 2015, providing much needed resources for the school and our students. Many of our Board members and P&F representatives were leaving their official roles, as their term has come to an end. I would like to acknowledge our Board members and P&F representatives for their fine work in our school.

Board:

Cameron Bolto – a special thank you to Cameron on his work on the board over the last two years and as treasurer for 2015. His advice and support for our school through our build and refurbishments has been invaluable.

Jo Sullivan – as P&F Representative to the board, Jo has been instrumental in re-writing the P&F Constitution with Meryn Clune. We thank Jo for her hard work and dedication to the school and her work on the constitution is greatly appreciated.

P&F Committee:

Wayne Byrne – for his work as P&F President and all the long hours and commitment he has shown the school, we thank Wayne very much. His great sense of humour and energy has supported the many friend raising and fund raising activities for our school.

Tara Ball – as our P&F Treasurer, Tara was able to support our students and staff with many resources and items to use for their learning. Our new Apple TV’s and classroom equipment is greatly appreciated by our staff and students. A very special thank you to Richelle Warren, who looked after our canteen ordering and time tabling of volunteers, a huge thank you for her commitment to St Patrick’s. Thanks to Rachel Poett for her work in the uniform shop and supporting the parents and children in the school.

To our elected Board members Mike Allen, Sheldon Kowald and Tania Wolfe, we extend a warm welcome and look forward to an exciting year ahead at St Patrick’s. Our wonderful volunteers on the P&F - Shannon Beeck as P&F President, Joselyn Prosser as Vice President, Davina Davies as our P&F Secretary, Simon Kerin as our P&F Board representative and Kym Hamon as our new P&F Treasurer; thank you for your support and on-going friend raising and fund raising at St Patrick’s. 2016, is looking to be a wonderful year filled with a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm.
Christmas Concert:
A reminder to parents that our Christmas Concert and Presentation night is next Thursday, 10th December at 6.30pm at the KLC. After the Kindy and Pre–Primary students perform their song and receive their awards, they can be taken from their class teacher and become the responsibility of their parents. Kindy and Pre Primary students taken from their class teacher must be looked after by their parents and not return to their spot at the front of the stage. It is very difficult to supervise students, if children are going back and forth. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Peace to you and your family,
Mr Christopher Smith
Principal

Congratulations to this week’s awards winners…. 
Liam Fruhstuck, Amelia Thorp, Zacheus NDong’a, Isabelle Smith-Marciniak, Samuel Beeck, Xavier Smith, Ebony Smith-Marciniak, Year 5 Class Award, Year 6 Class Award

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - Last week I had my Year 6, Year 5 and Year 4 teachers come into my office very excited about their results from NAPLAN and their end of year testing. They have been working with Mrs Vivien Marwick from the Bunbury Regional Office on analysing their test results. Mrs Marwick showed them how to measure the effect size of growth of the students over a given period of time. After the teachers had applied their formula, they found that many of their students had effect sizes of greater than .85 standard deviations, and some had an effect size of greater than 1.0 standard deviations above the average. It is so wonderful to hear the excitement in their voices because they wanted to share their students achievements. I will be sharing the research on effect size with parents through the school webpage so that you can have an understanding as to what our teachers are doing. Learning at its best! Your children are in very capable hands and we should be celebrating this success. Mr Smith

Engagement – In 1224, St Francis of Assisi had the idea of recreating the mange scene in his homeland-Italy at Christmas time. The very first scene included the donkey, an ox and a carved image of the baby. The Nativity (or Presepio, as it is called in Italy) quickly spread all over Europe. All Year levels are engaged in recreating a Nativity scene in Italian this term and learning the names of the different characters. Ask your child if they can remember the name of the star (la stella), baby Jesus (il bambino Gesu) or any of the other characters in the Presepio. Mrs Quartermaine

Accountability –What is accountability? Accountability means we are answerable to others, and we should accept this responsibility as a gift from God. Not only does it provide a system of checks and balances that protects us from harm, but it also gives us unique opportunities to share our lives with others and encourage them. Mrs Robinson.

Discipleship - In Pre Primary we have been preparing for our assembly item - the Nativity. The children have been keen to learn all about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, and it has been wonderful to see them embrace their roles and identify with the character they are portraying. They have all worked very hard and I think there may be some budding thespians within our class! You are most welcome to witness the children displaying their God-given acting talents this Friday at assembly! To the parents of our Pre Primary children - thank you for allowing me the privilege of working with these little angels every day. You have done an amazing job of instilling values and qualities that not only emulate Jesus, but will set them on course for anything they wish to tackle in the future. God Bless, and have a safe and happy festive season! Mrs Pontillo

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.
Dear Parents and Carers,

In support of those suffering the effects of the devastating earthquake in Nepal, children may wear a beanie and bring a gold coin donation this Thursday, May 7th. The Year Six Christian Action Ministry will collect donations after lunch. All funds raised will go to the Caritas Appeal for Nepal.

AP NEWS….

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final whole school mass this morning was a lovely celebration of our year together. As we prepare to farewell our Year Six graduating class, it was lovely to welcome our Kindy class to their first whole school mass. The Kindy children did such a good job of participating in the mass, and we look forward to them taking part as big Pre-Primary students next year! They seemed so small as they came up to Father Peter to receive a blessing but, in the blink of an eye, they will be our Year Six students, some of them almost as tall as Father as they receive Communion!

Our Year Six students will embark on an exciting journey next year, as they go off to high school. They have grown so much in their time at St Patrick’s and, as we say farewell, we are privileged to have a glimpse of the lovely young men and women they will grow up to be. However, our mandate as a Catholic school is not just to form our students into lovely young men and women, but to form Christian men and women. As paragraph 38 of the Bishop’s Mandate Letter says: “The Catholic school will be concerned with the development of students as responsible, inner-directed individuals of Christian virtue, capable of free choice and of making value-judgements enlightened by formed Christian conscience. Catholic schools seek to help students develop a total commitment to Christ.” It is our greatest wish that we have been successful in this.

If you are interested, the Bishops’ Mandate Letter is available at:
internet.ceo.wa.edu.au/AboutUs/…/Bishops%20Mandate%202009-2015

God Bless!
Mrs Marino

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate the Altar Servers Commissioning Mass Sunday 6th December at 10.30am with Fr Peter followed by the Parish Fete!

Altar Servers: Montanna Campbell & Isabel Collis

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 the Pocket Angels teacher 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 – Prepare for the Lord

John went preaching, “Turn away from your sins, be baptised and God will forgive your sins.” For is written in the book of Isaiah; ‘Someone is shouting in the desert: Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him! Every valley shall be filled every hill and mountain made low. And all will see God’s salvation!’

May our love keep growing and may our hearts be prepared for the Day of Christ. Amen
**TERM 4 DATES**

- Monday 30th Nov – Friday 11th Dec – Swimming Lesson PP – Yr2
- Wed 2nd Dec – Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9am
- Thursday 3rd Dec – KHSH Transition Day – Year 6
- Friday 4th Dec – Pre Primary Nativity Assembly
- Sunday 6th Dec – Year 6 Graduation & Mass 6pm
- Monday 7th Dec – Semester 2 Reports Issued
- Wednesday 9th Dec – Year 6 Orientation Day at KSHS
- Thursday 10th Dec – School Concert 6.30pm KLC
- Friday 11th Dec – Last Day!!

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

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

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**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.

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**Sport Report**

**Week 7’s results**
Yellow (51) defeated Blue (47)
Red (48) defeated Green (47)

This week we start our semi-finals!
Green vs Red
Yellow vs Blue

**Leader Board**
Equal 1st
Green
Red

Equal 2nd
Yellow
Blue

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**THE ST PATRICK’S P & F**

**ALL CLASSES POOL PARTY**

**SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 2 PM**

**KATANNING POOL**

Parents responsible for own children and parents must attend.
Bring a plate to share.
Normal Pool rules and entrance fees apply.
God loved the world so much! That's why he sent his Son, because he didn't want to see any of his creation lost. So God sent his Son, Jesus, into the very messiness of our world. The Christ child was born to humble, struggling parents at a time of persecution and foreign occupation of the land. Why? Because God loved the world so much. Jesus did not come for himself, there was nothing in it for him except the rigours of persecution, the agony of being betrayed and a horrifying death on Calvary. The Christ child came into this world for us.

May the peace, the love and the gentleness of the Christ child dwell in your hearts this Christmas, and may the Spirit of the Risen Lord guide you and guard you through a wonderful 2016.

We invite you to recapture the spirit of Christmas and share with us the Christmas story, singing Christmas Carols and being part of our Parish family. We invite you to join us to thank God for the great and wonderful year we have been blessed with and the strength and courage to manage any difficulties we have faced, as we remember and celebrate the true origin of Christmas.

Fr Peter Njau and the St Patrick's Pastoral Parish Council Committee

**Christmas Mass Times:**

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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
2nd December 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to the school community to announce the staffing for 2016. At St Patrick’s we are blessed with so many dedicated and hardworking staff. The 2016 year offers many great opportunities for growth and development. I look forward to your continued support of the staff and the school in the very important vocation we share, as educators of our beautiful children.

Thank you for your support in my role as Principal, and I wish you and your family a very happy and Holy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Peace be with you and your family,

Christopher Smith
Principal.
**Staffing 2016**

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We gratefully acknowledge the staff that are leaving St Patrick’s in 2015:

Mrs Sharon Marino  
Mrs Denise Bowen  
Mr Harry Cavoli  
Miss Emily Newman  
Miss Julia John Allil

We appreciate the service and commitment that they have given to the school and we wish them every success in their future endeavours. They leave an unforgettable mark on St Patrick’s and we honour the hard work that they have given the school and community.