Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to all of our students and families for a very exciting year ahead. Walking around the school there is a fantastic positive energy from the staff and students. It is going to be a wonderful year. We have a number of new staff members starting this year. A warm welcome to the following staff:

**Miss Lauren Courtney**, our new Kindergarten teacher

**Miss Tess Cohen**, our new Year Three teacher

**Miss Emma Ackland**, our Physical Education/Information Technology and Support teacher and **Ms Debra Bearcroft**, our new Assistant Principal/Drama/Arts teacher.

**Father Francis Constantino**, our new parish priest. Fr. Francis has visited the school during assembly to meet all the children and staff. He is very happy to be part of the parish and community and is looking forward to working closely with the school.

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 2016 we 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?

**School Board**

Welcome to all our new School Board for 2016. I am looking forward to working closely with the school board 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 for 2016 are: Mrs Tania Wolfe, Mrs Angelina Rose, Mrs Gail Butterworth, Mr Mike Allen, Mr Sheldon Kowald, Mr Simon Kerin (P & F Representative), Mrs Marie Hanna (Parish Representative),
Mr Christopher Smith (Principal), Ms Debra Bearcroft (Assistant Principal), Mrs Helen Robinson (Administration officer), and Fr Francis Constantino (Parish Priest).

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 members for 2016 are: Mrs Shannon Beeck (President), Mrs Jocelyn Prosser (Vice President) Mrs Davina Davies (Secretary), Mrs Kim Hamon (Treasurer) and Mr Simon Kerin as P & F Representative to the School Board.

I sincerely welcome you all to our school and pray that this year will be fruitful and we can achieve many great things together. Our staff appreciate the support from all parents, whether you are on roster in their rooms or working for the P&F. Please take the time to volunteer in supporting our school community.

Peace to you and your family,

Mr. Christopher Smith
Principal

Thank you to Our Year 6 Parents and students:
A huge thank you to Angelina Rose, Jason Rose, Cameron Beeck, Eric Rae, Matt Collis, Garry Wolfe, Tania Wolfe and Matt Nettleton for their support in topping up our school sand pits on the weekend. It was hard work, but many hands made it possible to finish the job quite quickly.
A special thank you to Caris Rae, Joseph Rose, Isabel Collis and Will Beeck for supporting their parents and helping on the day as well.

Condolences
To Clayton, Gabby and Kylie, whose father passed away on the holidays in a tragic accident. Please keep the Millan family in your prayers. Clayton and Gabby were past pupils of St Patrick’s.

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a great start to Term One!! It has been so much fun to meet all the STARS of St Patrick’s school.
This semester in the Arts there is a focus on Drama. Initially the senior students are learning warm up and ice breaker games. These are very important as they help to build group cohesion and lift energy levels through activity. Confidence building is an added benefit as students learn to take risks and develop resilience.
The juniors are working with movement and music to develop their drama skills. There is a strong emphasis on action songs, moving like animals and this week the teddy bear friends came to play with the pre-primary and year one students.

THE END

Assistant Principal Report:
Welcome to the 2016 school year! There is a buzz of excitement around the school as the students meet their teachers and share holiday news.
Our whole school Welcome Mass and Commissioning of Year Six Leaders today was a lovely celebration of our school and parish community. Jesus provides an excellent example of leadership. He was a servant first and led by example. Year Sixes, as the leaders of the school the younger students will be looking to you to lead by example.

Ash Wednesday Mass
We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday next week the 10th February at 9:00am. This marks the beginning of Lent. The staff and students will be embarking on the Lenten journey together. This is a special time in the Church. A time of reflection as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Please try and join us.

New Beginnings
Thank you to the students, staff and many of the parents, I have had the pleasure of meeting, for making me feel so very welcome. I am very excited about my new beginning here at St Patrick’s school.

God Bless
Ms Debra Bearcroft
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly.....

Cristian Nhkm, Sharie Oclarit, Jai Tracey, Ava Warren, Devon McKinley, William Beeck, Caris Rae, Joseph Rose, Sophie Wolfe, Isabel Collis

Happy Birthday to ......

William Collis, Shaniqua Garlett, Jaz Sukiennik, Bryce Passfield, Joe Collis, Charlie Keast, Pagen McKinley, William Beeck, Matteo D’Apirle, Zacheus Ndong’a, Shaun Shackley, Mr Nettleton, Miss Ackland, Thomas Hamon, Addison O’Neill.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

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.

Please contact the office if you have changed your details recently!

Canteen Menu

Available Monday & 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.

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 2016

Health Care Card holders wishing to avail themselves of the Discounted Fee Scheme in Catholic Schools for 2016 must present their current cards to the School Office, by Friday 12th February 2016

Forms are available from the office.
2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

This is a special time to remember that Jesus asked us to love God and each other. This is how we receive and give mercy. It’s the way to be happy. We sometimes do or say things that hurt others. When we do this, it damages our relationship with that person. He or she stops trusting us and our own heart hurts as well. When we heal our hurting friendships we are happier and we are doing what God wants.

Pope Francis has called all Catholics to celebrate a special Jubilee Year of Mercy during 2016. This year we are also trying to do mercy by forgiving others when they are honestly sorry and ask us for our forgiveness.

Jesus, The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the messages she received about God’s mercy.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino

Sunday 7th 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 Poett 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 Poett.

Evangelisation - The Good News

Fishers of People

The Word- When Jesus had finished teaching, he told Simon to put out into deep water and cast the nets for a catch. Simon replied, “We fished all night and caught nothing.” Yet they did as Jesus asked. They caught so many fish that the nets began to break! Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will be fishers of people.”

Fish or Fisherman? There’s a difference between fish and fishermen. Fish live in schools and just follow each other. Fish don’t like to take risks. Fishermen are more daring. They can catch, breed and farm fish. Jesus does not want his disciples to follow him like mindless fish. He wants us to make his mission our own and use all our gifts and abilities to share his message of love with others.

Father, empower us to be fishers of people so that we might bring others to you.
Amen.
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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2016
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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2016
2016 P & F Association Executive Committee: Shannon Beeck, President; Mrs Jocelyn Prosser, Vice President; Mrs Davina Davies, Secretary; Mrs Kym Hamon, Treasurer and P & F Representative to the Board Mr Simon Kerin.

LUNCH ORDERS
The School Canteen will be operating for 2016 – opening times to be advised. On Monday and Friday, lunch orders can be placed with the Katanning Senior High Canteen. Place orders into class baskets by 9.00am. Please ensure the correct money is in each bag. KSHS Canteen orders are distributed from the canteen at 12.30pm.

CLASS BASKETS...... Lunches ...... 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, 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: Wednesday: PP, Year 1, 5, 6 Thursday: Years 2,3,4 Friday –Whole School Sport

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 Tuesday 3.00 – 3.30pm

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: PP, Year 2, 3, 4, Thursday: Year 4, 5, 6

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

DRAMA: (Ms Debra Bearcroft) Monday: PP, Year 1, 4, 6 Tuesday: Year 2, 3, 5

ICT: (Miss Emma Ackland): Monday: PP, Year 2, 3, 4 Tuesday: PP, Year 1, 5, 6

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.

Community Notices

KATANNING JUNIOR TENNIS
Junior Tennis coaching for Term 1 2016
Registrations today! At the Katanning Country Club.
4.00 – 5.30pm Starting age is Year 1
$110 for 5 weeks. Please contact JM Richardson 98221502 for more information.

KATANNING SCOUT GROUP
Sections meet weekly in the Scout Hall (Cnr Conroy & Park St)
Commencing Wednesday 10th February 2016
Cub Section 4.15 -5.45pm (Ages 71/2 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. Enquiries please contact Hilary 0428 221501 or 98214889.