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,

We have had a wonderful start to the term. There is a wonderful feel around the school with very enthusiastic students and staff. Our staff have been participating in professional development on the first day back with Dr. Lorraine Hammond. We were introduced to Explicit Instruction and the effects of this teaching pedagogy on student learning. Dr Hammond, showed the staff how to motivate and check for understanding using some very simple techniques in the classroom. I have included some photos of our staff who have already started to establish their classroom routines and practices.

A huge thank you to our staff for the preparation of their rooms and the energy that they have put into starting explicit instruction. At St Patrick’s we are focussed on teacher effectiveness and the amazing influence it has on student learning. This week we begin LENT on Ash Wednesday. We will be having mass at 9.00 am and we would love to see parents to support this important season of renewal and growth.

Have a wonderful weekend
Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning Although the Year Six class have me again as their class teacher, together we are learning to transition to life as leadership class of the school. I believe the best way we will all get through a busy, yet exciting year, is to learn to stick together at all times, support one another when times get stressful, and to enjoy each other’s company.

Mr. Nettleton

Engagement On the last two days of holidays, Staff of St Patrick’s collaboratively joined with two other schools to learn in depth about Explicit Instruction with Dr Lorraine Hamon. Staff were provided with a checklist of engagement norms and viewed videos of teachers delivering explicit instruction methods in different learning areas to provide strategies that they could take back into their classrooms. I have started to employ some of these techniques into Year Five over the past two weeks. We have been learning explicitly about Graphemes and Phonemes, and today Homophones, in our Literacy Dedicated time. Students have been learning about the definitions, listening to me read the definitions to them, tracking reading with me, writing the definitions and practicing examples on their mini-whiteboards. It has been great employing these strategies into the classroom learning program and students have thoroughly enjoyed learning with this explicit style.

Miss Norrish.

Accountability This week we have started morning fitness. The year 6 sports committee have shown a strong commitment to the program through setting up and packing away each station. These students have demonstrated leadership skills whilst coordinating equipment for the rest of the school.

Miss Ackland

Discipleship - This fortnight we have been learning about Love and Forgiveness. My students filled my heart with joy and happiness with their definitions for love. Hallee described love as being nice, kind and loving. Abdullah said that love was helping the poor and Reagan portrayed love as loving one another like Jesus. “Love is when you’re missing some of your teeth but you’re not afraid to smile because you know your friends will still love you even though some of you is missing” ~Unknown Author. – Miss Mikulich
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...

Joshua Shaw, Trenton Keast, Thomas Hamon, Kayde Bessell-Browne, Phillip Gayton, Zane Watkins

Happy Birthday to ..... 
Ava Warren and Mila Crane

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

**Morning fitness**

Morning Fitness will be running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.50am sharp. This 10-minute burst of exercise provides a great start to the school day as students are energized and ready to learn once they return to class. It has been great to see the staff and students getting involved in all activities this week.

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**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.

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**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.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino

Sunday 14th 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.

Lenten Program begins on Thursday 18th February at 6.00pm at Parish House Meeting Room and every Thursday during Lent for anyone interested in attending. Walk the Way of the Cross - Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 6.00pm at the Church

Evangelisation - The Good News

Wilderness

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness for forty days. He ate nothing and by the end was very hungry. Then the devil tested him promising power and honour if Jesus would worship him. But Jesus refused and the devil left him.

Fasting: Fasting is about more than avoiding certain indulgent foods, like chocolate or ice-cream. Eating is just one of many activities in which we are prone to over-indulge.

Lord God, we call out for your mercy. Bring us back to you and to the life your Son won for us by his death. Amen.

2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.
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
Mr Chris Smith (Principal), Fr Francis Constantino (Parish Priest), Mrs Tania Wolfe, Mrs Gail Butterworth, Mrs Angelina Rose, Mr Mike Allen, Mr Sheldon Kowald, Mrs Marie Hanna (Parish Representative to the Board) and Mr Simon Kerin (P & F Representative to the Board). 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 fulfill its educational responsibilities in accordance with the constitution, the policies, guidelines and practices of CECWA and diocesan guidelines.

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).

HEAD girl and HEAD Boy: Zane Watkins and Taylor Warren.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS: William Beeck and Jordan Garrity

PRENDIVILLE: Isabel Collis

GIBNEY: Shaun Shackley & Carie Rae

MCLEOD: Sophie Wolfe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Kegan Broun, Joseph Rose, Naree Heard, Susann Ndong’a, Madison Pepall.
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 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. Enquires please contact Hilary 0428 221501 or 98214889.

ROLLERBLADING dates for term 1 are finaaaaally here!
When: Friday 12th February, 26th February and 8th April
Where: KLC
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cost: $6.90 Junior
      $8:00 Senior
      $2:00 Hire of blades
Courts will be available to shoot hoops!!

BUSH POETT’S BREAKFAST
Saturday 27th 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