Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank our Parents and Friends Executive for the sundowner last Friday. It was a cold night and a number of families had sick children but we had a brave few who came along and supported our new families and staff. Thank you to Shannon Beeck, our president who spoke of our wonderful school and great teachers. Joselyn Prosser, Kym Hamon and Davina Davies with many other parents helped to set up for the night. A special thanks to Mitch Davies and Simon Kerin for cooking the sausages and delicious fish burgers. Our P&F do a marvellous job of fund raising and friend raising. Their great works were displayed on a white board with photos and money amounts raised for the children of St Patricks in 2015. We are looking forward to another productive year ahead with our P&F committee.

Last Friday, our wonderful staff were all dressed in purple. Though it was hard to bare wearing purple, the cause was a very worthy one. On certain weeks in the term, the staff have a creative Friday with a particular theme. “Purple” was chosen because it represents the main colour of LENT. Purple is a colour of repentance, and it is also worn by kings (to represent Jesus and his resurrection at Easter). Staff put in $5 to raise money for Caritas and with the Project compassion money from last week – our school raised $180. It is a great effort on the part of our staff and our students.

A reminder to parents if you have any issue related to your children, to please make contact with your classroom teacher first. Your child’s classroom teacher, has the best understanding of what is happening in the classroom in relation to their academic work, and with the relationships that your child has developed with their peers. Keep the lines of communication open and respectful. Please remember we are in partnership with parents to support and guide your children.

I am glad the pre-season games - NAB Cup doesn’t really count 😊 As I would have had to put up with all the Dockers supporters at St Patrick’s. Both the Eagles and the Tiger supporters were very quiet on staff!!

Have a wonderful weekend

Peace to you and your family,
Christopher Smith
Principal.
Behind the stage door in the Arts room the students continue to focus on developing group work skills in Drama. The games and activities are designed to encourage teamwork, team building and group cohesion. The students use the Acronym

G - get along  
R - respect    
O - on task    
U - use inside voices    
P - participate    
S - stay with your group.

From the AP’s desk....

On Tuesday the Year 6 students, Mr Nettleton and myself attended the GRIP leadership conference. The students carried out activities to assist them to develop as leaders. Important topics such as bullying were addressed and the students were given strategies to tackle bullying as school leaders. Mr Nettleton and I were so proud of the St Patrick’s Year 6 students. They were a credit to our school, their families and importantly themselves. Saint Patrick’s is in good hands with these young people as our leaders.

(**Kegan Broun absent from pictures)

A very big THANK YOU to Mrs Rundle and the Year two students for their lovely family Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of our Saint Patrick’s young people and their families sharing a beautiful morning tea after Mass.

**COMMISSIONING MASS** Sunday 28th February
Next Sunday the Staff of St Bernard’s Kojonup will be joining the staff of St Patrick’s for the annual Commissioning Mass. During this Mass new staff will be commissioned into their new roles, and existing staff members will be affirmed in their positions. All parishioners and St Patrick’s families are invited to support the staff with their presence and prayers at this Mass. Morning tea will be provided in the hall after Mass.

**APRE Professional Development Day**
On Wednesday 24th of February I will be attending an Assistant Principal’s professional development day in Bunbury. I will be meeting with other Assistant Principals from the diocese to discuss and share the Religious education curriculum in our schools.

God Bless you and your families this Lenten season.

Debra Bearcroft
(Assistant Principal)
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...

Ruby Anderson, Kasey Dowling, Oscar Kerin, Zacheus Ndong’a, Howie Clegg, Abdullah Ahmad, Year 5 Class Award, Year 6 Class Award

Happy Birthday to......

Julia Myopapa and Crystal Gayton
DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 22nd February  
Swimming Lessons Start Years 3-6
Tuesday 23rd February  
Year 6 GRIPP Leadership Albany
Wednesday 24th February  
Year 1 Paraliturgy
Sunday 28th February  
Staff/Board/ P & F Commissioning Mass 10.30
Monday 29th February  
Swimming Lessons continues Years 3-6
Wednesday 2nd March  
P & F Meeting 7pm School Library
Monday 7th March  
Pre Primary Paraliturgy
Tuesday 8th March  
Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 9th March  
Swimming Trails
Tuesday 15th March  
Year 5 Class Mass
Wednesday 16th March  
Year 2 Paraliturgy
Thursday 17th March  
Year 6 Class Mass
Friday 18th March  
St Patrick's Day Mass & Celebrations
Tuesday 22nd March  
Faction Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 23rd March  
Kindy Paraliturgy

The full term planner is available on the school website.

Swimming Training is available for students 8years and older, in stage 4 or above who can confidently swim 25m to help improve their stroke technique and review competitive swimming rules. Training will be held on the below dates from 4.00pm to 4.30pm.

Week 4 – Thursday 25th February
Week 5 – Tuesday 1st March & Thursday 3rd March
Week 6 – Tuesday 8th March & Thursday 10th March
Week 7 – Tuesday 15th March
Week 8 – Tuesday 22nd March

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.

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 of 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.
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino

Sunday 28th February at 10.30am – Staff Commissioning Mass
Altar Servers: Sophie Wolfe & Luke Oclarit

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.

2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

What is Mercy?
Mercy is acts of love by which we care for the bodily and spiritual needs of others. Being merciful frequently includes forgiveness of others, just as God the Father demonstrates forgiveness of our sins through love.

Did You Know? The Catholic Church only calls jubilee years every 25 or 50 years. Jubilee years have existed since the year 1300. Extraordinary jubilee years are more rare but are called from time to time for similar celebrations.

Evangelisation - The Good News

Holy Ground

Moses was tending his sheep when an angel came to him as fire coming from the middle of a bush. Though the bush was blazing, it did not burn up. As Moses came nearer, the Lord told him to remove his shoes for he was on holy ground. The Lord said, “I have seen the suffering of my people and I will free them from slavery”.

Laziness: For many people, following God just seems like too much effort. Don’t let laziness keep you from responding to God’s call: Do that job you’ve been avoiding. Offer it for God’s glory. Instead of ‘slothing’ in front of the TV, do a kind deed for someone. Get up early and go for a walk. Marvel at God’s creation and give God thanks.

God of Moses, you call us to follow you with our whole hearts. Give us energy and passion for your will.
Amen.
Moses, holy man of God, pray for us.