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,

I was very privileged to be part of our Professional Learning community meeting yesterday afternoon after school. Our staff spoke about data that they had collected from a Sound Waves diagnostic spelling test. Teachers had to look through their tests and mark whether students are achieving, developing or a particular skill was not evident for the diagnostic spelling test. After this, teachers then highlighted focuses for the whole class, small groups and individual students.

As teachers were completing this process, I observed and noted their interactions and the crucial conversations that were taking place as they collaborated. Bouncing ideas off each other, helping with solutions to different student’s problems - was very evident. Teachers also focused on implementing Explicit Instruction activities into their spelling programs to support student learning.

A huge thank you to Miss Carly Vartesi and Miss Emily Norrish, who this year have taken on the roles of Literacy and Mathematics coordination in our school. Both these wonderful teachers, have been able to guide our staff in reviewing our spelling data and developing strategies to support our students. In our next PLC meeting, we will be looking at Mathematics and the way in which we can incorporate mental computation more specifically into our maths routines.

Next week, I will be at the Principals Conference in Geraldton, if you have any concerns please make contact with Ms. Debra Bearcroft, our Assistant Principal.

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

Learning - I remind myself every day: Nothing I say today will teach me anything. So if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening. *Mrs Robinson.*

Engagement - How do we engage with others? Our Professional Learning Communities are an excellent opportunity to engage with other staff members. In these meetings we share ideas and we develop solution focused activities to support our students. Our staff are always engaged in critical and crucial conversations every day to care for our students. Our staff is immersed in educational research and practice whenever we move around the school; when we meet other staff members; when we chat with parents and guardians; when we are out on duty and while we are in the staffroom. That's engagement! *Mr. Smith.*

Accountability - Every day I am fortunate to work with children from different year levels across all learning areas. By having good conversations and completing tasks set by classroom teachers, we are working as a team towards the same goal. Together, all students and staff within our school community have a responsibility to contribute towards building a successful school environment. *Mrs Sugg*

Discipleship - Love one another: Love is not just a feeling. Love is a choice we make to put good of another before our own needs. *Mrs Poett.*
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...

Kaelen Sliskovic, Joshua Lydeamore, Oscar Kerin, Year 3 Class Award,
Shanquia Garlett, Nicholas Chaplin, Naree Heard, Madison Pepall.
SPORTS Awards - Kasey Dowling, Gylan Tiongco

Happy Birthday to Sam Poett and Will Holly!

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

St Patrick’s Day Celebrations
Thursday 17th March
9.00am Whole School Mass

Green Free Dress and bring along a gold coin donation to create a pot of gold for Caritas!

Swimming Training is available for students 8 years 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 5 – Thursday 3rd March
Week 6 – Tuesday 8th March & Thursday 10th March
Week 7 – Tuesday 15th March
Week 8 – Tuesday 22nd March
The National Quality Standard (NQS) is a key aspect of the NQF and sets a national benchmark for early childhood education and care, and outside school hours care services in Australia.

The National Quality Standard (NQS), developed in partnership with State, Territory and Commonwealth Governments, is intended to deliver higher standards for young children in the areas of education, care and health across Australia.

Early childhood education and care services within scope of the NQS include long day care, family day care, outside school hours’ care and preschool services across Australia. Western Australia’s kindergarten year is what is referred to nationally as ‘preschool’.

Western Australia’s approach to implementing the NQS in schools has been jointly developed by the Departments of Education and Education Services, in consultation with the Catholic and Independent school sectors.

In November 2013, the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier, informed all principals that early childhood programs to Year 2 in Western Australian schools will be required to meet the NQS.

At St Patricks teachers and assistants from Kindergarten to Year 2 are currently meeting regularly to discuss, and revise our Quality Improvement Plan which was written by staff in 2014. As part of this quality process we will be developing an area in the school dedicated to communication and parent feedback. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for further information on this and how you can access information and provide feedback to help us make St Patricks a wonderful learning place for all.

Regards,

The Early Childhood Team

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2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.
**Evangelisation - The Good News -**

**New Life**

Jesus told a parable. “A man had two sons. The youngest asked for his share of his inheritance and left. He spent all his money enjoying himself. Soon he was starving. He decided to return to his father and beg him to take him back as a servant. When he was still some way off, the father saw him, and running to him he embraced his son and called his servants to prepare a feast.”

**Greed and Envy:**

The Prodigal Son is about two vices - the younger son greedily uses his inheritance while the older son rejects his brother out of envy

Lord God,  
Teach us to turn greed to generosity and envy to love.  
Amen.

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**ST PATRICK’S CHURCH**

Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino

Sunday 6th March at 10.30am

Altar Servers:

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.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Katanning Netball Association
Junior Netball Registrations

KNA will be taking individual nominations for **Net Set Go, Starters, Sub Juniors and Juniors.** Registrations will be taken: **Tuesday 15th March, 2016 Between 4 & 6pm in the Creche, at the Katanning Leisure Centre.**

No late registrations will be accepted. Age for eligible players are: **Net Set Go** – school years K, PP, 1 & 2  
**Starters** – school years 3 & 4  
**Sub Juniors** – school years 5 & 6  
**Juniors** – school years 7, 8, 9 & 10  
(if a player is turning 14 in 2016 and intends to play Senior Netball, they must be registered and playing Juniors if they are in years 8 & 9 – as of 2016 Juniors for year 10 is encouraged but optional.

Please note: **Net Set Go & Starters** will run for 11 weeks, commencing on May 14th.  
If you are eligible for Kidsport, please bring your forms **filled in & a copy** of Health Care Card to the registration.

KNA Development Netball Training for players in years 5 - 10 will commence on Wednesday the 27th of March from 4pm to 5pm, at the KLC.  
If you are interested in developing your netball and being part of an opportunity to represent KNA via trialling for Association Champs and also representing KNA within regional events throughout the netball season, you must attend development training.