Year 5 Class Mass.

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St Patrick’s School Vision Statement

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,

This week I am in Geraldton as part of the Catholic Primary Principals conference. I had the privilege of attending our opening mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral with Bishop Justin Bianchini. Bishop’s message to all principals present was about well-being and having a balance in our lives. He spoke of four areas the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual balance, that is part of all of our lives. If we neglect any part of these four areas, we are in imbalance. He also spoke of how Jesus travelled all around Judaea and spread the good news of his Father’s kingdom. He would have been fit physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually as he often prayed to his Father for strength to carry out his work. A perfect and simple example for all of us – students, parents and staff.

I would like to congratulate our tennis team who competed at the Katanning Country Club in the Tennis West schools tennis challenge last Friday. The students performed very well and played so well together in their doubles team. To their credit and hard work, they came a very well deserved first place. Thank you to Miss Tess Cohen for supporting the students with their training and helping them on the Friday. We look forward to the new challenges coming up for our tennis team.

Next week, we have a busy week with Dr. Tony Curry and Donna O’Hara from Catholic Education Western Australia coming out for their executive visit to St Patrick’s. They have visited many south west schools since the beginning of Term One and are very much looking forward to seeing the students and staff at St Patrick’s. They will be meeting with staff and wanting to see them in action teaching in their classrooms. We have St Patrick’s Day on Thursday, which is always a wonderful celebration of our patron saint and on Friday we have our faction swimming carnival at the Katanning pool. Good luck to all our competitors and it should be a wonderful day to celebrate our physical talents.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Peace to you and your family,

Christopher Smith

Principal.
Congratulations to the Year 5 students who celebrated their Class Mass today. The Gospel (John 3:1-2) told of the familiar story of ‘doubting Thomas’ the disciple who had to see to believe! It is a message about faith. Jesus said to Thomas: “How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

The Easter story is the cornerstone of our Christian belief. It is our faithful belief that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and rose from them dead. Lent is a time of renewal of our faith as we prepare for Easter.

Saint Patrick’s Day.
When I first applied for the Assistant Principal’s role at St Patrick’s Katanning I was instantly drawn to the name of the school. My Grandfather’s name was Patrick and I have a proud Irish heritage. March 17th - St Patrick’s Day has always been a day of celebration in my family.

When I was in primary school my Granny would send special St Patrick’s Day rosettes all the way from Ireland. My sister and I would wear them proudly to school.

All over the world people celebrate their Irish heritage on St Patrick’s Day. There are parades, feasts and festivities and green lots and lots of green!! Thursday the 17th of March will be a great day here at St Patrick’s School as we celebrate the special feast day of our patron.

How much do we really know about St Patrick? There is more to the patron of our school, St Patrick, than a colour and a country. This week I have included a St Patrick’s Quiz to test your knowledge. Complete the quiz and return it to the front office ASAP. All correct entries will go into a lucky dip the prize winner will be drawn on St Patrick’s Day.

Debra Bearcroft
Assistant Principal

LEAD - Defining our Strategic Direction 2014-2016

Learning - This week in Kindy we are learning about environmental sounds what you can hear in the classroom and outside. We are also making bubble wands out of pipe cleaners and making different shape bubbles. Mrs Willey.

Engagement - When we seek to engage our children, their learning experiences should be about having fun and being creative. Our children are encouraged to participate in hands-on activities and play-based learning wherever possible. In Kindy and Pre Primary we like to encourage role play, and are lucky to have of some great play spaces where we can build cubbies and “cook” in our outdoor kitchen. The children are always engaged in positive play experiences. Mrs Pontillo.

Accountability - Through our Lent and Easter unit in Religious Education, we are focusing on the forty days of Lent and the friends of Jesus who celebrate Jesus as Lord by recalling his suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus carried out actions of love, service and self-giving, and overcame human weakness and the power of evil. During this time of Lent, we must hold ourselves accountable to carry out special actions, so as to follow Jesus’ example and become closer to God. Mr. Nettleton.

Discipleship - In the Year Five classroom, we have been learning specific information that might not always be present in the Religion Units of Work that Miss Norrish teaches from. We have been covering information that includes: - the name of our Bishop,
- where the closest Cathedral is to us,
- what the Seven Catholic Sacraments are,
- the four Diocese areas in Western Australia and finding which one we belong to and
- the reason why the colour purple is used during lent.

All this information helps us to deepen our knowledge of our Religion. Miss Norrish
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving an award at this week’s assembly...
Nicholas Lane, Lewis Anderson, Emily Davies, Isabelle Smith-Marciniak, Amisha Mathew, Isaiah Marwick, Jordan Garrity.
Sports Award: Crawford Bolto

**DAMES TO REMEMBER**

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The full term planner is available on the school website.

**Maths Homework Classes Yrs 3-6**
Wednesday’s 3.30-4pm with Miss Norrish in Year Five Classroom.
Bring some fruit, water and your Maths homework set by your teacher and if you need assistance, Miss Norrish will be able to help you work through answering your questions.

Years 2,3 and 4 will be having their sport day next Monday 14th March. (Week 7 only) and ICT on Thursday 17th March. Could these classes please wear their sport uniform on Monday.
Thank you,
Miss Ackland

**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
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino
Sunday 13th March at 10.30am
Altar Servers: Gylan and Lucas

Altar Servers for the coming weeks-
20/3 Joseph, Ava, Kobi (Palm Sunday)
24/3 Montanna and Luke (Holy Thursday)
26/3 Luke Easter Vigil Saturday
27/3 Luke Easter Sunday

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.

2016 A YEAR OF MERCY

Reason for proclaiming Jubilee Year of Mercy
We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. ... At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason, I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

Evangelisation - The Good News -

GOD FORGIVES

Some Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in adultery. They wanted to stone her as the Law stated. But Jesus bent down and began writing on the ground with his finger, “If anyone has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone”. And they all left one by one.

Anger and Lust. The vicious anger of her accusers is disarmed by the wisdom of Jesus. Yet his compassion also challenges her to reform her own sinful ways. Lenten tasks for this week:

Father in heaven, your love calls us to life. Change our anger to kindness and teach us self-control.

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
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 Crèche, 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.

The Netball Rules have changed!!

All umpires, players, coaches, scorers, parents and spectators need to have an understanding of the new netball rules....

There will be a Netball rules discussion day at
Katanning Leisure Centre
On Sunday 10th April, 2016
From 10am – 3.30pm

10am-12pm Rules Discussion (Focus on New Rules)
12-1pm Lunch
1-2pm Rules Discussion (Completion)
2.30-3.30pm Match Play

Everyone that is involved in Netball is urged to attend.

Broomehill Primary School P&C
MONSTER AUCTION & Market Day
2 April 2016
at Broomehill Primary School
Registration / lunch from 11am, auction start 1pm
Listing of items available at www.facebook.com/broomehillmonsterauction
Plant, Machinery, Sundries, Household items and much more, most items with no reserve!

Have A Go Triathlon Come & Join in the fun Sunday 20th March 2016

Start time: 8am Venue the Katanning Aquatic Centre, Park Street
Events are: (individual or team)
- **Mini** - Children Born 2008/07/06 - 100m Swim (may have 2 swimmers in a team), 1km Cycle, Run 500m
- **Junior** - Children Born 2005/04/03 - 150m Swim, 3 Km Cycle, 1 Km Run
- **Senior** – Children born 2002/01/00/99 - 200m Swim, 5 Km Cycle, 2 Km Run

Nomination forms available from: Katanning Leisure Centre & Katanning Aquatic Centre
Entries Close: Thursday 17th of March at 5pm please return nomination forms and fees $5.00 per person (Cash only)