Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome back to all our students and families for 2017. It was so wonderful to watch our children walk into school today in their summer uniforms. I can’t believe how much they have grown up. We have some very excited children and excited teachers in the school. We welcome our new staff members:

Miss Mollie Anderton – our Year 5 Teacher  
Miss Laura Anderson – our Year 4 Teacher  
Miss Jade Lilleyman – our Year 3 Teacher

Please make them feel welcome in our school.

During 2017 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?

In 2017 you will be hearing more about Leading Lights, CEWA’s new digital framework. LEADing Lights is the creation of a single digital ecosystem for all CEWA schools and early years centres, as well as central and regional offices. This landmark digital transformation initiative is designed to help every student achieve their full potential, every teacher deliver inspiring learning and every school become a flourishing happy school, where students love to learn. It will also equip every principal with personal insights that enable informed decisions about the running of their school. For more information on LEADing Lights please click on the hyperlink below:

[Strategic-Direction/Documents/CEWA_Leading_Lights_brochure.pdf](Strategic-Direction/Documents/CEWA_Leading_Lights_brochure.pdf)

In Term One of 2017 we will be trialling our assemblies moving to Friday afternoon commencing at 2.30 pm. Our first assembly will be on Friday of week two. The purpose behind this is to give maximum teaching and
learning time during the critical morning and mid-morning sessions of school. The school is implementing dedicated Literacy and Numeracy blocks throughout the school with little to no interruption to teaching and learning time. As this is a trial, we will look to receiving feedback as to the success of having our afternoon assemblies and any improvements that we can put in place.

A reminder also, that our Parent Survey closes this Friday 3rd February. Thank you to the families who have already posted their survey responses and have suggested some positive strategies to move forward in 2017. If you have not responded to the survey, please do by this Friday – a reminder was sent on Monday via sms to all families.

I hope that the first day back was not too traumatic for your children and that they are eager to be back at school. 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
Welcome! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday. It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning, children, parents and staff members. The excitement was evident and there was a happy buzz in the school. New starts offer so much opportunity and potential it is not difficult to be enthusiastic about the year ahead in our wonderful school.

**Welcome and Year Six Leaders Commissioning Mass**

The Year 6 leaders will receive their leadership badges as part of our Welcome and Leaders Commissioning Mass on this Friday 3rd of February at 9:00am. Please try to join us for our first Eucharistic celebration of the school year.

God Bless
Debra Bearcroft

The focus area for Arts for Term 1 is Drama. Term 2 is Music. Term 3 is Visual Art and Term 4 is Dance. The assessment reflected in the Semester 1 report will be music and Semester 2 will be Dance. If you have any gifts you would like to share in the areas of the Arts or know of opportunities for our students to perform, I would love to work with you in promoting the Arts in our school and in the wider community.

Thank you
Ms. Bearcroft

The Drumbeat programme will be running at St Patrick’s School for 10 weeks in Term 1, Friday afternoon 1:15pm - 2:00pm. This is being offered by James Wood (Projects Officer – Learning & Culture Katanning Shire) and assisted by Jenny Hutton. Drumbeat is an acronym for: Developing, Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes and Thoughts. This programme uses hand drumming to focus on developing relationship themes such as identity, harmony, communication, teamwork and peer pressure. Drumbeat works best in small groups with differing levels of students. Unfortunately we only have 10-12 places this year. Should your child be offered a place you will receive a letter and permission slip on Friday 3rd of February. Please return by Tuesday 6th February. If you have any questions please email me at Bearcroft.debra@cathednet.wa.edu.au

God Bless
There will be no assembly this week.
Please join us on Friday at 9am for the Whole School Welcoming & Student Leaders Commissioning Mass.

Happy Birthday to …..

William Collis, Shaniqua Garlett, Jaz Sukiernik, Bryce Passfield, Joe Collis, Pagen McKinley, Matteo D’Apirle, Zacheus Ndong’a, Thomas Hamon, Miss Ackland, Kaelen Sliskovic, Addison O’Neill.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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The full term planner will be available next week.

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.

School Canteen
Opens Wednesday 8th February.
Please contact Kristy if you are available to help
familyrae@bigpond.com
Note will be sent home tomorrow.

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 2017 must present their current cards to the School Office, by Friday 10th February 2017
Forms are available from the office.
SCHOOL CAPTAINS, COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017.

Head girl and Head Boy: Gylan Tiongco & Mia Hamon
Student Councillors: Nicholas Chaplin & Montanna Campbell
Prendiville: Devon McKinley & Ebony Smith-Marciniak
Gibney: Isaiah Marwick & Kobi Warren
McLeod: Noah D’Aprile & Emilie Willey

Committee Members: Felix Bride, Wesley Farmer, Phillip Gayton, Yasmin Prosser, Bryce Passfield.

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 2017
Mr Chris Smith (Principal), Fr Francis Constantino (Parish Priest), Mr Simon Kerin (Chairperson), Mrs Gail Butterworth (Secretary) Mr Sheldon Kowald (Treasurer), Mr Mike Allen, Mrs Linda Hewson, Parish Representative to the Board to be confirmed and P & F Representative to the Board to be confirmed . 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.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2017
2017 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 to be confirmed.

LUNCH ORDERS The School Canteen will be operating for Wednesday Lunches and Friday Recess.
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 ... 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, 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 UNIFORM
SPORT UNIFORM DAYS ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
PHYS ED: Wednesday - Year 1, 2, 5, 4 Thursday: Years PP, 3, 6 Friday – Whole School Sport

SUMMER UNIFORM
School hats are to be worn 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 school socks with blue and gold 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

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

HASS (Mrs Sue Anderson): Thursday: Year 1, 5, 4, 6  Friday: PP & Year 2 & 3

THE ARTS: (Ms Debra Bearcroft: Monday: Year 1 & 2 Tuesday: Year 4 & 5 Wednesday: Year 6 Thursday: PP & Year 3

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

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.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH
Celebrate Mass with Fr Francis Constantino this Sunday 5th February at 10.30am

Altar Servers: Volunteers required.

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.

Light of the World

The Word:
Jesus said to his disciples. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl; instead they put it on a stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before others so that they may see your good work and give praise to your Father in heaven.”

Look Closer:
Light of Love. ‘Love’ loves the light, because it has nothing to hide or fear. When we love, we are like the lamp on the stand – God’s goodness and mercy in us is seen by all.”

You Lord,
Are the light of the world!
Give us your love and truth
that we might everywhere bring the light of your love to others.
Amen.
Community Notices

The Lions Club of Katanning presents the

2017
CONCERT
IN THE PARK

Free entry

FEATURING
RAY RYDER & BAND | FOOD VANS
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
LOCAL MUSICIANS

Sat | 11.2.17 | 4PM-9PM
Plesse Park
Amphitheatre
KATANNING

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL DON 8448 347 or VISIT
FACEBOOK.COM/KATANNINGCONCERTINTHEPARK

KIDS' TENNIS

KID'S FAST 4

Starts Friday the 3rd February
6-3.30pm and runs for four weeks
Plus Registration for Junior Coaching...
Register your children for tennis coaching
and junior tennis.
Available to kids from Year One up.
$5.00 Ball Fee
Followed by a
A SAUSAGE SIZZLE for tea

IMPORTANT
We will need Parental Help on the day.
Without that help the day cannot run.

Need more information?
Contact Jane Kowald - Mob: 0428 713 050
or Email: junior.tennis@katanning.countryclub.com

KATANNING TENNIS CLUB
A part of Katanning Country Club Inc

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017

Harmony Festival
Katanning

PRESENTED BY LIVELIGHTER

1PM TO 7PM
KATANNING TOWN SQUARE, CLIVE STREET, KATANNING

STREET PARADE
LOCAL CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
INTERNATIONAL FOOD VILLAGE
COOKING DEMO  FASHION PARADE
MARKET STALLS    KIDS ZONE
AND MUCH MORE

EVERYONE WELCOME
SEE YOU IN KATANNING

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CONTACT THE SHIRE OF KATANNING ON 9621 9999 FOR MORE DETAILS