



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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Vision Statement

Our Vision: Kearnan College is a nurturing, Co-educational PK - 12 Catholic community, dedicated to recognizing the gifts and talents of every individual inspiring them to reach their full potential.

Important Dates:

Monday 29 August	JS Swimming Lessons Start
Tuesday 30 August	Compassionate Communities
Thursday 1 Sept	Year 8 Retreat
Monday 5 Sept	Round 2 OLNA TBC
Thursday 8 Sept	R U Ok Day
Friday 9 Sept	JS Swimming Lessons Conclude

Dear parents and caregivers,

Our friendly and energetic members of the P&F committee are preparing for the proposed Quiz Night on Friday 16 September and are looking for sponsorship from local business owners. If you are a business and would like to advertise your services on this night of entertainment and fun, consider donating a prize or two to this fundraising event for the Kearnan College community. President, Mrs Kilrain would love to hear from you and can be contacted at leah.kilrain@cewa.edu.au. Tables of eight are going fast, so get your entry into the committee ASAP. Check out the Kearnan College Facebook flyer, which has more details of this upcoming event.

Staff and parents are very excited at the prospect of the proposed new building for the Kindy and Pre-Primary learning environment for our early childhood classrooms in 2023. Mrs Barton, Head of Junior school and staff will be discussing how to make this displacement to the learning spaces as minimal as possible for the beginning of 2023. It is expected that building will commence around February or March. All processes for costings and tender are a work in progress.

Have your say on the new design for the College sport uniform. You are encouraged to send in your feedback by COB this Friday to enable the committee to evaluate the most popular choice before it is taken to the next level of discernment and final decision. All families would have received and email on SEQTA from Mr Pedlar, Head of Secondary. Staff, students, parents, and caregivers have been invited to comment, so that a final decision can be made before proceeding to the next step in the production of the new uniform.

The new black jacket orders that we are promoting for extra warmth during winter will arrive next week for delivery. If you are still interested in ordering one of these, it will be important to come in and size up your child with our current sizing samples in the boardroom and not rely on what you think is the correct size.

RAT kits have now been distributed to all students except for those who have been unwell this past week. These kits can be collected by parents from the Primary classroom or administration office for Secondary students at any time upon their return to school. Please continue to use these tests when your child appears to be unwell. It is also important to notify WA Health and CEWA if your child or family member tests positive to COVID-19.

All parents and caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to make appointments to discuss continued enrolment and transition to Year 7 for 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with your child to discuss aspirations, hopes and dreams as they transition to a Secondary setting. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Year 12 students were amazing leaders as facilitators of the BOOK WEEK parade from K – 12 yesterday. Their costume theme for the day was taken from the books of Roger Hargreaves; Mr Messy, Miss Sunshine and others. Parents outdid themselves this year by the variety of costumes that were created for their child in each classroom. Our Junior School staff were especially creative as crayons. They even created a display sandwich board for me.



Congratulations to all students who made a huge effort to get into the Spirit of Book Week this year.

Thank you all for your continued support to the Kearnan College community. You are very much appreciated and valued members of our school.

God Bless

Carol Geurts

Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the end of Week 6, the sun has emerged and with a short week there has been a positive energy around the College. Yesterday saw students dress up as their favourite characters from books. It is a great joy to see our secondary students embrace this event and immerse themselves into the fantasy land of book week. Regular reading is a key indicator of academic success and I urge all students to have a book on the go to read for pleasure. I also wish to acknowledge and congratulate the 'Mr Men' themed Year 12's who organised and ran the event very smoothly. Thank you to all parents who attended and supported their child with costumes.



Year 11 2023 subject selections

Current Year 10 students and families will receive correspondence shortly to book an interview to confirm

their subject and enrolments for Year 11 in 2023. Please do not delay this meeting, as it is vital to have a pathway mapped out for the start of Year 11 to ensure students are set up for success to finish their final two years of schooling.

Year 12 ATAR Examinations

In less than four weeks Year 12 ATAR students will commence their final round of school-based examinations. It is important for these students (and families) to plan and schedule their study and commitments around examination time to ensure balance and healthy habits are prioritised. I wish these students all the best in finishing off their year strong and I'm confident that their efforts will bring rewards.

Basketball Academy Champion Schools Carnival

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of taking 19 students and Mrs Edwards up to Rockingham for the annual Champion Schools Qualifier (Junior Division, Years 7 to 9). The competition is always strong and the two Kearnan College teams gave their best at the carnival. With some quick lessons learnt about protecting the ball and coping with extended pressure both the boys and girls learnt and developed throughout the day. All players have aspects of their game that need development in the coming season and Academy sessions. The Year 8 students will now train and work towards next term's Bunbury Lightning Carnival.

Boys Results 4th (out of 6 teams) - 2 wins and 3 losses. One of the losses was a nailbiter going down by 2 pts (despite having the last 4 shots!).

Girls Results 4th (out of 6 teams) – 2 wins and 3 losses. Of the three losses, the girls were outplayed and took away a lesson on defensive pressure.

I also would like to thank and commend Jess Reeve and Tyson Jacob who volunteered to umpire for the day.

Sport Coaching Students Volunteer at Pemberton Carnival

Today nine Year 10 students are volunteering their time to travel and officiate the Pemberton Winter Carnival. This opportunity gives these students a chance to give back to the primary schools and gain experience in leadership and officiating community sport. Well done to the following students. Isabel Reed, Ella Kilrain, Billie Freeman, Megan Wren, Charli Windberg, Jenna Bock, Georgie Purse, Madison Bookless and Daisy McGuire.

Mobile Phones

Recently, it appears that students are not being vigilant in adhering to the College's mobile phone policy. A reminder to all students and parents that phones are to remain switched off and in students' lockers for the entire day. It is not acceptable to take your phone into class (in a pencil case or pocket) or use it in toilets at break times. If the need arises, students can use the phone at the front office during the day.

If students have their mobile phones outside of their locker the phone will be taken to the front office for safe keeping until the end of the day for the first instance. If the phone is taken to the front office for the second time (per term), it will remain there until it is picked up by a parent.

I would strongly encourage parents to reconsider the need for their child to bring a phone to school. Sometimes it is beneficial for teenagers to be bored, forced to talk to someone on the bus or not zone out and listen to music. The *Australian Institute of Family Studies* give national guidelines for 5 – 17 year old's as "no more than two hours of sedentary recreational screen time per day for children and young people aged 5–17 years (not including schoolwork)". The College also encourages frequent auditing of your child's phone to ensure the social media apps are safe and suitable. If any parents feel they need support in this area, please be in touch with myself or Mrs Burvill.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Book Week

What a fantastic display of characters that were on show for our Book Week parade yesterday. Thank you to everyone for the effort that went into all the costumes and accessories. The theme this year is Dreaming with Eyes Open, which is exactly what we are doing when we are reading a good book- imagining characters and settings. Our Year 12 students were brilliant with their planning for the parade and entertained us with their humour and colour.



Swimming

Next week we begin our two-week swimming lesson block. Children are asked to wear sports clothes every day for ease of changing. Packing plastic bags for wet gear, goggles and two towels are also encouraged, so that one can be used for swimming lessons and the other for drying off. Individual teachers will be providing class specific information to parents, if needed. Parents are welcome to attend the lessons. Please pack a few extra snacks in the lunchboxes, as we always find that the children are hungry after their lessons.

TREE Talk Public Speaking Finals

Last Thursday Kearnan hosted the regional TREE Talks Public Speaking Finals. We were treated to high quality presentations from all students, with the prizes being shared between all of the participating schools. Thanks to the staff at Catholic Education Office in Bunbury for their donations of the book prizes. Congratulations to the students who became finalists and represented Kearnan with pride. Special accolades go to Saskia Dronow who won the Year 4 competition with her speech about All Things Left-Handed and her sister Peri who came runner up in the Year 6 competition with her talk The Truth Behind Nursery Rhymes. We are grateful to our judges on the day, Mrs Liz Collins and Ms Jayde Darin, who did an amazing job concentrating and adjudicating for four hours straight.



Cricket Clinic with the Warriors

Today our Years 4-6 students were treated to a cricket clinic with the Men's State Cricket team, the Warriors, at Collier Park. As the footy season comes to an end, we will be seeing plenty of cricket in the nets and on the grass, practicing their cricket skills. Thank you to the Manjimup Cricket Club for organising the visit and Mrs Harris for her organisation.



Year Two Assembly & Merit Certificates

Last Friday we were treated to the Greatest Show on Earth. Well done to our Year 2 class, who with Mrs Kestel's help put on a wonderful show of talent. They kept everyone entertained from start to finish. We will have merit certificates next Friday just before Year 5 depart for swimming lessons.



Week 5 Merit Certificate Award Winners

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 parents will meet at school on Monday 30 August to discuss the upcoming camp to Perth during Week 9. There are many things to discuss, so we look forward to seeing parents and carers attend. Our Year 6 class will be joined on camp by the small class of Year 6 students from St Joseph's, Pemberton. This will add to the fun for both classes! Thanks to Ms Thomas for her planning leading up to the week away.

Assessment Folders

Assessment folders go home today with the first few weeks of learning from Term Three. It has been pleasing to see the progression of learning from the start of the year to now. Please look through them with your child and talk about their work. Celebrate the successes and perhaps set some goals for the remainder of the term. If you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, please tick the box on the cover page of the folder and they will contact you to arrange a time.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

The rescheduled carnivals will take place in the last week of this term. Our P&F will be providing lunches for the participating schools on Wednesday 21 September, which is the main carnival day. If you can assist, please let the committee know of your availability.

Thought of the Week

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." ~ JK Rowling

Have a wonderful weekend,

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES

DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
27.8.22	6.00 pm	
28.8.22	8.30 am	10.30 am
3.9.22	6.00 pm	
4.9.22	10.30 am	8.30 am



Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



Community Notice

ASSOCIATION (TIMBERWOLVES)
REPRESENTATIVE TEAM TRY-OUTS
SESSION ONE: TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2022
(U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 & U18 Grades)

Junior Girl's 4.00pm - 5.30 pm

Junior Boy's 5.30pm - 7.00 pm

SESSION TWO: THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

(U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 & U18 Grades)

Junior Girl's 4.00pm - 5.30 pm

Junior Boy's 5.30pm - 7.00 pm

