



# Kearnan Chronicle

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

11 November 2022

## Vision Statement

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

## Important Dates:

Monday 14 Nov	Year 10 Exams Commence
Wed 16 Nov	Secondary Speech & Awards Night
Thurs 17 Nov	Year 11 Retreat
Fri 18 Nov	Year 10 Exams Conclude
	Year 11 Retreat

Mon 21 Nov	Year 10 Retreat
Tues 22 Nov	Year 10 Retreat
Wed 23 Nov	Year 7 2023 Orientation Day
	Junior School Transition Day
	Kindy 2023 Orientation Day
Thurs 24 Nov	Extra Ordinary Ministry Training
	Year 4 Excursion
Fri 25 Nov	Merit Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students are feeling a sense of relief that exams are almost over, and they can then relax and wait for their results with either trepidation or optimistic excitement. Speech night preparation is well under way for Year 11 and 12 which will take place next Wednesday 16 November in the Parish Centre commencing at 7.00 pm. Year 9 student, Frida Iacopetta, has generously volunteered her time to entertain us with her musical expertise on her violin before the evening gets underway. We look forward to a night of celebration and reward for excellence and achievement in all curriculum learning areas. Chris Ipsen, Head Boy and Ella Mc Guire, Head Girl will also give their farewell speeches during the evening's proceedings.

Special congratulations to the students who were voted in for the Secondary Leadership roles for 2023. Congratulations to Josh Ellis, Head Boy, Lily Rose Gracie, Head Girl and Elora Streeter as the Service Captain.

We are still accepting enrolments for all Year levels in 2023. There has been a healthy interest from the local and wider community for places in both Primary and Secondary classes. Pre-Kindy enrolments are light on so please spread the word regarding our wonderful Early Learning Program. Look for our advertisement on Facebook and the inclusion in next week's local paper.

Again, it is time to check what your child is doing in 'secret' or openly on their phones, in the TIK – TOK and Snap Chat digital medium. I have become aware that students are using quite inappropriate, damaging and vicious language in their messages to each other, which breaks every code of conduct in all we expect of their behaviour, even outside the school gates. Parents, caregivers, please monitor and check your child's activity on their mobile phones. The health and wellbeing of students is a priority and a constant concern. We are available for you to seek guidance and direction and can only be responsible for taking action if this occurs during school times.

As you have become aware, since Mr Pedlar's recent email, the activity of vaping is very much a concern in our local and wider community. This choice of activity is illegal and is not tolerated at Kearnan and consequences will be swift and immediate if students engage at school. I do hope that a discussion has been prioritised in every home to discuss the implications of inappropriate behaviour and habits and the harm this can cause to healthy adolescent bodies.

Thank you for your positive support to our community, we value your co-operation, contribution, and participation to support your child's education.

Mr Kevin Bennett organised a fitting tribute for our Remembrance Day Service today in Wanju Place. The whole school took part in the commemoration service, remembering the sacrifices of all men and women who died in all wars, reflecting in silence, wearing a poppy to support the veteran community. November 11 has grown to be an annual day of earnest remembrance for those who served and sacrificed during all wars and armed conflicts.

Mr Ryan Rogerson, also a serving reserve member of the Army in his other role, was invited to take Kearnan students to the memorial service today in Manjimup. The students laid a wreath and enjoyed refreshments at the RSL club after the 11.00 am service. Lest we forget!

Mr Ben Priest will be visiting Kearnan College, next Monday to start the handover procedure as principal for 2023. Please make him very welcome if you happen to see him around the school.

Enjoy the weekend with your family and friends.

God bless

**Carol Geurts**

**Principal**

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

With today being the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, we as a College stop to pay our respects and remember all those in the armed forces, both past and present. Kearnan was represented at the community service by 11 students with the assistance of Mr Ryan Rogerson. At the College Mr Kevin Bennett organised a reverent and thought-provoking service that showcased Year 10 students leading the College.

### Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp

As you read this 19 keen but slightly cautious students are trekking through the magnificent South-West bushland on the Bibbulmen Track under the watchful guidance of Miss Pintaudi and Mr Mason. The three day, two night experience provides a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves to hike approximately 20 km being completely self-sufficient with their 15 kg backpack. The students have been prepping for the past 5 weeks and have been learning how to care for their environment with the leave no trace program. But best of all, for the duration of the camp there is no phone signal! What a wonderful way to disconnect, embrace nature and the people around them. Thank you to camp coordinator Miss Pintaudi who has done hours of preparation to ensure that this event runs well and Mr Mason for donating his time to be on the trip.

### Examinations

The end of year brings on exams for students in Year 10, 11 and 12. Currently our ATAR Year 12 students are navigating through the external exams. It has been great to see some of our students continue to come into the College to see teaching staff for extra support and utilise study facilities.

Our Year 11 ATAR students are completing their final examination today and have worked well this week. Next week Year 10's commence their exam week. Whilst it is not compulsory for Year 10's to complete exams, we feel that it is a vital learning experience for students aspiring to complete ATAR subjects and prepares them well going into Year 11.

For students in Year 10 not pursuing an ATAR pathway next year, this week is their final assessments, which are delivered in a similar way to Senior School General Subjects such as the Externally Set Task (EST) that they will complete in Year 12.

### Academy Day Out

Last Thursday our academy students enjoyed a day out in Busselton to celebrate the year of Academy Sport. This program targets students who wish to take their sport to the next level in a Netball and Basketball context. Students have trained during Monday's lessons all year and have made growth and improvements in all areas. Travelling to Busselton, we met Aranmore Catholic College and participated in a round robin of Netball matches. Following, students enjoyed pizza

for lunch on the foreshore before venturing down to the ice-cream shop. Thank you to Mrs Burvill for organising the day to celebrate all our students who have participated in the academy program.



### Uniform Reminders

As the weather changes and the end of year approaches, there are several opportunities for students to be in PE uniform for various events. Staff are constantly reminding students about the uniform requirements. Some key points to remember.

- Students should always come to school in full formal uniform (except for Thursday). If students have sport, they must get changed at school before and after.
- School shoes must be 'leather school style'. Black runners do not adhere to the policy. If families are having trouble sourcing shoes, please write to your homeroom teacher for an exemption, stating when your child will be in correct shoes.
- PE Uniform – Shorts must be black airflows or KC shorts. Both are available at the uniform shop.
- Socks – Formal uniform for girls is White socks and for boys' Black socks. PE uniform is Black socks for boys and girls.
- No under garments should be worn under uniforms that protrudes outside of the uniform (eg a long sleeve jumper under a PE shirt).
- Hair touching the collar must be tied up for both girls and boys.

Learning to wear the correct uniform is a valuable lesson for our students. One day they will be out in the workforce where not adhering to the dress code may lead to termination of employment.

### Year 11/12 Speech Night

Preparations are well underway for a fantastic evening to celebrate top achievers from Years 11 and 12. Year 11 and 12 families have been sent a RSVP survey, please complete this as a matter of urgency so we can prepare the seating arrangements.

**Venue:** Parish Centre

**Time:** Doors open 6:30 pm to view student work on display, with light canapes and refreshments on offer. Awards commence at 7:00 pm

A photographer will be available on the evening to take family photos, as well as award winner photos.

### Year 7 2023 Orientation Day 3 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

All enrolled students for Year 7, 2023 will embark on Kearnan College for their final transition day. Students will complete activities designed to build relationships amongst students



from various feeder schools. If you know of any families considering enrolment into Year 7 next year, please encourage them to contact the College and book an appointment with our Principal, Mrs Carol Geurts.

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## Year 9 Materials and Design

Pictured are the Year 9 Materials and Design class proudly posing with their 'slat chairs' that they constructed in class. To achieve this, they learnt to use the planer/jointer, thicknesser, drop saws and other workshop equipment. The students needed to machine all Jarrah they used for their projects.

Mr Chodorowski



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 5 Leadership Day

Thank you to Miss Madeley, Mr Mason, with the help of our Year 10 student, Charli Windberg, for the great experience to Forest Adventures. Please enjoy their recounts of their day.

*On Thursday morning 9:00 AM the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2022 we left to Busselton with the Year 5 class, Miss Madeley, Mr Mason and a year 10 student called Charli. On the bus my buddy Eli sat next to me on the way there. Eli read a book and I fell asleep. Five minutes before we arrived, I woke up and talked with Eli for the five minutes.*

*When we got there, we got safety harnesses put around our waist and a helmet on our head. We did a training course after we finished the safety training. I went on two courses. The first course I did was called course 3. There was a zip line and then you had to ride a bike across a bridge. After that I went on a swing and I had to pull myself across. There was a bridge that had logs spread across about a 1 metre each. Once I completed that, I was too scared to do the next part that had wood poles sticking up that I had to balance. We were two times the height of my house up in the trees. Since I couldn't do the wooden poles, I had to get pulled down from the tree by the instructor as the course was only one way.*

*When I got down from the tree, we had to have lunch. After lunch, we walked to archery. My buddy Eli was also my archery partner. I hit the blue target and Eli missed all his shots, but I know he tried his hardest. After archery we went to the toilet and hopped back on the bus to travel back to school. When we arrived, we helped clean the bus out as Mr Mason washed the bus with the hose and wet some kids.*

*My part favourite of the excursion was going in the trees I enjoyed pushing myself to my limits with heights*

**By Jael Daniels**

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November the year fives and the teachers went for a super fun leadership excursion in Busselton. We went to a ziplining place called Southwest Forest Adventures. This is a leadership excursion because next year in grade 6 the teachers are looking for leaders of the primary school.*

*There was different levels high and hard levels and low and easy levels it all depends on what you felt like doing. We had these helmets and harnesses to keep us safe if we feel off the course. There we platforms at the end of each course to move yourself to the next course. There were only allowed to be two people on each platform just to be safe.*

*Then we went to the archery and the man told us how to use the bows. Almost straight away Azaleah got the arrow in the middle of the target that was ten points, it was a really good shot. Me and Bailey were together for archery. We got almost all red which is really good! Then we played a game and had to make cakes with the target it was also very fun.*

*My favourite part was when we did the archery and the, high zipline course. The zipline course was scary but fun. I also loved having my buddy Bailey around. We sat next to each other on the bus and looked at a picture book and then we talked for a bit once we had finished the picture book.*

*Then we got back on the bus ready to go back to school. Once we got back to school, we had to wash the bus with the hose. Mr Mason sprayed us with the hose we were all drenched. Then I got home and told my family all about my day!*

**By Lilly Bevan**



### Jump Rope for Heart

So much fun was had on our 'Jump Off' day last week. With the support of our Secondary Certificate 2 students, classes skipped around different stations, showcasing their skills. Mrs Harris had everyone together at the end for the final jump off where we celebrated skipping for fitness and fundraising to combat heart disease. Well done to everyone for all their efforts.



### Pre-primary Assembly

Congratulations to our talented Pre-Primary students for their amazing assembly last week. Their backdrop was a display of all the hard work happening in the Pre-primary space. The stunning birds and animals reflect the learning of Australian fauna over the term. Thanks to Mrs Beeson, Mrs Renzullo, Ms Schilders and Mrs Griffiths for their hard work to bring it all

together. Congratulations to the merit certificate award winners for shining bright, doing their best this term.



### Pre-primary Learning Journey

There was a fabulous turn out for the Pre-primary learning journey on Wednesday. The Pre-primary children were proud to show their parents all the things they have been learning. There were so many things to see and do. Thanks once again to Mrs Beeson and her team, and to all the families who came along and had some fun!



### Carols Night

On Wednesday 7 December, our Junior School will celebrate the end of the year with their traditional Carols Night and Awards evening. All families are invited to join us on the Basketball courts to celebrate the end of the year with song and recognise students from Pre-Primary to Year

5 with awards of Christian Living, Most Conscientious and Most Improved. Teachers from Years 3, 4 and 5 will also award an Academic award to the student who has averaged the best results across all subject areas. Our P&F will be providing food on the night, so stay tuned for more information over the next few weeks.

### Year 6 Graduation Mass

Our Year 6 students will celebrate the end of Junior School with Mass and Award presentations at 1.40 pm on Thursday 1 December. Families of our Year 6 students are asked to keep this afternoon free, so that all can attend. Ms. Thomas will send more information about this day via email.

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mr. Rogerson for taking our Junior School leaders Isla, Will and Peri to take part in the Manjimup Remembrance Day service, remembering the soldiers who lost their lives during war. Our school body stopped at 11.00 am to also remember. Lest we forget.

### Thought of the week

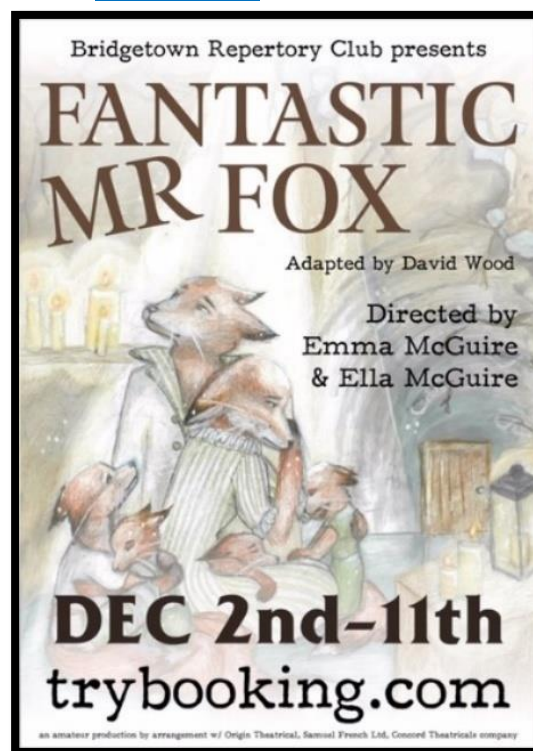
*"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams, and you will always look lovely."* ~Roald Dahl

Have a great weekend,

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## PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES		
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
12.11.22	6.00 pm	
13.11.22	8.30 am	10.30 am
19.11.22	6.00 pm	
20.11.22	10.30 am	8.30 am