



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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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 6 June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 June	Year 12 Retreat departs
Wed 8 June	Year 7 2023 Orientation Day
Friday 10 June	Merit Certificate Assembly
	Interschool Cross Country
Friday 17 June	GRIT Day

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is with great frustration and bewilderment that I write this edition concerning the lack of respect from a large majority of our senior secondary students for school and personal property. This especially applies to the use and management of the school purchased laptops. Lockers are currently being left open and available for the taking at all times of the day and night. Unfortunately for some of our students, thieves accessed these lockers over the weekend and took away personal and school items including several laptops. Parents and students will now be invoiced for these laptop items at great cost. Laptops cost the school \$ 1200 each and the bags were extra at \$30, the cost added to the annual school fees.

Mr Pedlar and I are currently looking into the current use and type of lock that is provided by the school to students. We will investigate and do some research on a more user-friendly model which will take off the stress and perhaps the apathy we believe is attributed to these locks.

Congratulations to Year 7 and 8 students who are to be commended for their diligence in locking up their belongings each day.

Lenovo S400z all in one Desktop PC's are now available for purchase from the Library and IT department. Max Alexander has upgraded 26 desktops, only 7 years old, which may suit the replacement of the home office computer. All are reasonably priced and include Unlicensed Windows 10 installed, a power cable, with keyboard and mouse. For more details on specifications and price, please email or phone Max at your earliest convenience.

We welcome two new students, Sandil and Thenuja to our school community. They have recently arrived from Sri Lanka and Manjimup weather is a huge change of climate and environment.

It is pleasing to see the return of teachers and students who have been ill these past weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Kearnan College staff, who have taken on the extra duties, and extra teaching load these past weeks. Special thanks to Mrs Barton, Mr Pedlar and Ms Ardagh for their generosity and leadership in each role to ensure the disruption to student learning has been minimal.

The Capital Development Plan to replace the Early Childhood and Primary classrooms has recently been presented to the CECWA panel in Perth. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until early August to see if we have been successful in our quest to receive the finances to undertake this much needed building replacement for our learning environments on the Primary Campus.

Thank you all for your continued support to our teachers and the learning needs of your child. We are always here to assist you in their progress and achievement of skills. Do not hesitate to contact the teachers or myself if you have a concern.

God bless

Carol Geurts

Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11/12 Examinations and Work Experience Concludes

Today marks the final day of the Year 11/12 examination and work experience period. Students utilised study hall at the College to help with final preparations to their daily 9:00am examinations. Some students took advantage of work experience options to go out into industry and see what the wonderful world of employment looks and feels like. As always, employers report back to the College complementing our students for their well-mannered and conscientious approach.

Semester One Reporting

Teaching staff are busy finalising semester reports for each student. Students may find that their study loads are increased now and should aim to be organised in their approach to ensure things are completed on time and to the best of their ability. If you notice your child struggling, please encourage them to reach out to the relevant teacher, House Coordinator or Head of Pastoral Care.

Semester reports will be released during Week 10, and I encourage both students and families to evaluate their performances, celebrate successes and look for areas of growth for Semester Two. Parent contact is always welcomed to discuss a student's progress. Please contact the relevant teacher to schedule a suitable time.

Elite Sportsmen and Women of Kearnan

The past month has been an exciting time for some of Kearnan's top athletes. Daisy McGuire (Year 10) travelled and competed at the School Sport WA Interschool Cross Country last Friday 20 May. Finishing 18th in her category and 38th overall. Both Daisy and Isabel Reed (Year 10) travelled to compete in the ACC Cross Country yesterday, held at HBF stadium. This is a massive event with over 4000 runners competing across the various divisions. I would like to congratulate both girls for being resourceful and self-nominating to compete at a higher level. Well done on placing 10th Isabel and 12th Daisy.



Best wishes also go out to Harry Cybula (Year 8), who is trialing for the State Schoolboys U15 AFL team in Bunbury today. If successful in the first selection trial, Harry will progress to Perth next week for an intensive camp.

Congratulations to Tyson Jacob (Year 10) who was recently selected for the U16 State Country Boys team for Basketball. This is a great achievement for a young man who works very hard on and off the court. Tyson will compete at the 2022 Australian Under 16 Basketball Championships in the coming July holidays at Warwick Stadium in Perth. Past players at this tournament include Ben Simmons, Mathew Della Vedova and Patty Mills!

G.R.I.T Day

Guts, Resilience, Involvement & Tenacity has been moved to Friday 17 June (we are all hoping for a deluge of rain to bring the mud!). We are all excited to see what Mrs Burvill and the Sport Coaching class has in stall for our students.

More details will follow regarding transport to Tigers Football Club and what clothing requirements your child will need.

Lockers and College Security

I encourage all students to take responsibility for their school supplies by securing them into their locker and locking it with the supplied lock. This is particularly important at the end of the day as our college is an open space that is easily accessible to the public. If there are any problems, students must see student administration to seek assistance immediately.

Speech Night Sponsorship

Preparations are well underway for our annual end of year student Speech Night, where we celebrate the top achievers in secondary. The college is seeking any interested parties who may wish to donate towards these events and awards. Please contact me if you or anyone you know may be interested.

High Schools Cup and Year 9/10 Winter Carnival

Mrs Burvill is busy rifling through the many nominations and team lists for keen netballers to attend the High Schools Cup State Qualifier event to be held on Tuesday 14 June Bunbury. Backing up on last year's Junior Boys State runners up, there are many students training hard to compete and perform well.

Only a fortnight later, all Year 9 and 10 students will take part in the Winter Carnival held at various venues around Bunbury. Students select a team sport to participate in for the day that mirrors the sports on offer for Country Week 2023. This is a great day of fun and participation, where all students get to represent the College in a sporting arena.

Year 12 Retreat

We wish all our Year 12's well as they embark on one of their final experiences – Year 12 retreat. This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their personal journey thus far and what the next chapter of their life looks like. We thank Miss Kate Chilvers and Ms Emily Ardagh for putting together and delivering an engaging program of events for our students who will be staying out at Perup Nature reserve.

Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club runs each Tuesday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Upon completing a permission slip, students can catch up on work and receive additional tutoring from the staff on duty. Students have access to a warm drink and a light snack.

Year 7 2023 Orientation Day

Next Wednesday, 40 eager and bright-eyed Year 6 students will visit Kearnan College to experience secondary schooling. Students will be led and mentored by current senior students and traverse a modified timetable to experience the subjects of Woodwork, Home Economics, Science, Outdoor Education, Art and much, much more!

If there are any Year 6 students who have not registered for this day, please contact the College immediately to secure your spot.

Mr Aaron Pedlar
Head of Secondary

Year 8 Visual Art Sculpture Excursion and Incursions with Peter Hill

Northcliffe artist, Peter Hill, and Fiona Sinclair, the Artistic Director/General Manager of Southern Forest Arts (SFA), received State Government funding for 3 new sculptures for the Understory sculpture walk in Northcliffe. The vision was for the sculptures to be made by local students and Kearnan Year 8 Visual Arts had the opportunity to be involved in this exciting collaborative project.

Our students' involvement had two parts: An excursion and an incursion.

On Thursday 24 February 2022, students from Year 8 Visual Arts went to Northcliffe, viewing the Understory Art & Nature Trail and participating in a sculpture workshop with artist Peter Hill. Peter discussed habitat loss and explained his vision for artworks that would also function as 'homes' for wildlife. Students explored ideas and combinations of recycled and repurposed timbers, constructing their sculptures - always with their chosen wildlife in mind.

On Thursday 12 May and Thursday 19 May, Peter Hill visited Year 8 Visual Art during their scheduled Art lessons. Peter introduced the students to surface design utilising burning tools and methods. The lessons were intense with activity and reflection of ideas. Finishing details will happen this week.

Our students are to be congratulated on their focus and commitment to the project. Peter will soon be installing their works on the sculpture walk, to be viewed and experienced by all, for many years to come.

An ABC documentary about the project has been released online. It features Bridgetown Primary Students during their visit to the Understory trail and subsequent workshop.

Here are some links to the film showcasing this exciting project:

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q21fR7Pf-DI>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ABCTV/videos/684658472639183>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/tv/Cd_s7z5ADxW/?hl=en

Louise Tasker
Visual Arts Teacher



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5 Assembly

Last week we were thoroughly entertained by our talented Year 5 class during their assembly item. They showcased their knowledge of the solar system, which included fact sharing, a song and even a poem. Mrs Mills managed to plan the item around large sickness absences, and she has commented on how proud she was with their final performance. They were outstanding!



Reports

As teachers prepare the Semester One reports, it is time to remind parents that these will be sent home according to family preference of online through SEQTA Engage or a paper copy given to your child on the last day of this term. You can log into SEQTA Engage via our College website. We recommend you try to log into the site prior to the release of the reports. If you have any problems, please contact the office for assistance.

Students from Years 1-6 will receive an overall grade (A-E) in each learning area. These grades reflect the knowledge, understandings and skills that children working at their year level would typically show. If your child receives a C grade, they are achieving at the required level for their year. This year we will alternate comments for Science and HASS, with a comment provided in Science during Semester One and a comment provided for HASS in Semester Two.

Students in Pre-primary are reported using achievement descriptors, for example “working towards”. Our Kindy students have their own report, created to match their developmental skills.

Elizabeth Bear

On Friday, our treasured ‘Elizabeth Bear’ was awarded to Astrid Dronow. Astrid was selected for displaying a very kind and caring manner with her friends. She is considerate of the needs of others and will readily change her plans to make sure everyone is happy. Astrid’s beautiful smile and joyful disposition make those around her feel special. You are a star, Astrid. Congratulations!



Thought for the Week

“Stand up for what you believe, even if your legs are shaky. Being brave and being afraid often occur at the same time.” ~Kobi Yamada

Have a great long weekend,

Mrs Peta Barton
Head of Junior School

Cross Country

Today all of our Years 1-6 students participated in the Junior School Cross Country event. Our students are looking very fit from their morning running club, so I am sure there have been some quick times over the line. Our Sports Coaching students once again were able to assist with the running of the event and the Junior School House Captains were also wonderful helpers on the track. Congratulations to all runners, however a special congratulations goes to those students who have qualified for the Interschool Event which will be held next week.

A day of **GRIT** will be held on the 17th June. Students will be encouraged to wear clothes that can get dirty, so they can participate in the challenging course set to further develop resilience. Parents will be welcome to join us on the course at Tigers Football Club.

Japanese

Every week Mrs Sheridan teaches Japanese to our Year 3-6 students. For some time now, Mrs Sheridan has been assisted by Mrs Asako Takahashi in the classes. With authentic Japanese speaking occurring in the classrooms, Mrs Sheridan is delighted with the progress she is hearing from all students. We thank Asako for sharing her time and expertise, helping our students excel in learning Japanese.

Sacraments

We have 17 students preparing for their first Reconciliation and First Communion. They will begin their parent workshops in the Church next week. We thank Mrs Ann Kezich from St Joseph’s Parish for assisting our teachers with student preparation.

Maths Inquiry

Our younger students use hands-on materials to solve problems. As they are having fun, they are gaining an understanding of numbers, patterns, size and shape, position. All table activities target specific learning outcomes.

Southern Forests Community Landcare.
Free Community Events in Manjimup:
Another Pollinators Aplenty event:
Building a habitat garden with Johnny Prefumo!

THE frog doctor
Connecting the Environment to the People

Plants available thanks to Mire 10

Saturday, June 11, 0945, for 1000 start
At: Top Notch Café, Manjimup Heritage Park
Morning tea and lunch provided
RSVP Sharon on 0407 795 170 or sharon.rose@dwer.wa.gov.au

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES			
DATE	St Joseph’s Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton	
4.6.22	6.00 pm		
5.6.22		10.30 am	8.30 am
11.6.22	6.00 pm		
12.6.22	8.30 am		10.30 am

Special Guest
Nicole Soriano

Youth Online | 21st of June | 7:30pm - 8:45pm | Via Zoom!
“God is within her, She Will Not Fail” - Psalm 46:5