



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 recognising the gifts and talents of every individual inspiring them to reach their full potential.

Important Dates:

Mon 28 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience starts
Tues 29 Nov	Koomal Dreaming Incursion JS
Wed 30 Nov	Koomal Dreaming Incursion SS
	PP Timber Park Excursion
Thurs 1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Fri 2 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience concludes

Mon 5 Dec	Year 9/10 Careers Day
Tues 6 Dec	Year 9/10 Careers Day
	Kindy End of Year Performance
Wed 7 Dec	Junior School Carols 6.30 pm
Thurs 8 Dec	Middle School Awards 1.30 pm
	Year 7/8 Reconciliation
Fri 9 Dec	Advent Mass Year 4-10 (9.00 am)
	JS Advent Liturgy PP-Year 3 (11.00 am)
	Students Conclude

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very special awards evening for Year 11 and 12 students was celebrated in our Parish Centre last Wednesday. It was a privilege to congratulate all award winners and to acknowledge their disciplined dedication to studies and commitment to serving the school and wider community with care and compassion.

It was a night of celebration and accolades for many hard working students. Proud parents and beaming smiles were the order of the evening. Mrs Kerrie Merritt, Bunbury Regional Officer travelled from Mandurah to present awards on the night. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank Mrs Merritt for her support and guidance to Kearnan College in 2022. Thanks to Jane Fouracres for her availability to take the photos.

Thanks to Mr Pedlar and his band of helpers, skilful staff and Year 11 students for creating an inviting spectacular setting at the Parish Centre to celebrate success and achievement. Families and friends enjoyed the variety of displays to showcase student talents in English, Arts and Woodwork. Mrs Lapinski and her Year 11 students prepared delicious treats to demonstrate their culinary and hospitality skills. Congratulations to all for presenting a night to remember with pride.

A very special thanks to Frida Iacopetta, Year 9 student, for her talent on the violin to produce the amazing sounds of popular and classical songs to entertain the guests before the commencement of the awards. Frida is to be commended for generosity of spirit and willing service

The AGM for the School Advisory Council and P&F will now take place in February of 2023. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. There is still an opportunity to offer your services by putting forward your nomination to be part of each group.

The P&F are raffling a specialised Goodies basket, donated by MLA Jane Kelsbie, for the last fundraising activity before we complete 2022. Tickets will be available on the night. This will be drawn at the Junior Carols night concert.

The P&F will again organise a Gourmet Grazing Hamper for the Carols evening to enable families to enjoy the evening with less stress on providing food for hungry children. A flyer will be sent home with an order and return date if you are interested. Gourmet Grazing Hampers and a sausage on a bun will be available for you and your family to enjoy on the night. The flyer will be included for orders in this newsletter edition.

The pre ordered hampers will be available for collection throughout the night. Sausage on a bun will be made at time of collection to accommodate the schedule and performances of the evening. The P&F food station will be located at the rear of the courts.

Our incoming 38 Year 7 students for 2023 attended their third and last Induction Day for the year on Wednesday, at the Timber Park for fun activities. A selection of Year 10 students mentored and guided the day's activities. They showed great initiative and service to our younger students all day. Thanks Mr Pedlar and Mrs Burvill for organising a truly inclusive and enjoyable day of fun to build the Year 7 cohort beginning of new friendships. Thank to Mr Geurts who helped Lachie and Megan to cook the sausage sizzle for lunch.

The voting for the sport uniform is now closed. Thanks to all who made time to vote for the two most popular choices for the new sport uniform.

Thank you for your positive support to our community, we value your co-operation, contribution and participation to support your child's education. A special tribute to Mr and Mrs Dow, Mr and Mrs Ipsen, Mr and Mrs Wilson as their youngest child has completed their education.

God bless

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Senior School Speech Night

Last Wednesday was the time to celebrate the fabulous achievements of our Year 11 and 12 students. Students and families were treated to a display in the atrium, accompanied by some magnificent food and violin performance, courtesy of the very talented Year 9 student Frida Iacopetta.

Various awards were given to students for the excellent attributes they have demonstrated whilst at Kearnan College. With Kearnan's graduates out in the community our future is in good hands. A special mention to our Dux for 2022, Alyssa Dow and the Vocational Dux winner Christopher Ipsen.

Preparations for this evening is an arduous task. Luckily, at the College we have many staff who go above and beyond to ensure this event is a success. Ms Smithin was in her element converting the Parish Centre into an intimate, beautiful atmosphere for our awards. The student work display in the atrium was coordinated by Mrs Cully along with the College's Art teachers, Ms Ardagh and Ms Tasker. The culinary delights were coordinated by our very talented Mrs Lapinski. Adding to this there are numerous supporting staffing members and students who all pitch in and help along the way.

Well Done Justin Bailye

The College would like to congratulate Justin on recently being awarded the Gold Medal award in VETis Carpentry for being the top ranked student in the south west. This is a fantastic achievement and is the result of the vocational pathway that the College created for Justin by the Head of VET, Ms Smithin.

Year 7 2023 Transition Day

This Wednesday Mrs Geurts, Mrs Burvill and I had the delightful task of welcoming in our 2023 Year 7 group for their third orientation day. The focus for this day was to build and strengthen peer relationships amongst the cohort as many students will be commencing at Kearnan from their Primary feeder schools. Students were divided into five teams for the day with Year 10 leaders to support and run activities at the Timber Park. After teams were run through an orienteering exercise, teams were put through a variety of smaller games that promoted team work and communication. All students brought enthusiasm and

relisiance to the day ensuring that it was a success. After a delicious sausage sizzle courtesy of Lachlan, Mrs Burvill and Mrs & Mr Geurts it was time for a game of Cricket, before the big slide relay. Students amassed over 400 'slides' in a 20 minute session. All students rose to the challenge of the day and the College is excited to have a great group of future Year 7's.

Finally a special mention to all Year 10's leaders who were magnificent ambassadors for the College. Bringing energy, enthusiasm and initiative these students ensured that the



Year 6's enjoyed the day. Well done to Tyson Jacob, Lachlan Collins, Megan Wren, Charli Windberg, Ella Kilrain, Isabel Reed, Emilee Wilson, Billie Freeman, Georgie Purse, Josie Marsh and Daisy McGuire – you are all superstars!

Year 9 Mindflight VR Inursion

On Wednesday Year 9's had a surprise incursion from the mindflight team. This group uses virtual reality to demonstrate the technological options available for job training. Students participated in their own VR session as a learner forklift driver and heart surgeon.

Year 10 & 11 Retreat

Over the past week both the Year 10 and 11 students participated in their retreats based in Busselton. This is a valuable time for students to get away from the pressures of school and 'check their pulse' for their own wellbeing and relationship with God. An enjoyable, yet tiring experience was the feedback from the Year 10's. A big thank you to Miss Chilvers and Ms Ardagh who coordinated these events, along with the help of all the staff who offered to supervise and attend these days.

Year 10 Examinations and Work Experience

Our Year 10's have been very busy completing exams last week and preparing for Work Experience next week. The exam period proved to be tough for many and valuable experience was gained on how to manage the week with study and preparations. The Year 10 group have been enthusiastic in organising their own work experience placements with the guidance of Mrs Bookless. I look forward to hearing about how they went out in the 'real world'!

Year 9/10 Careers Day

Week 9 this term is scheduled for our annual Careers Day. Mrs Kilrian has been busily putting an exciting and engaging program together to help our Year 9 and 10 students learn more about prospective pathways about future employment. There will be guest presenters, activities and even a bus trip to Margaret River TAFE!

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The weeks are flying by and the end of the school year is now in sight. Christmas carols can be heard around the school and flashes of tinsel decorate the classrooms, in preparation for the many events ahead. The end of the year is a busy time for everyone, so please continue to be kind and patient, as we gear up for an exciting finish to the 2022 school year!

Carol's Night

Our Junior School will be celebrating the end of the school year with our Carol's Night at 6.30 pm Wednesday 7 December. It will be held on the College basketball courts. After each class Christmas carol, awards are presented to students for Christian Living, Most Conscientious, Most Improved and Academic (Years 3 - 5). Students will be asked to sit with their parents for the evening, unless they are lining up to go onto the stage. Our P&F are already working hard to plan some food for the evening, with whispers being a repeat of the amazing picnic boxes from last year and a sausage sizzle option. If you can assist Wednesday morning with putting up barriers to block the cold wind, please let us know. We are hoping that a band of parents will take that job on and get it done for us. With classes still running, this part of the set up can be challenging. Please let the office know if you can spare an hour or so to help. Mrs Cully will be decorating the performance area and we thank her for her creativity and energy. We look forward to seeing you all join us for a great night!

Year 6 Graduation Mass & Awards

Next Thursday 1 December, our Year 6 class will celebrate the end of their Junior School journey with their families and school community with their Junior School Graduation Mass. Each family will be allocated a seat for the Mass which will commence at 1.40 pm after the lunch bell. Year 6 Awards will be presented after Mass. Ms Thomas has planned a day of thanksgiving reflection and fun for the Year 6 students, and we are grateful to Mrs Terrigno and Mrs Roberts for offering to organise a special lunch for the class and their parents

Transition Morning

This week both the teachers and students were very excited about 'Transition Morning'. On Wednesday morning our students moved into their 2023 classrooms with their teachers, to enjoy some time together completing some activities and getting a feel for their new environment. Our Pre-Kindy families met Mrs Riddell and talked about the Kindy program for next year. Our Year 6 class reconnected with their friends from surrounding schools for a day at the Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park to participate in activities facilitated by our Secondary staff. On Thursday, our Kindy class had a turn in Pre-Primary having fun with Mrs Beeson and her team.

There will be a few changes in the Junior School staffing line-up for 2023. We welcome back Mrs Harris into the classroom, where she enjoyed many years of teaching before maternity leave. Mrs Harris will be the other half of the experienced Year 1 team with Mrs Omodei. In Year 5 we will sadly say farewell to Miss Madeley, who has been a

wonderful teacher in Year 5 this semester. We hope she enjoys her last few weeks at Kearnan and we wish her every success as she continues her teaching career. We welcome Mr David Sarre as our 2023 classroom teacher. The Year 5 students will enjoy Mr Sarre's love for Mathematics, Science and IT.



Junior School Reports

Reports will be sent home with students on Friday 9 December to families who have requested hard copies of their child's report. An SMS will be sent to parents as soon as the reports are available on SEQTA ENGAGE. If you need assistance accessing this, please contact the office prior to the report release.

Book Orders

The 2023 Book Orders will be coming home with the reports. Please note that the Reading Comprehension program "Stars and Cars" is an individualised program and as such, booklists will have levels set for each student. These have been ordered at the Manjimup Newsagency and can be collected from the counter. If you receive a digital copy of your child's report, you will still receive the booklists in an envelope on Friday 9 December.

Advent Liturgies

Our first Advent celebration is on Thursday 8 December. Our Kindy – Year 3 students will be celebrating a liturgy in the Church at 10.00 am. This is always such a beautiful celebration and parents are invited to attend. On the Friday our students from Years 4 - 9 will celebrate their Advent Mass at 9.15 am. Parents are also very welcome to join us for Mass in the Church.

Farewell and Thank You

Our Year 1 students had the privilege of presenting the Year 12 students with their Graduation stoles last Wednesday evening at Speech Night. To see our students who have completed their entire school journey at Kearnan College, moving through our Junior School and finishing in our Secondary School, gives us an enormous feeling of pride. I'm sure our Year 12 parents can clearly remember when their child was the size of the Year 1 students! Congratulations. We celebrate the wonderful young adults they have become!



Cultural Incursion

Next week the Indigenous dance group, Koomal Dreaming will be giving each class their very own dance workshop. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths for all her work coordinating this special event for our students.

Year 4 Excursion

On Thursday, Mrs Kammann with Mrs Renzullo and Mrs Wiseman took the Year 4 students to the Wildlife Park in Bunbury. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures in the last Chronicle for the year.



St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal

This year there will be families from our community needing some extra support to bring Christmas joy into their homes. If you can donate some items for Christmas hampers, we will collect your donations and pack them for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Your child may have a list to select from in their diaries, otherwise please donate something that is non-perishable - maybe something you know they would enjoy or use during the Christmas holiday time. Thank you for your generosity.

Thought for the week

"Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic." ~ Robin Sharma

Have a great weekend,

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES		
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
26.11.22	6.00 pm	
27.11.22	8.30 am	10.30 am
3.12.22	6.00 pm	
4.12.22	10.30 am	8.30 am