



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 20 June	Year 12 TISC Talk 1.30 pm
Tuesday 21 June	Year 10 Pathways Day
Thurs 23 June	Secondary Assembly
Friday 24 June	Year 1 Assembly
Wed 29 June	Year 9/10 Winter Carnival
Friday 1 July	End of Term 2

Dear parents and caregivers,

As we approach the last weeks of Term Two, students have been busy with study, exams, excursions, carnivals, and teachers have been busy with reports. Semester One reports are currently being written, edited, and proofed to ensure all student achievement and progress is clearly documented with levels of learning that acknowledge skill or areas for improvement.

There should be no surprises as they arrive in the post. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers if you are concerned about your child's progress. Take time to celebrate their successes but I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment with them if necessary.

Year 12 students enjoyed their retreat days at Perup Natures Guesthouse last week. In spite of the wet, cold weather, students appreciated the reflection time to strengthen their own spirituality, connect with friendships within their peer group, and fully participate in the downtime activities each evening. Fr Edwin concluded the retreat with a celebration of Mass.

Year 6 students from our regional feeder schools were delighted with their first Orientation Day at Kearnan recently. They enjoyed the different learning experience and the variety of activities that were offered on the day. All students were proud of their efforts in making the wine bottle holders with Mr Chod in woodwork, ably supported by helpful Secondary students, Lachlan Collins, Charli Windberg and Rose Guazzelli Page. Parents of Year 6 students are now invited to arrange interview appointments with the principal at your earliest convenience.

Mr Chod is very proud of the industrial output from his students in the many areas of the woodwork section of the D&T. Students who have experienced carpentry and woodwork lessons have also produced fine pieces of craft work in the shape of foot stools, cutting boards, toolboxes and lolly machines. A small group have also learnt how to create special designs in the making of bread boards and butcher blocks. These have been particularly appreciated for their beauty and usefulness by staff and parents. Mr Chod was extremely pleased with the final products.

A reminder to keep the First Reconciliation and First Communion candidates in your prayers as they celebrate these Sacraments for the very first time this coming weekend. Ms Dumper, Mrs Kammann and Mrs Barton are to be congratulated on the preparation of students for their special day. Thank you, parents, for attending and supporting your child at all the workshop sessions.

The parish community have kindly supported the College with a special morning tea after the First Communion Mass on Sunday. Grateful thanks to Shirley Fontanini and the ladies of the parish for providing the food for this occasion. Thanks Mrs Barton and Mrs Kezich for organising the setting up and decorations of the parish centre.

The intruders who stole from Kearnan College unlocked lockers, have been apprehended and all property has been returned to the College. Thanks to the overwhelming support of the local community who identified the culprits and the follow up from the local police, we have a fantastic result!

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

South West High Schools Cup Netball

Last Tuesday Mrs Burvill lead a group of 70 Kearnan Students to Bunbury to complete in the annual High Schools Cup Qualifier Event. Winners of this one-day carnival will progress to Round Two competition in Fremantle. Students played, umpired and coached superbly with numerous positive feedback received about playing in the right spirit and demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship. Competition was fierce, with the best Netballers in the South-West contesting for their school.

Results

9/10 Girls Championship	5 th
7/8 Girls Championship	6 th
7/8 Girls Div 2	9 th
Open Boys Championship	5 th
Jnr Boys Championship	2 nd (Qualified for Round Two!)
Jnr Boys Participation	3 rd



I would like to thank Mrs Burvill, Miss Pintaudi, Mr Mason and Mrs Kilrain for attending the day and preparing these students through lunchtime trainings. We also had Year 12 students Ebony Buegge, Jay O'Connell and ex-student Abbey Kilrain come along as volunteers to coach and umpire.

UniPrep ECU Visit

Yesterday the Year 11 University Preparation Course students travelled to Bunbury ECU to meet university representatives to discuss future tertiary options upon completion of their course. We thank UPC teacher, Mrs Liz Collins for organising the excursion and taking the students up to gain valuable knowledge about future educational options associated with their course.

Year 10 Pathways Day

Next Tuesday all Year 10 students will take a break from regular lessons to participate in the College's pathways day. This is the starting process to begin looking at options for Year 11 and beyond. Students will gain valuable information about how senior school courses operate, along with the numerous options they have. The program will also look at helping students identify their strengths, interests, and potential industries they can pursue. It is important to note that this is the first step and students are

likely not to have decided their career yet – it is completely normal for a 15 year old not to know! I encourage parents to keep the conversation going at home to help students find avenues to pursue their interests.

Year 12 Retreat

Last week saw our Year 12 students attend a three-day retreat conducted by the Religious Education team. Amongst nature in the Perup forest, students were given valuable opportunities to be together as a cohort and complete a spiritual program to help strengthen their relationship with God. We know Year 12 is a tough year, especially as students realise that their time at the College is coming to an end. Thank you to Miss Kate Chilvers and Ms Emily Ardagh for their time and effort to plan and conduct the retreat.



Locks, Lockers and Laptops

Students have been reminded the importance to secure their laptop in their locker and LOCK the padlock! For some, this is a habit we must change. One barrier is the turn style combination lock; I am pleased to announce that thanks to the P & F, secondary students will soon be receiving a new lock that should be much more user friendly.

Year 7 Digital Technologies

I had the pleasure of visiting the Year 7 Digital Technologies class yesterday to observe the robots that they had designed, built, and coded. There were cranes, cars and even a machine to sort coloured blocks. Mrs Amanda Fialkowski had challenged the class to use computer programs to design a robotic machine that could be implemented in the mining industry. Students had fun debugging their codes and refining their build. Some great critical thinking on display!



Year 9/10 Winter Carnival

Teams have been chosen and all Year 9 and 10 students are ready for a fun filled day in Bunbury on Wednesday Week 10. Information forms and payment details have come home, we appreciate the effort to get these back promptly. It is expected that all students attend and participate in some capacity, as there are many educational benefits from this excursion.

Secondary Assembly

Next Thursday the secondary students will have their first indoor assembly since 2020! It will be a great chance to get our students together and for our leaders to speak to the student body. We will celebrate Semester One top students for Years 7-10 and Year 11/12's will receive certificates of distinction. The CWL Scholarship will be awarded to the successful applicant.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Cross Country Wrap

House Cross Country

This event is one the children love each year and having nearly the whole primary school involved, makes it more exciting for everyone.

Light showers passed quickly and the children enthusiastically completed the run. The Year 1/2 students ran 800m, our Year 3/4 students ran 1.6 km and our Year 5/6 ran 2.4km on a well organised running track.

It was fantastic to see so many children puffing and trying their absolute best during the run.

Boys and girls from Years 3-6 who placed in the top four for their age group qualified for the Interschool Cross Country.

Our winners for the day for each year level:

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Anae Daniels	James Cummings	Mackenzie Watson	WNBA	Elsa Kristofferson	Quinlan Dronow
Penelope Howe	Kade Fontanini	Amara Farr	George Howe	Ruby Nguyen	Braxton Proudfoot
Jazzmin Pearce	Nayte Rawson	Ryleigh Brown	Liam Blechynden	Edie Pedlar	Jude Winfield
Aria Winfield		Rylan Fontanini	Xavier Harris	Milla Fitzgerald	Thomas Sperrer
Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Saskia Dronow	Thomas O'Donnell	Layne Waugh	Chace Watson	Rylie McGinty	Ayden Terrigno
Jade Blechynden	Edwin Hollis da Cruz	Heidi Grainger	Noah Murphy	Isla Pardini	Torre Renzullo
Milla Parkinson	Bentley Fontanini	Lilly Bevan	Xavier Jacob	Lilly Jacob	Will Roberts
Charlotte Raper	Keegan Kariuki	Laura Bachos	Ben Matenaar	Ainsley O'Donnell	Reef Parkinson

A special thank you to the Year 6 and Year 10 students who, recorded times, assisted on the track and led the runners in their warm up.

Interschool Cross Country

Last Friday a group of year 3-6 students participated in the Inter School Cross Country at East Manjimup Primary School. The course was grueling and the weather showery, but that certainly didn't dampen their spirits. The children all ran exceptionally well, displaying great determination and resilience.

Saskia Dronow came 1st in the Year 4 girls race and Chace Watson came 3rd in the Year 5 boy's race, both students brought medals home and they did our school proud. Congratulations!

We had two students who came 5th for their year level, well done to Quinlan Dronow and Thomas O'Donnell.

A huge thank you to Katie Murphy, Mark Dronow, Debbie Renzullo and Jennifer Hollis who marshalled on the day.

Running Club

There will be no Running Club for Junior School during week 9 and 10. There will be communication regarding the return of Running Club next Term.

Congratulations to Devin Viera Gouveia, Flynn Markotis and Oliver Markotis who have run 100 laps with the club. Well done boys!

Mrs Harris



First Communion and First Reconciliation

This weekend, 18 and 19 June, some of our wonderful students will receive the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. Thank you to Miss Dumper, Mrs Kammann and Mrs Kezich and Ms Thomas for preparing our students, Mrs Cully who has assisted with the Year 4 Retreat and Church decorations, and Mrs Geurts who will be sharing her talent of music on both days and of course our Parish Priest, Father Edwin. Thanks also to all the families involved on both special days. We continue to pray for these students; Milla Fitzgerald, Elsa Kristoffersson, Oliver Markotis, Grace Matenaar, Edie Pedlar, Braxton Proudfoot, Jade Blechynden, Jaydn Dovaston, Paige Jacob, Keegan Kariuki, Kelcey Kariuki, Thomas O'Donnell, Charli Swallow and Hannah Thomas.



Homework Club

Well done to the students who are getting their homework done on a Tuesday afternoon at Homework Club. Our keen students read, number crunch and test their spelling for an hour after school. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the office for a permission form. We only have one more week left, as on the last week of term we do not run the after-school class.

Parent Help

Next Term many of our classes would enjoy parents back in the classroom in some capacity. If you have some time at the start of the day, or during the week, please let your class teacher know as they would appreciate having you listen to some reading or assist changing reading books.

Vocabulary Focus

Across the staffroom table our Junior School staff are often discussing the benefits of a wide and varied vocabulary. This knowledge allows children to flourish in all areas of communication – speaking, listening, reading and writing. Children with a robust vocabulary gain a greater understanding of their world, which in turn helps them when they are making connections with their learning. It makes sense that the more words they know, the more words they will understand when they read, which

enhances comprehension.

Parents can assist with vocabulary development through reading a wide range of books. We encourage you to read to your child hard texts, harder than your child can read well themselves. Increasing their knowledge through non-fiction texts and enjoying wonderful characters and settings through fiction texts, can give your child skills they can bring to their learning. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful books being read in your homes!

Welcome

We welcome Thenuja Bathange Don who has joined our Year 3 class from Sri Lanka. We hope he has enjoyed the last few weeks and that the whole family are feeling welcome in the Kearnan community.

Wood Chips

The Early Childhood dingy has been painted by the Manji Men's Shed and looks fantastic. We are just waiting for Mr Chodorowski to finish the cradle to keep it secure in the playground. Although we have purchased some woodchips, we would love a top up if anyone has some they can spare. We would love double what we currently have! Please let the office know if you can help.

Thought of the Week

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~ Dr Seuss

Have a wonderful weekend,

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES

DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
18.6.22	6.00 pm	
19.6.22		10.30 am 8.30 am
25.6.22	6.00 pm	
26.6.22	8.30 am	10.30 am