



# Kearnan Chronicle

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

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

9 December 2022

*"And the angel said unto them; Fear not, for behold I bring you, great tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto us is born, in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord". Luke 2 : 10*

## Important Dates:

Wednesday 1 Feb	Students return 2023
Thursday 2 Feb	Opening School Mass 2.00 pm
	Junior School Parent Info
	ViSN Camp
	Year 11/12 Info Night 6.00 pm
Tuesday 7 Feb	Year 7 Parent Night
Friday 10 Feb	School Ball
	Secondary Summer House Carnival

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our final newsletter for 2022. Special thanks to Fr Edwin for his guidance, love and support who has enriched our Catholic faith and spirituality throughout the year. Blessings for Fr Edwin and all families at Kearnan College, as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas in 16 days. Special thanks to all who have generously donated much needed food items to the St Vincent de Paul Society, who will deliver them to those less fortunate. PP Advent Liturgy was again prayerful and joyful and our College Final Mass was reverent and uplifting.

Kindy parents and grandparents enjoyed a final gathering in the classroom on Tuesday for the last concert of the year. Mrs Riddell, Mrs Cully and Kindy students were delighted to show off their singing and dancing ability and give a surprise gift of beautiful rose posies to each family. This event was completed with a delicious morning tea provided by each family and the arrival of Santa to give each student a special gift.

Junior school parents and families were delighted with the polished performances from all classes at Carols night on Wednesday evening. Thankfully, the weather was dry but unusually cool for this time in December. A huge crowd gathered to enjoy the sweet singing, energetic dancing and well-practiced performances. How fitting to end our 2022 year with great celebration and joy. The night was full of wonderful surprises and the blessing song brought tears to my eyes. Mrs Barton was truly kind in her farewell words, very touching and humbling to hear.

Congratulations to all our dedicated and hard-working teachers whose efforts were rewarded on the night. A big shout out to all our award-winning students. Well-deserved to recipients for conscientious hard work, community spirit and Christian living practice. What a beautiful night to create wonderful memories for the last time for Junior school families, whose child moves to Secondary School in 2023. Special thanks to Charlotte Sarre and Peri Dronow for their magical musical tones and touch with their violin and cello.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Ms Madeley, Mr Bennett, Ms Tasker, Ms Pintaudi, Ms Jogi and Mr Alexander who will leave our school to pursue other interests. Wishing them every happiness for their next BIG step in life's journey. We welcome Mr David Sarre, Mr Mitchell Sutton, Mrs Megan Kammann, Ms Stephanie Fitz-Henry and Ms Gail Elsen to our staff in 2023.

Thanks once again to our amazing Mrs Kilrain and her P&F band of helpers who have supported the many requests from teachers for much needed resources in 2022. Our final fund raiser was well supported by families with the order and purchase of yummy gourmet hampers and the sausage sizzle was a huge success. Thanks to Jess Durbin for her culinary skills and to the generosity of the Manjimup Bakery who donated the hot dog rolls for this Christmas concert event. Thanks to Jane Kelsbie for donating the raffle prize

Middle School awards were presented at our final Secondary assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all students who have given their best to receive recognition for excellent achievement in their subjects and therefore rewarded for outstanding effort. We thank Mrs Jo Merks, for presenting the Religious Education awards with Ms Chilvers. These awards were sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and Kearnan College. workforce.

I would like to pay tribute to my hard-working leadership and admin team who have supported me throughout 2022. Thank God for our teachers who give of their best every day. I have been very fortunate to work with truly dedicated and diligent staff. May they all enjoy a quiet, reflective, restorative, reviving holiday and return to the new year to work in collaboration with Mr Ben Priest, newly appointed principal for 2023.

We are hopeful that our new sport uniform will arrive during semester one next year. Thanks to Mrs Kodie Brotherton for making herself available December 14 after 3.00 pm for new parents to purchase uniforms in readiness for their new school start.

Please note that there will be a fee increase to the IT levy for Secondary students in 2023. This fee will increase from \$ 50 to \$ 250 to cover the initial rental cost for our newly leased HP Laptops for students from Year 7 – 12.

Canteen will only be available for four days a week in 2023 from Tuesday – Friday. Closed Mondays.

We have exciting news to share from the Australian Government Grants program and from the delegate Minister of Education who has approved the funding of \$ 2 million, to enable the school to proceed with the capital development Stage 7 of the Kindy and Pre-Primary Early Learning classrooms. The building works are due to commence in April 2023. The Pre-Primary class will then be relocating to Room 5 near the old Administration block until completion of the new building.

God bless all families, parents, caregivers, grandparents too. Stay safe, stay well. Happy and Holy Christmas, peace, love and joy. Christmas brings family and friends together; it helps us appreciate the love in our lives, we can often take for granted.

Thank you for the love and care to Mr Geurts and myself these past three years, we will cherish and treasure the wonderful memories the Kearnan College community has given to us.

God bless

Carol Geurts  
Principal (Retiring)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

It's here! The final day that many have longed and waited for. The final weeks have been a nice change of routine for many, as they finalise course work and help prepare for Christmas.

### Year 9/10 Careers Day and Work Experience

Mrs Kilrain has again created a diverse and jam-packed two days for our students in middle school. From trips to Margaret River TAFE, to guest presenters and skills sessions our students took a break from the books to get some real life lessons! Financial planning, cooking and much, much more was on offer. The Year 10's also combined these two days with a week of work experience around the region.

These opportunities help our students explore their interests and more importantly ignite their imagination to choose a career path.

Thank you to all the presenters and organisations that volunteered part of their day to speak with our young people, it was very valuable!



## Reports

Teachers and administration staff are busily finalising reports for your child this semester. Please take the time with your child to discuss progress and achievements from 2022. Upon commencing 2023, it is important that all students know their growth areas and have some goals to work towards to help aid improvement. If you wish to reach out to teaching staff regarding subject reports, please do so via phone or email through the college during week 10 (we are still at work 😊). An email will be sent once reports are available to view through SEQTA Engage. Hard copies will be in the post before December 16.

## Year 7-10 Awards Assembly

Yesterday we presented our end of year awards to very deserving winners. Congratulations to all winners, who have worked remarkably hard all year. A full list of winners is attached.

## End of Year Farewells

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who work hard to contribute to all students educational journey. Sadly, for some it is time to move away from Kearnan and onto a different chapter of their lives.

### Mr Bennett

Mr Bennett has overseen the Mathematics department as Head of Learning Area for the past 4 years. We thank him for his efforts in improving numeracy across all years and being the funny, jovial man he is. Mr Bennett has also brought a renewed focus to ANZAC and Remembrance Day services which will be sadly missed. Best of luck in the years ahead and I'm sure you will enjoy being closer to the family and the grandkids.

### Ms Jogi

Ms Jogi has come in Term Two to help alleviate some staffing problems. She has fitted into the Science and RE departments well and we thank her for the teaching efforts in these areas.

### Miss Pintaudi

Miss Pintaudi has been an active member in the HPE department who is always involved in College life. Many memories have been made in the Outdoor Education classes which students will cherish for years to come. Thank you Miss Pintaudi, we wish you all the best with your move. Students will miss your friendly and cheerful demeanor.

### Ms Tasker

Ms Tasker has had a special place in the College as an Art teacher across both Junior and Secondary School. We have been truly blessed to have her expertise and the quality of work coming out of the Art Room has been exceptional for many year. Thank you for engaging and inspiring all our students' creative sides.

### Mrs Geurts

And finally, a special mention to Mrs Geurts, who has had numerous farewell festivities. Retiring for the second time all the students and staff in the secondary will miss your diligence, kindness and empathy you have for our College. We are blessed and lucky to have had your expertise and wisdom during the COVID years. There are exciting times ahead due to your efforts and we are forever in your debt for your service to the College. Thank you to you and Mr Geurts for the past 3 years, enjoy the travel and relaxation ahead – you deserve it!

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Thank You

As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank our parents who support us in so many ways. They have continued to show their support by helping with so many jobs like; homework, listening to their child read, attending special liturgies, making Book Week costumes, donating items, cooking sausages, making hampers, parent help, judging at the athletics carnivals. We understand that everyone is busy, so we always appreciate the time you give to support your child and to make our school a wonderful community.

would also like to thank the caring, dedicated and hardworking Junior School team. They are a wonderful team and together have achieved wonderful successes with your children this year.

### Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who move onto Middle School next year. They celebrated the end of Junior School with a beautiful Mass last week. Special thanks, once again, to our amazing Mrs Cully for the Church decorations, the connection between the students' Kindy Quilt at the foot of the Altar and the beautiful Year 6 banner did not go unnoticed. Father Edwin spoke to each of our students about using their God given gifts to reach their potential and help others to do the same, and we know this wonderful group of students will certainly work hard to do that. Well done to Ms Thomas for preparing such a wonderful liturgy. I would like to congratulate these students for their leadership, aspiring always to do their best; for themselves, their peers and their school community. Special thanks to our student leaders, Isla Pardini, Will Roberts and Peri Dronow, who have been excellent role models for all Junior School students this year.



### Carols Night and Award Presentations

What a fantastic way to end a wonderful school year! Wednesday night was a joyful celebration filled with smiles and songs. Thank you to Peri Dronow and Charlotte Sarre for their beautiful cello and violin playing to set the scene. You are so talented! Congratulations to all classes for their great performances and to their teachers who also worked hard to get everything perfect up on the stage. We loved the variety of songs and the way they were sung with gusto! Extra thanks to Mrs Riddell for coordinating the combined class group songs, which is never an easy task. They sounded amazing! Congratulations to the students for the beautiful blessing for our Principal, Mrs Geurts. It couldn't have been better!

Thank you to Mrs Cully, Mrs Ramiro and Mrs Wiseman who created the stunning environment, transforming the courts into a festive scene. Thanks also to Reilly Burvill, Jayden Renzullo and Hudson Lyster who managed the IT on the night. Every year Reilly (past Head Boy) says it will be his last year, but once again, his generosity shines and he shares his talents

for another year. We are very grateful. Thanks to Mrs Burvill who always assists, the secondary staff for the stage set-up and finally to Mrs Nock, whose attention to detail ensured the night ran so smoothly.



Awards Winners	
<b>PP</b> Christian Living - Astrid Dronow Most Conscientious- Jude Brown Most Improved- Gabriella Brotherton <b>Year 1</b> Christian Living -Jazzmin Pearce Most Conscientious - Milla Crowd Most Improved- James Cumming <b>Year 2</b> Christian Living - Alex Durbin Most Conscientious - Liam Blechynden Most Improved Piper Hall <b>Year 3</b> Christian Living- Braxton Proudfoot Most Conscientious- Elsa Kristofferson Most Improved- Jude Winfield Academic Award- Florence Ipsen	<b>Year 4</b> Christian Living- Milla Parkinson Most Conscientious- Keegan Kariuki Most Improved Ben Brotherton Academic Award Jessica Muir <b>Year 5</b> Christian Living- Lilly Bevan Most Conscientious- Ruby Brown Most Improved- Bailey Brown Academic Award- Ben Matenaar <b>Year 6</b> Christian Living- Torre Renzullo Sportsperson- Ayden Terrigno and Rylie McGinty Most Consistent- Tyrraell Bennett Community Spirit- Peri Dronow Academic Achievement- Isla Pardini Science Award- Jaydn Davoston Art Award- Ainsley O'Donnell Music- Ainsley O'Donnell

### Leaders 2023

The 2023 Junior School leaders were voted in by their peers and staff members. Congratulations to the following students. We know that they will be wonderful leaders next year.

- Head Boy – Xavier Jacob
- Head Girl - Lilly Bevan
- Service Captain - Ruby Brown
- House Captains:
- Kelly – Laura Bachos and Orlando Renzullo
- Rooney – Ty Kammann and Layne Waugh
- MacKillop – Azaleah Grant and Chace Watson
- McCormack – Noah Murphy and Flynn Markotis

### Reports Junior School

Academic reports will be going home in envelopes today (PP-Yr 6), for those families who requested a paper copy. These reports are also available online via Seqta Engage. Please spend time going through the report, celebrating the achievements of the semester. Kindy reports will be mailed home to families next week. Booklists will also be sent home in the envelopes today with individual book levels included on them. The Manjimup Newsagency will be able to fill these orders in the New Year. Booklists can also be found on our website and the levels are with the office staff, who will be back at school after Monday 16 January 2023.

### Pre-Kindy and Kindy Christmas

This week Santa came to both our Pre-Kindy and Kindy classes. He was delighted with so many good students and gifts were delivered to everyone. Our Kindy class entertained their parents with song and dance, bringing much joy and happiness. Thank you to Mrs Riddell, Mrs Cully and Mrs Jacob for their work with our youngest Kearnan students this year. Just a reminder that Kindy reports will be mailed home next week.



### Advent Liturgy. Kindy-Year 3

A beautiful Advent Liturgy was celebrated with our youngest students yesterday. It was a very special way to finish our school year. Thank you to Mrs Beeson and the team of teachers and teacher assistants for coordinating the liturgy. Thanks also to our parents for the donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper appeal.



### Farewell and God Bless

This week we say farewell to our lovely Miss Madeley and thank her for the positive impact she has had in our year 5 class, during the last half of 2022. Miss Madeley has displayed a zest for teaching; ever efficient, ensuring all her students have the best opportunities to blossom. We have absolutely loved having your positive, smiley disposition at Kearnan College, Ashleigh and we know you have a wonderful teaching career ahead of you. We thank you and wish you every success!

We also say farewell to Ms Tasker. We have been blessed to have an Art teacher who knows and loves her craft like Ms Tasker. Our students have created the most amazing artworks under her guidance and she will be sorely missed. Not only for her amazing talent, but also for her kind and accepting nature that allows our students to feel like they can succeed. Ms Tasker has ensured those who love Art have had an opportunity to create, through lunchtime Art Club and her support of events like the Cherry Festival and the Manjimup Show have strengthened our ties within the community. We wish Ms Tasker every success as she continues her own Art and we look forward to seeing her work in galleries. We will miss you!

Finally, to our Principal, Mrs Geurts. In her time here, Mrs Geurts has cemented our Catholic vision of being Christ centred and child focussed. She has championed academic excellence but has also celebrated the small gains that children make every day. She has shared her passion for music and the Arts and this will be something we will always remember about her. Mrs Geurts has been a supportive assistant in Year 1 and Year 2 classes and has enjoyed helping with story writing. Students have loved visiting her office to share their work and receive a Principal's gold sticker. She donned the high-vis vest and took charge of morning duty, making sure everyone was safely over the road, keeping a pulse of the year groups and greeting everyone by their name as they crossed the road. Mrs Geurts guided us all through the challenging times of Covid, with lockdowns and isolation, keeping us informed; always supportive, giving us confidence and easing any uncertainty. She has been a humble and strong leader, with a strong moral compass. For these three years, Carol has done whatever job was required for the Kearnan community. She has been the cleaner when needed, assisted in the canteen, represented us in the community on ANZAC day, played music for school masses and celebrations and also for the parish. She has been the driving force behind our

beautiful new school uniforms and a soon to be new Kindy/Pre-primary building. We thank Carol for her clear direction, strong stance on Kearnan values, care for the students and parents from the College and her unwavering support of her staff. You will be missed.

We also thank her husband, Peter who has been by Carol's side every step of the way, contributing to our school and giving of his time and skills. What a dynamic duo they are! We wish them every blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

### Thought of the Week

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving." ~ Mother Teresa

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas. We are thankful for all our blessings this year and look forward seeing all our wonderful Kearnan families in the New Year.

**Mrs Peta Barton**  
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### PARISH NEWS

Reconciliation will be at 5.00 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, after the 4.00 pm Mass.

PARISH MASS TIMES		
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
10.12.22	6.00 pm	
11.12.22	8.30 am	10.30 am
17.12.22	6.00 pm	
18.12.22	10.30 am	8.30 am

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve 6.00 pm** Manjimup  
 St Joseph's Catholic Church,  
 Cnr Ipsen and Moore Street

**Christmas Eve 6.00 pm** Northcliffe  
 St Francis Xavier,  
 Wheatley Coast Road.

**Christmas Day 9.00 am** Manjimup  
 St Joseph's Catholic Church,  
 Cnr Ipsen and Moore Street.

**Christmas Day 9.00 am** Pemberton  
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church,  
 Cnr Guppy and Dean Street.

*Wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas.*

