



# 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:

Monday 31 Oct	WACE Exams Commence
Tuesday 1 Nov	Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday 3 Nov	Year 5 Leadership Camp
Friday 4 Nov	PP Assembly
	Year 11 Exams Commence

Monday 7 Nov	Year 11 General Work Experience
Wed 9 Nov	PP Learning Journey 4.00 pm – 6 pm
	Outdoor Ed Camp Departs
Friday 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
	Year 11 Exams Conclude
	Outdoor Ed Camp Returns

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Two weeks ago, we farewelled our Year 12 students with their final liturgical celebration in St Joseph's church with their families. Parents, grandparents, caregivers, Year 1, 10 and 11 students enjoyed being part of the beautiful liturgy, unique and special to this group. Morning tea was provided for families afterwards in the library by Year 11 students with the assistance of Mrs Burvill and Mrs Schutz. On behalf of all Kearnan staff, we wish them well as they take their place in a world of possibilities for future endeavors and career choice.

We trust that they all are well prepared to sit and complete their final WACE exams. Speech night for Year 11 and 12 will take place on November 16 in the Parish Centre. We look forward to a night of celebration and reward for excellence in achievement in all learning areas.

Special congratulations to the students who were voted in for the Secondary Leadership roles for 2023. The field of nominees was very strong and highly competitive. Speeches were very well constructed and delivered expertly on the day of presentation. I have every confidence that these students will listen openly and attentively to the voice of all students. I know and trust that their leadership style and interaction with students and staff will be exemplary in word and action. These positions will be announced at a short assembly on Monday.

Term Three Endeavor awards were presented at the first Assembly of the term. Congratulations to all award winners from Year 7 – 12 for their great effort and achievement.

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.

Our College staff, students and parents were visited by CEWA Bunbury and Perth - School Improvement panel to review the last three years in looking back on our Improvement agenda with the expectations that looking forward we will need to address some future recommendations. The process was undertaken over two days allowing for enquiry and inquiry around Quality Catholic Education and its delivery at Kearnan.

The panel was very impressed to hear the voice of the community members with the positive and constructive feedback that was provided to tell our story in the rebuilding of relationships, to speak about the witness and depth of Catholic ethos within the school and the strength of its educational practices for present and future planning.

The panel were reassured by conversation with key stakeholders, that the College is fully focused on the goals that are set in the four domains, which are clearly contextual but aligned to CEWA 's Vision and the delivery of its Strategic Directions.

There is always room for improvement, and we can always do better. The final report will have important information and recommendations for the new Principal to address in 2023 and beyond.

As you may have become aware, the activity of vaping has taken hold 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. All Secondary parents will receive a separate personal email regarding this matter.

We have advertised three positions for 2023, which can be found on the College website and placed in the local paper. Two positions are temporary, one for a Year 5 Primary maternity replacement and one Secondary short term for Health and Head of PE and one ongoing position, to replace the IT Officer.

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

Enjoy the weekend ahead, bring on the sunshine please!

God bless

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Wow, what a start to Term Four we have had. Students have settled into the groove of the final term and are working well in educational programs.

### Year 12s

Week One was everything Year 12. Wednesday, we farewelled the Year 12 students with a school-based assembly. This was a chance for all secondary students to see the virtues of a Kearnan graduate. Each student was celebrated for their strengths and growth they have shown over their time at the College. All Year 12's have led the school by being positive role models. Special thanks to our Head Boy, Chris Ipsen and Head Girl Ella McGuire for their efforts and service to the College over the year.

Thursday was the formal Graduation Mass, which was a beautiful experience for all. Each student received affirmations from other students in their homerooms, showing the influence these young men and women have at the College. Thank you for all the staff who helped prepare the church for this special occasion and Mrs Burvill for coordinating morning tea with the Year 11 students.

That evening Year 12 students and College staff gathered for the annual Graduation dinner at the Gateway motel. A beautiful meal shared with students allowing time for reflection of the special memories and a little bit of 'family feud fun'.

The final event for the Year 12's (it's a bit like a John Farnham Farewell tour!) is Speech Night, where we formally recognise achievements at the College. This event is at the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 16 November at 6.30 pm**.

### Swim Carnival

After a false start and delay of date, the swim carnival was held last Friday. Student attendance and participation was strong, with the four houses fiercely battling it out for the

shield. Each house had its superstars, and many students swam for points in the participation races. But in the end, Kelly House was too strong for its competition. House Captains for the day, Katie Bookless and Georgette Sheridan swam and led beautifully to bring home back to back carnival wins for Kelly House.



### McCormack Pilgrimage

Yesterday we had the pleasure of hosting Irene McCormack Catholic College into our school as they embarked on their pilgrimage. A former Kearnan Principal, McCormack is a major part of our tradition. Kearnan Year 10's shared morning tea, before our Year 3's completed an activity documenting the life of Sr Irene through an activity with McCormack students.

### 7/8 Lightning Carnival

100 bright and bubbly Kearnan students boarded the bus on Wednesday to trek to Bunbury to participate in the 7/8 Lightning Carnival. Coached and officiated by older sports coaching students, Kearnan teams played in good spirit, had fun and developed valuable social skills through their chosen sport of either Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Indoor Beach Volleyball or Soccer. Thank you to all the staff who attended and made this possible.

### Academy Excursion

Next Thursday, Mrs Burvill and I will take Year 8 Sports Academy students to Busselton to compete against other specialist schools. These students have been training well during lesson in both Netball and Basketball. This opportunity provides students to test their skill against stronger competition, along with providing a nice day out to celebrate the year of Academy Sport.

### Year 10/11 Upcoming Exams

As the year draws to a close, you may notice that our Year 10 and 11 students become a little stressed as the examination period comes along. This process is important for students to navigate with a clear head and healthy choices at their forefront. Successful students are those who manage their time well for study and other commitments, whilst also considering healthy diet and sleeping habits.

### Year 7 2023 Orientation Day 3

Wednesday 23 November will see our final Orientation Day for enrolled Year 7 students. This is great, fun-filled day led by our Year 9 students where the aim of the day is to continue to build relationships amongst the 2023 Year 7 cohort. Our Year 9 students gain leadership experience through this event and from this they will be offered to become a peer mentor next year.

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We have enjoyed a great start to the term. Our calendar is full, so we know there is much to look forward to!

### **Congratulations Clancy!**

Last term we saw our Year 3 student, Clancy Sarre, welcomed into the Catholic Church as he received the Sacrament of Baptism in front of his family, godparents, peers and school and parish community. Congratulations to Clancy and may God's love, peace and joy fill his life with abundant blessings.



### **Interschool Athletics**

**Mrs Harris**

Last term we participated in the Interschool Athletics carnivals. Our students participated with great enthusiasm and worked really hard in all the events. There were some excellent examples of team spirit and lots of encouragement for team-mates. Several students were outstanding performers on the day.

Year 3 Ryan Roberts- 2nd Place Champion Boy

Year 4 Saskia Dronow - 2nd Place Champion Girl

Year 4 Milla Parkinson - 3rd Place Champion Girl

Year 5 Heidi Grainger - 2nd Place Champion Girl

Year 5 Chace Watson - 1st Place Champion Boy.

Kearnan College finished in 2nd place overall, with Manjimup Primary School taking home the shield this year. Thanks to our wonderful P&F, for providing lunch and snacks for all 4 schools. An extra special thanks to Mr Brendon Burvill for his work in the scorer's tent. He has volunteered in this role for several years and we appreciate his work for us, calmly tabulating numbers and identifying place getters. Finally, a very big thank you to the Cert II Sports Coaching students who assisted at both carnivals. These students were outstanding. Many parents and teachers commented on the work done by these students, and they helped to make the day run smoothly.



### **Kearnan Music- Mrs Riddell**

#### **Catholic Performing Arts**

In Term Three, a small group of primary and secondary students entered the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. They invested much time in preparing and perfecting their piece to ensure it was ready for recording or a live performance. Jed Roberts thrilled the judges with his live vocal performance in Perth. Congratulations Jed on your effort and achievement. Saskia Dronow, Xavier Jacob, Ainsley O'Donnell, Peri Dronow, Ava Pardini, Georgia Sarre, Charlotte Sarre and Imogen Jacob submitted most beautiful online pieces. Congratulations to you all on such a fine and professional effort.

#### **Music and Dance Evening**

On a cold and blustery Wednesday evening, the stage was set, and a talented group of young musicians and dancers were gathering in the Parish Centre. To the delight of Mrs Geurts, Mrs Barton and Mrs Riddell each performer had willingly moved their performance a day forward at the shortest of notice. There was a buzz of excitement and anticipation! The evening began with a wonderful piano piece, the perfect introduction to the musical and dance talent that was to come. Students from Pre-primary through to Year 9 stunned the audience with compositions performed on various instruments. One budding musician had spent many weeks learning the glockenspiel and another entertained with her beautiful vocal ability. Some musicians sang and played the piano, and two stunning dance routines mesmerised their audience. The violinists were powerful and brilliant, while the electric guitar had us tapping along to each song he played. And then there was the beatbox master - wow!

Thank you, and congratulations to all students who charmed us with your performance. We were privileged to be in the company of such confidence, courage, and talent. The dedication and practice you put into learning each of your pieces and the time dedicated to your music or dance routine have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you, parents, for your support on the night. Your commitment and dedication to nurturing your child's gifts was evident. You must have been so proud!

Thank you, Mrs Cully, Mr Alexander, Mrs Sarre, Mrs Geurts and Mrs Barton, for helping with the set-up and the pack-up. No matter how big or little the job, you helped to make the night perfect.

And finally, thank you to the parents and members of staff who helped to pack away at the end of the evening. It was greatly appreciated.



## Summer Uniform

Thank you to all students who have come back ready for Term 4 in the correct uniform. Our new uniform carries through all year round, so the only addition to this uniform is the hat for play and sport. Students are still welcome to wear the old version of our school uniform during our transition years but should be wearing the summer version of our uniform this term. We ask students who enjoy the 'Running Club' on Monday and Thursdays to remember to bring the correct shoes and change, if it is not their sports uniform day.

## Spring Carnival

Last week our Years 4-6 participated in the Spring Carnival event coordinated by MPS. Our Kearnan College sports coaching students were team coaches for the day. We are so grateful to have such quality students lead our younger students.



## Superkids Superheroes

Every year we are delighted to have this committed group of riders come to our school to raise awareness for childhood cancer and raise funds for The Kids Cancer Project. 100% of the money raised goes towards research and helping children fight this terrible disease. Last term our Student Council suggested a Footy Colours Day, where all the money raised would be donated to The Kids Cancer Project. It was presented to the Superkids Superheroes during their visit last Friday.



## Term 4 Student Council

Last Monday our new Student Council received their badges and were blessed in their leadership roles. Congratulations to Edie Pedlar, Quinlan Dronow, Tyler Mitchell, Sophia Gardner- Laverick and Liam Boydell. We look forward to seeing what projects they come up with for Term 4.

## Rooney House Day

Today our Rooney students wore their green House shirts to celebrate their House Day. They started their celebrations with a Liturgy and then headed out into the gardens to enjoy the environmental theme which is a Rooney House focus.

## Mathademic

Our Mathademic teams demonstrated excellence as they crunched numbers and problem solved in the annual competition held at Manjimup Primary School. Ayden Terrigno, Torre Renzullo, Noah Murphy, Devin Vieira Gouveia, Jessica Muir and Oliver Markotis made up the quality team representing Kearnan College this year.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump-Off is scheduled for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30pm on the courts. All students are asked to wear their sports uniform with their House shirts, so that we can break them into Houses for rotations. Thank you to the students who have raised funds for the Heart Foundation, which will assist research into heart disease.

## Big Minds 4 Bright Futures – Written by Jaydn Dovaston, Peri Dronow and Isla Pardini

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October the Year Six class took part in the Big Minds for Brighter Futures workshop, which was hosted by the Manjimup Shire. This interesting seminar was about putting forward our ideas to make Manjimup a better place for youth. The students worked in small groups to work on ideas to make the community a better place for the youth. Six of our students presented these ideas to Manjimup Shire Council. Will and Isla presented the idea of a youth centre, Jaydn and Rylie presented the idea of a Wet and Wild water ski (and wave pool) dam, and Brody and Iluka presented the idea of a high ropes paintball arena. All these students did an amazing job of displaying their plans to the council.



## Thought for the week

"Some old fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." ~ Laura Ingalls Wilder  
 "A kind word is like a spring day." ~ Russian Proverb

Have a lovely weekend,

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## PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES		
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
29.10.22	6.00 pm	
30.10.22	10.30 am	8.30 am
5.11.22	6.00 pm	
6.11.22	10.30 am	8.30 am