



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 12 Sept	Kelly House Day
	Year 6 Camp Departs
Wed 14 Sept	Year 10 2023 Parent Info Night 6.00 pm
Friday 16 Sept	Year 4/5 Cricket Cup

Mon 19 Sept	Year 12 SIDE and ViSN Exams
Tues 20 Sept	Interschool Jumps Carnival
Wed 21 Sept	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Thurs 22 Sept	International World Day of Peace
	Kearnan Music & Dance Evening
	Junior School OPEN CLASSROOMS
Friday 23 Sept	Year 6 Assembly
	Secondary Assembly

Dear parents and caregivers,

Mr Ben Priest, newly appointed principal for 2023 will come to visit and meet our wonderful College staff, students and Advisory Council members next Thursday 15 September. Mr Priest is currently acting principal at St Mary's Boyup Brook until December 2022, and he is very much looking forward to his role as Principal of Kearnan College.

Sally Matthews, the nominated architect for the new building project of the early childhood buildings, continues to provide the College with the Stage 7 program proposal. The design work on the project will commence at the end of September 2022. As the design work comes through, there will be an opportunity for the school community to view the plans.

In consultation with Rob de Boni, CEWA Capital Consultant, Sally from M&S Architects will post for building companies to tender for the work in the coming weeks. The successful builder will be issued the contract according to the criteria and all things going according to the plan, 'on site' building is expected and estimated to start around April 2023 and be finished for takeover in January 2024.

There is every possibility that the Pre-Primary class with all its resources will move to a suitable classroom next term to enable a smooth start to 2023. This new space will provide uninterrupted learning for teachers and students whilst preparation for the demolition of the Pre-primary building gets underway. Hopefully, short term pain for long term gain!

Thanks to staff, students and parents for the feedback and responses on your choice of style and design for the College sport uniform. The Uniform committee met this week to discuss the findings and collectively have put forward the two popular choices to Perm-a-Pleat for a prototype to be made up for display and comment before a final decision is made.

Year 6 students are very excited about their camp in Perth next week. We wish them a fabulous week of discovery and learning, supportive teamwork and safe bus travel. Special thanks to the Dads who have given up precious work time to be supervisors during the week for our boys. We are so fortunate that with all the generous food donations from families, will keep costs to a minimum. All support is very much appreciated and the teachers and students are also very grateful.

Year 12 students were amazing leaders yesterday, as facilitators of R U O K day. This is an important event on our calendar which raises awareness of healthy and positive mindsets. This day is ONE day dedicated to inspiring and empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them by asking the simple question "Are you OK?" Now could be a great time to ask your child "Are you OK?" and to support them in the event that they are struggling.

Students were happy to share a picnic style lunch in Wanju place with groovy music and prizes awarded to those who came dressed in their best yellow outfits.

Appropriate use of social media on mobile phones is once again the topic of conversation that parents are requested to share with your children at home. Please be vigilant with what your child is placing on Snap Chat and Tik Tok mediums. Spreading gossip and inuendo is considered slander which could be used in a court of law if your child's post became part of a future investigation.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the P&F Quiz night and if you can assist with prizes for the raffles, please contact Mrs Leah Kilrain for further information. Tables of 8 are the go for these fun nights of nights, get your table together so you do not miss out.

Students have been busy preparing and polishing up their acts for the music and dance evening to be held on Thursday 22 September in the Parish Centre. Thanks to Mrs Riddell and Mrs Sarre for making this an important feature on the school calendar.

Please come and see your child's work as we open the classrooms in the Junior school on the afternoon of Thursday 22 September. Students and teachers are really looking forward to showing their wonderful work and creative classrooms.

Thank you all for your continued support to Kearnan College. We value your input and appreciate all that you contribute to make our partnership a truly child centred, kind and caring community.

God bless

Carol Geurts

Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the end of Week 8; can you believe that there is only two weeks remaining until holidays! This time of year, is very busy with winter sports finishing (good luck to all students in Football and Netball Grand Finals) and Summer sports commencing.

R U OK Day

Yesterday, senior student leaders took part in leading RUOK? activities. Visiting Primary classrooms and sharing the importance of conversations with others and listening to others. It is these strong, healthy relationships that help us traverse the difficult years of adolescence, moving into adult life. Part of the College's wellbeing program is to put initiatives in place through the year to promote these relationships and help strengthen the overall health of all students.

Students, with the pivotal help of Ms Ardagh and Mrs Burvill organised music at a shared lunch. They produced a RUOK? Day banner to display for future years. Spot prizes were given out across break times and secondary students participated in activities in the afternoon that promote positive mental health. I commend students for how they embrace this day, but more importantly embedding the message into their lives.



Year 10 2023 (Current Year 9's) Information Night

Next Wednesday 14 September (6.00 pm – 7.00 pm) the College will hold an information evening for current Year 9 students commencing Year 10 for 2023. This evening is a great way to touch base with staff at the College and receive information regarding the structure of Year 10 and the implications of this going into senior school. Details of elective options will be explained as well as other College opportunities available to Year 10 students. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Swimming Carnival – Date Change!

The Colleges annual swimming carnival is creeping up and there is a buzz amongst students. Due to a scheduling issue at the aqua centre, ***the Swimming Carnival will be re-scheduled for Friday 21 October (Week 2, Term 4)***. This may be a blessing in disguise for students to get some valuable practice in over the coming holidays. Year 12 students are encouraged to attend, but it is not compulsory as they have finished their schooling. Year 7-9 students will receive a practice lesson in the weeks prior to the carnival to learn starting and finishing technique. Information regarding these sessions will be distributed during Week 10. Next week students from Year 7 to 12 will receive a nomination sheet to choose which events to enter and score valuable House points. Whilst A division is strongly competitive, B and C division offer participation style events, with a reduced distance of 25m.

Year 10 Parent Interviews

Interviews are currently taking place at a rapid pace to determine the best educational options for students moving into Year 11 for 2023. It has been lovely to speak with all parents thus far and be a part of shaping the future of students as they enter the final stage of their secondary schooling. **If parents have not yet booked an interview, please contact the College ASAP via 9777 0677.**

Year 8 Retreat

Last week all our Year 8 students stopped regular lessons for a day to take time to step back and reflect on themselves and their relationship with God. The theme for the day was stewardship and care for creation. Students were put through activities that promoted their critical thinking of 'reduce, reuse, recycle' by evaluating their carbon footprint and determining 'how many earths' are required to sustain this lifestyle.



Compassionate Communities

Last week Mrs Burvill worked with Year 9 and 10 students for an afternoon to continue their learning through a strengths-based approach. Forming part of the College’s wellbeing program, students continue to reflect about themselves and their characteristics. By drawing on their strengths, they reflect about how they can be compassionate to themselves and others. Students spent the afternoon brainstorming and planning ways in which they can create compassionate college community and will aim to implement these as future college leaders in the coming years.

Year 12 students

No doubt all Year 12 students are starting to realise that the end is near. ATAR students are finishing courses, starting extensive revision before Semester Two examinations take place. Final exam timetable will be released to students today. **Please note that exams commence Friday Week 10 (23 Sept) and run through the first week of school holidays.** For students completing General courses, teachers are working hard to ensure that all work is completed before the end of term.

Mr Aaron Pedlar
 Head of Secondary
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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming Lessons

We have finally got to the end of two weeks of swimming lessons where our students have enjoyed further developing their swimming skills. Learning to swim is a necessity in Australia, when we are often around water. It has been great to see the students’ skills improve from year

to year. This year has been the best one yet for lost property, with our students holding onto their towels and goggles, and very few items coming to the office. We have been so impressed! We hope all our students have a restful weekend, as we can see they are tired after their fortnight of swimming.

Library Visit

On Wednesday, many of our Junior classes were treated to Author, Illustrator, musician and storyteller, Alton Walley. A proud Noongar man, Alton shared his culture through storytelling getting our students up to act out some of the bush animals. Thank you to the Manjimup Public Library who every year gain funding to share with the regional schools. We are very grateful for the opportunity to see talented artists share their passion for stories.

On my trip to the library to listen to the visiting author Alton Walley I learnt the Noongar names of the mammals such as koorbardi, yonga, weitj, djiti djiti and kwiltena. Alton Wally is the author of the books Dolphin and Spearfisher. He likes to dance and sing at the same time. ~ Oliver Markotis



R U OK DAY

Yesterday, our secondary leaders facilitated activities for R U OK Day. There were splashes of yellow all through the classes and discussions on supporting friends when they see someone is not quite themselves. Asking a friend if they are ok and being there to listen, is something that everyone can do.





Thought of the Week

‘The truth is no one really knows how much someone else is hurting. We could be standing right beside someone who is completely broken and have no idea. Be kind, always. ‘

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Peta Barton
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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES			
DATE	St Joseph’s Manjimup		Sacred Heart Pemberton
13.8.22	6.00 pm		
14.8.22	8.30 am		10.30 am
20.8.22	6.00 pm		
21.8.22	10.30 am		8.30 am

P & F NEWS

Donations wanted

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the Truffle Kerfuffle or the Winter Craft Fair this year so we have decided to hold a Quiz Night on Friday 16th September. We are asking for donations of cash or items for prizes and the silent auction. These can be dropped into the office by Friday 2nd September. Table tickets are on sale now via kearnanquiz.eventbrite.com.au



Interschool Athletics

Our teams are being finalised for the Interschool carnivals being held during the last week of term. Practice is happening in the mornings with our secondary sports students, to sharpen up our accuracy and speed, so we can compete at full strength. Thanks to Mrs Harris for her work in this area. Our P&F will be providing lunches and morning tea for the participating schools, so if you can help in any way, please let our P&F know via your class representative or the office.

Year 6 Camp

The countdown is over for our Year 6’s! They will be finally heading off early Monday morning for their week away to Perth on school camp. They will be having a fabulous time visiting places like the Zoo, Parliament House and our new state museum, Boola Bardip. Activities like Bounce and Ten Pin Bowling will also be enjoyed. We look forward to sharing some of the photos when they return.

Cricket Cup

Our cricket lovers in Year 4 and Year 5 will get to showcase their skills at the Cricket Cup next Friday 16 September. We will join schools from the Manjimup region and play mini-games against each other. Apart from developing cricket skills, it is a day about having a go, having some fun and being a good sport. Students will need to wear their sports uniforms, ensure they have their hats, and apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Open Classrooms & Music and Dance Evening

On the last Thursday of term, we will be opening our Junior School classes for families to look around the classrooms with their children. Later in the afternoon, some of our talented artists will be performing in either music or dance. Classrooms (Years 1-6) will be open from 3.15 pm -4.30 pm and the Music and Dance Evening commences at 4.30 pm.