



# Kearnan Chronicle

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

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

20 May 2022

Our Motto: Seek Truth

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:

Mon 23 May	Year 11/12 Exams Commence
Friday 27 May	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 3 June	Year 11/12 Exams Conclude
	Grit Day Year 1-12
	JS Newsletters

Dear parents and caregivers,

I do hope you have all received your free RATs kits intact, which were delivered to our school this week. Thank you for your patience and care to get these out to you as COVID -19 is ramping up in the community. If your child becomes symptomatic, they should stay at home and be tested. Please continue to notify the school if your child tests positive. Refer to the [healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) website for more information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. I would like to wish all our families and staff members who are currently suffering from the virus a speedy recovery and return to good health very quickly.

For your interest, there is a 'Women with a Mission' event to be conducted at St Joseph's Parish Centre and St Joseph's Church this coming weekend. The details are included below.

The focus of the retreat is to honour Sr Irene McCormack as her anniversary falls at this time and to celebrate the Beatification of Pauline Jaricot on the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Registration for this event is essential for in person and online attendees. Please contact the web address at [bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au), or contact Deborah Robinson on her mobile 0419 939 864. A Zoom link will be provided for the Retreat and a Facebook link for the Masses. Times for this event are as follows. Saturday 21st May: Lunch from midday. Retreat 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm and Sunday 22 May, the celebration of the Mass will commence at 8.30 am with the Retreat to follow on from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the parish centre.

Special thanks to our P&F parents who have donated their time and delicious soups to support this parish and school community event.

## Year 7 2023

The recruitment drive for Year 7 enrolments for 2023 has commenced this week. Thanks to Mr Pedlar and Year 8 students, Orla Olsen, Jason Lisser, Charlotte McGuire, Amelie Windberg, Lachlan Abraham for their presentations to the year 5 and 6 students and parents of St Mary's, St Brigid's and St Joseph school communities. We are delighted at the great interest and responses from our visits. We are hopeful for many enrolments and we are looking forward to the Orientation day in week 7 to promote the great Secondary curriculum we have to offer incoming students.

## Capital Development Plan

On Monday, Peta Barton, HOP and Aaron Pedlar, HOS, Architect, Sally Matthews and I presented the proposed Capital Development Plan to the CEWA panel for funding consideration and approval to start the building process for 2023. Our plan is to rebuild, refurbish and upgrade to our Early Childhood learning environments, Junior school classrooms, Junior school playgrounds, Junior toilet facilities, Senior student change rooms ablution block, a Sports Office and relocation of the maintenance storage area. It will be a few weeks before we receive the outcome and results of our funding application of the Master Plan. We hope to be celebrating soon with good news to share with the Kearnan Community.

Keep in mind all Year 11 and 12 students who are preparing for their exams, we pray they do well in these in the next two weeks.

Thank you all for your continued support to our teachers and the learning needs of your child. We are always here to assist you in their progress and achievement of skills. Do not hesitate to contact the teachers or myself if you have a concern.

We are currently working on the Reports for Semester One and Pre-Primary parents in particular you will see a different reporting style which will be even more suitable and targeted to the learning outcomes of your child's progress and achievement.

May hard work be rewarded with excellent results from dedicated and disciplined study habits too. We are partners in your child's learning, and we want them to succeed to achieve their individual goals.

God Bless

**Carol Geurts**

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### **Year 11 & 12 ATAR Semester One Examinations**

Next week Year 11 and 12 ATAR students commence their Semester One examinations at the Parish Centre. We wish all students the best of luck with managing the busy two-week period. I would like to remind students the importance of ensuring good health and wellbeing during this time; including quality sleep, physical activity and nutrition (which includes hydration!). A healthy body is the one capable of performing well under examination conditions.

Students who do not have examinations scheduled have organised work experience under the guidance of Mrs Clare Bookless. Experience in the 'real world' is a valuable asset for students as it can help steer them where to go (or not go!). I look forward to hearing the student experiences when they return in a fortnight.

### **NAPLAN**

Over the past two weeks all Year 7 and 9's have completed the numerous NAPLAN assessments. I wish to commend all students who negated the week with ease and completed the testing to the best of their ability. Later in the year the College receives this data to help direct future curriculum delivery and teacher instruction.

### **Year 6 Feeder School Visits**

This week Mrs Carol Geurts and myself had the pleasure of visiting St Mary's Boyup Brook, St Bidgid's Bridgetown, St Joseph's Pemberton and our own Kearnan Year 6 class. The purpose of these visits was to speak to Year 5 and 6 students about the wonderful secondary opportunities available at Kearnan College. We also selected some Year 8 students to come and speak to give the student perspective. I would like to congratulate and thank Jason Lisser, Orla Olsen, Charlotte McGuire, Lachlan Abraham, Amelie Windberg, Imogen Jacob and Harry Cybula for giving their time to speak and answer the numerous questions about high school. All students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and spoke very well.

### **Year 7 2023 Orientation Day**

Wednesday 8 June is the day where any interested Year 6 students can come to visit and experience our wonderful secondary campus. The day is designed to give students a feel for what high school looks like, as well as experience a

range of the elective options such as Woodwork, Home Economics, Digital Technologies, and Sports Academy.

If you know of any Year 6 students who are interested in attending, please get their parents to contact the College.

### **COVID.....**

It's no secret that Covid is sneaking through the community with students missing a week here and there with illness. Please be assured that teachers have the flexibility to modify teaching and assessment programs and will use their professional judgement to determine the best outcome for each child. If you have any concerns, please be in touch with the relevant teacher. If any students are struggling with their studies, please talk to your subject teacher via email or a visit.

### **Homework Club**

Secondary homework club recommences next week, Tuesday 24 May. Students need to have the homework permission form returned to the office (these are still valid from Term One). Each week we have a Math/Science specialist and a RE/English/Humanities specialist staff member on hand to offer support. Students also have the privilege of accessing the kitchenette for a warm drink and some light afternoon tea. It is also recommended that students bring along an extra snack to feed those hungry brains! Homework Club will run each Tuesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, excluding Week 10.

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It has certainly been an interesting couple of weeks with class numbers fluctuating, as students stay home with Covid or Covid- like symptoms. We thank our parents for your vigilance in keeping your children home when they are not well. Having students return from covid, wearing masks- although not required, is also appreciated by our staff. Our staff have been incredibly resilient during this time, and I thank them for their adaptability as they continue to deliver the curriculum.

### **Year 1 Excursion**

Mrs Omodei's decision to bring the excursion date forward was a great call, with the Year One class enjoying beautiful weather on their day out. Thanks to all the helpers on the day, especially Mr Reeve and Mr and Mrs Winfield who were brilliant as they showed the Year 1 students their workplace and explained about the machinery and farming. Below are recounts from some of our students:

*On Tuesday we went on an excursion. We went to Stan's Manjimup and Winfield's farm. The Year 1 class was the only class to go on an excursion. First, we saw a Kubota. Next, we sat in a Kubota. Then we hopped back in the bus. After that, we were at the Winfield's farm. At Aria's farm we had lunch. Finally, we hopped back into the bus. It was the best day ever. - by Milla Crowd*

*On Tuesday Mrs Omodei and Mrs Jacob and Mrs Renzullo*

and the Year 1's went to Stan's Machinery. First, we hopped on the bus and we had to put on our seat belts. We looked at machinery. I saw old tractors. We had recess and we went to Aria's farm and we had lunch and Mrs Winfield gave us an icypole and we went back to school.- by Imogen Nock

On Tuesday we went to Stan's Machinery and Winfield's farm. First, we saw lots of machinery. Then we had lunch. After that we went to Aria's farm and had a sausage sizzle and an icypole. Then we looked at the tamarillos and the avocados. Next, we got on the bus. It was the most brilliant day ever. - by Penelope Howe



## NAPLAN

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who took NAPLAN in their stride as they completed these national assessments. We were immensely proud of the way the students completed the tests; they were calm and composed, doing their best on the day. Thanks to Mrs Nock, Mrs Mills, Miss Dumper and Mr Alexander for ensuring everything went to plan.

## Sacraments

This Term our Year 3 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and our Year 4 students will celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist. These are special celebrations for our families, our school, and our Parish. Both Sacraments are over the same weekend – Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June. Parent/child workshops for First Reconciliation will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June at 3.30 pm in the Church. Workshops for First Holy Communion will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 3.30 pm in the Church. More information will come out through the classroom teachers, closer to the dates.

## Homework Club

Homework Club will return next Tuesday 24 May from after school until 4.30 pm. We look forward to having students from Years 2-6 join us in the Year 3 classroom.

## Physical Education News – Jeanette Harris

### Running Club

The Running Club has been a huge success. It is great to see so many children attending regularly with their friends and to see their smiling faces each time they complete a lap. Please be aware there is no running club on days of bad weather and on days when school events are being held. Thank you to all parents who come to Running Club and a special thanks goes to Dian O'Donnell who helps record laps every session.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received a gold certificate for completing 100 laps.

Quinlan Dronow -Year 3

Thomas O'Donnell – Year 4

Xavier Jacob – Year 5

### Beep Test

The Beep Test is conducted at the beginning of each Term for students in Years 3-6. The test gives the students the opportunity to improve their fitness and helps them set goals. We've had many children achieve Personal Bests (PB) over the year. This Term was no expectation for PBs with congratulations going to;

#### Year 3

Quinlan Dronow, Milla Fitzgerald, Elsa Kristoffersson, Oliver Markotis, Grace Matenaar, Thomas Sperrer and Jude Winfield.

#### Year 4

Ella Brown, Jace Falcinella, Bentley Fontanini, Edwin Hollis da Cruz, Thomas O'Donnell, Milla Parkinson and Laura Bachos.

#### Year 5

Liam Boydell, Bailey Brown, Noah Lapinski, Flynn Markotis, Chace Watson, Layne Waugh, Eli Winfield.

#### Year 6

Peri Dronow, Isla Pardini, Reef Parkinson, Torre Renzullo, Ayden Terrigno, Jaydn Dovaston

### Cross Country

On Friday 3 June will see Kearnan College hold a Junior School Cross Country for all students in Year 1 to 6. Students should come to school dressed in Physical Education uniform with their House shirt. The Year 6

students and the Year 10-12 Sports Coaching class will help officiate the day. Students will have a normal school day and run their Cross-Country event according to the following timetable;

Year 1/2 - Period 3 (11.15 am)

Year 3/4 - Period 3 (11.40 am)

Year 5/6 - Period 4 (12.05 pm)

It is expected that all students participate and give their best. If a student is injured or sick then a parental note must be supplied and that student will be exempt from the race. These sessions will be the qualifying event for the Interschool Cross Country for students in Years 3-6.

### GRIT Day

We are looking forward to a morning of Guts, Resilience, Initiative and Tenacity, when all Kearnan students head down to Collier Park for Kearnan GRIT Day on Friday 17 June. In this event, our parents are welcome to run and enjoy the challenges with their children. At this stage of the planning, we intend on buddying our older students up with our younger runners to enhance our community and share the fun on the day. We encourage all students to pack old clothes that can get dirty, as the track will be muddy and there may be items to climb over. Students can change into clean clothes after the event, if necessary. We are hoping there are some of our wonderful parents who would like to cook up a sausage sizzle reward for all runners (students and parents) after they complete the course. Please send a short email to the office if you can help with some cooking.

### Book Fair

Thanks to Mrs Schutz for once again running a great Book Fair for all to enjoy. Our students will benefit from the strong sales, with pleasing additions of books onto our Library shelves.

### Maths Olympiad

Our Year 5/6 Maths Olympiad team have sat two competitions. Using their combined knowledge, they have been able to answer every question correctly. The students are showing their strengths and, with further training and practice, will continue to succeed. Well done, Maths Wizz Kids!

### Thought of the Week

*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."* ~ Emilie Buchwald

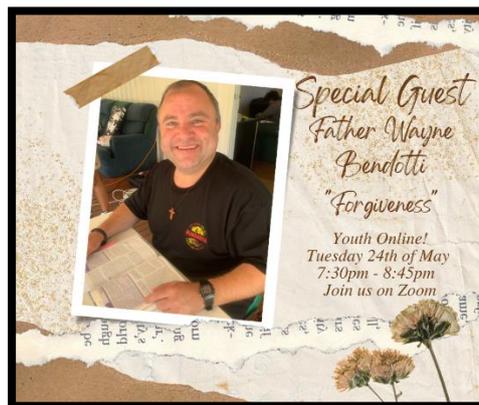
Have a great weekend,

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## PARISH NEWS



### Women with a Mission Weekend, St Joseph's Parish Centre and Church Manjimup 21 / 22 May.

Honouring Irene McCormack and celebrating the Beatification of Pauline Jaricot on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**Registration essential** for in person and online attendees – [bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au). Or Contact Deborah 0419939864.

Zoom link will be provided for Retreat; Facebook link for Masses.

Lunch from midday Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Retreat 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm. Mass 6.00 pm.

Mass 8.30am Sunday. Retreat 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

PARISH MASS TIMES			
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup		Sacred Heart Pemberton
21.5.22	6.00 pm	-	-
22.5.22	-	8.30 am	10.30 am
28.5.22	6.00 pm	-	-
29.5.22	10.30 am	--	8.30 am