



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

11 December 2020

"Loving God, in this Christmas season, we thank you for the great joy you have sent us in the birth of Jesus. Help us to be the voice and hands of the angels and shepherds, sharing Jesus with one another this Christmas season. Amen "

Important Dates:

**Monday 1 February Students Commence 2021
Secondary Assembly**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The final instalment for our newsletter of 2020 is here at last. In spite of restrictions to many of our Eucharistic celebrations and community events throughout the year, I reflect and give thanks for the many blessings that we've received to help us survive and indeed thrive. Special thanks to Fr Edwin for the guidance and love he has given to our College to enrich our spirituality and Catholic faith throughout the year.

Junior school parents were delighted with the polished performances from their children on Carol's night on Wednesday evening. In spite of the cold and blustery weather, a huge crowd gathered to enjoy sweet singing, energetic dancing and well-practiced drama items. How fitting to end our 2020 year with great celebration and joy. 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 academic excellences, conscientious hard work, community spirit and religious observance.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to some of our professional colleagues who will leave our school to pursue other career opportunities elsewhere in 2021. Special thanks to Ms Mullane, Ms Larsson, Mr and Mrs Twigg, Mrs Crisp, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Copson-Pacal, Mrs Vanessa Tempa, Mrs Renzullo and Miss Bendotti for the dedicated service they have given Kearnan College. Wishing them all every happiness for their next BIG step in life's journey for them. We have filled all vacant teaching positions for 2021 and we look forward to the contribution these teachers will make as members of our Kearnan community.

For the families who will leave our school, I say thank you for your support to the values we uphold, and may the future of your children be ever bright, happy and fulfilling.

I would like to pay tribute to my hard-working leadership team, without whom I would not function. Thank God for our teachers who give of their best every day. I am proud to be working in collaboration with them all. May they all enjoy a quiet, reflective and stress-free holiday.

In closing, "thank God for our parents and grandparents too. Teachers appreciate your support to our values, it's true. Your faith, hope and love are like the hand in the glove, and your input is daily measured and forever treasured. "

God bless, stay safe and stay well. Happy and Holy Christmas, peace love and joy. See you all in 2021.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

It certainly wasn't the year we were planning for, but we rolled with the punches and I am super proud of the way that staff and students handled everything that was thrown at them. In the middle of a global pandemic, we still managed to deliver great teaching, establish and build upon wonderful relationships, hold a school ball, complete exams, graduate Year 12s, hold a speech night, have school assemblies and be part of an amazing school year!

Year 10 Retreat

Thanks to Ms Chilvers, Ms Ardagh and Mrs Godfrey who accompanied our Year 10s last week to Bunbury for their three-day retreat. It was a few days of reflection, raising social justice awareness and building upon friendships. It has been very interesting to hear the students' thoughts on the days.



Middle School Awards Assembly

As part of our revamp of the traditional Awards ceremony, thank you to those people who attended the awards Assembly on Monday. This Assembly recognised the academic, sporting, cultural, citizenship and leadership achievements of our Year 7 – 10 students. They should be very proud of their results.

Year 9 and 10 Canberra

Planning has commenced for the 2021 Canberra trip! Mr Blinow has received the forms indicating that there will be plenty of students wanting to venture to our nation's capital. Students will experience an array of activities such as visiting the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and hitting the ski slopes of Mt Perisher (well, maybe not hitting!) Thank you to those that have paid their deposit and more information will be distributed early next year.

Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp

Well done to our intrepid hikers who ventured the Bibblum Track with 45 packets of 2-minute noodles and a good pair of shoes! They pitched tents, walked a lot, lost tent poles, found tent poles and generally made sure the mosquitoes kept away. Apparently, you are never too old to play spotlight! Thanks to Mr Pedlar, Mr Blicow and Mrs Lapinski for ensuring everyone enjoyed themselves and got back safely.

Year 9 and 10 Future Focus

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week saw our Year 9 and 10 students listen to variety of speakers about different options post school. The speakers included a farmer, a

physiotherapist, a police officer, a geologist, a paramedic, an accountant, an environmental scientist, a biodiversity officer, a mechanic, a journalist and a speech therapist. The amount of information they presented was extremely engaging and motivating, providing lots of discussion for the students. Interspersed with the day were life skills, such as online grocery shopping, meal budgeting, cooking, filling in forms, practising our signatures and folding clothes. The feedback from the students was amazing and planning has commenced for next year. A massive thanks to Mrs Kilrain for the amount of time, effort and planning that went into the two days.



Year 7 and 8 Lighting Carnival

Well done to our Year 7s and 8s who attended the South West Lightning Carnival last week. It is a bonus that our students get to participate in sports outside of the normal school environment. The weather was lovely, and we had some standout competitors in team sports! A massive shout out to some Year 9s and 10s who officiated and coached all day. Thanks also to our teachers who supervised, coached and encouraged the students throughout the day.

Staff Farewells

It is always a sad time of the year when staff move on from our school family. We wish Mrs Crisp, Mrs Godfrey, Mr and Mrs Twigg, Ms Mullane, Miss Bendotti and Ms Larsson all the best for their future endeavours. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have brought to Kearnan. Your passion and dedication for the students was of the highest level and we appreciate every effort you have made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for this year. It has been quite spectacularly out of the ordinary and here's hoping that 2021 sees us return to the normalcy we are all longing for.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all back next year.

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree; the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

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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. This year we have not been able to have them in our classrooms and around our school, but they have continued to show their support by helping with so many jobs like; homework, listening to their child read, attend special liturgies, making Bookweek costumes, delivering icypoles and judging at the athletics carnival. 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.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

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 and to Mrs Rosina Renzullo for the stunning flower arrangements. Father Edwin spoke to each of our students about shining their light bright for others and we know that this group of students will certainly work hard to do that. Well done to Mrs Mills 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, Harry Cybula and Ashleigh Terrigno, who have been excellent role models for our younger students this year.



Photo Credit: Jayne Fouracres Photography

Junior School Leaders 2021

The 2021 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 - *Stefan Renzullo*

Head Girl - *Layla Grainger*

House Captains

Kelly - *Chanel Proudfoot and Brody Bachos*

Rooney - *Elliana Kammann and Ashlyn Falcinella*

MacKillop - *Sacha Good and Hunter Kitchen*

McCormack - *Georgia Sarre and Jett McDougall*

Carols Night

What a wonderful night it was!! The singing was outstanding from all class groups and they certainly put on a show for parents and grandparents. Mrs Geurts' variation of the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas",

summing up the year that was, made for a Principal's address everyone wanted to listen to! Special thanks to our 'techie' on the night, exiting Head Boy Reilly Burvill with the assistance of his talented mother, Mrs Megan Burvill, who was an enormous help getting everything ready. We also thank Mr Cully for helping with the stage setup, Mrs Cully who had the stage looking beautiful, Mr Geurts who worked tirelessly, Mrs Renzullo who can do just about anything, Mrs Ramiro who also was a great help and Mr Wilson for his tech support. Special thanks to Jacob Boydell and Gus Ardagh-Muir for the creation of our final video. It was a fabulous finish to 2020.

Congratulations to the following students for their awards:

Pre-primary	Christian Living	Tori Waugh
	Most Conscientious	Name not for publication
	Most Improved	Jake Terrigno
Year 1	Christian Living	Grace Matenaar
	Most Conscientious	Quinlan Dronow
	Most Improved	Ruby Nguyen
Year 2	Christian Living	Paige Jacob
	Most Conscientious	Bentley Fontanini
	Most Improved	Name not for publication
Year 3	Christian Living	Laura Bachos
	Most Conscientious	Flynn Markotis
	Most Improved	Ruby Brown
	Academic Achievement	Noah Murphy
Year 4	Christian Living	Ainsley O'Donnell
	Most Conscientious	Ayden Terrigno
	Most Improved	Reef Parkinson
	Academic Achievement	Isla Pardini
Year 5	Christian Living	Georgia Sarre
	Most Conscientious	Jessica Scherini
	Most Improved	Zachary Wren
	Academic Achievement	Stefan Renzullo
Year 6	Christian Living	Emilio Renzullo
	Most Consistent	Mika O'Connell
	Community Spirit	Ashleigh Terrigno
	Academic Achievement	Imogen Jacob
	Sportsperson for 2019	Harry Cybula
	Sportsperson for 2019	Kendra Thompson
	Art Award	Max Ryan
	Science Award	Angela Fontanini

Reports

Junior School academic reports will be going home in envelopes today, 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. Most booklists will be also be enclosed 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 18 January 2021.

Elizabeth Bear

At our Year 5 Assembly, Imogen Jacob was awarded our Elizabeth Bear Award. Imogen is a quiet achiever who is

always kind to those around her. She is humble in everything she does and demonstrates a committed approach to all her class work. She is always willing to help either her teachers or her classmates. Imogen demonstrates tenacity when tackling new concepts and works hard to achieve her goals. She consistently demonstrates a positive outlook to school and her friendships. She is inclusive, caring and warm-hearted. Congratulations Imogen.



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.

See front page for photo.

Farewells

This week we say farewell to Mrs Claire Copson-Pacal and thank her for the impact she has had in our Junior School over the four years that she has worked in Year 5. Her flair and passion for literacy, and love of Harry Potter have left its mark on many students at Kearnan College. We wish her and her family every success in their move to Perth.

We say thank you to Mrs Debbie Renzullo who has worked with many of our students in areas where they sometimes struggle. With her kind and thoughtful manner, has done this with patience and consistency.

We also say thank you to Mrs Vanessa Temptra who has been a source of energy, kindness and care in our Early Childhood classes. Dress-up days just won't be the same without her.

Quote 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 look forward to seeing all our families in the New Year,

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CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE P&F



The Kearnan P & F are now registered for Containers for Change. **P&F ID: C10365638**

This means you can take all your Christmas and New Year cheer juice boxes, choc chill cartons, water bottles and juice bottles, cans and stubbies a to the nearest depot, use the **P&F ID: C10365638** for a refund that goes directly to the P & F to use for our children's education.

Save the docket you receive when you make a deposit and write your child's name and house on the back so that they can earn points for their house by placing them in the House Token boxes in the front office when they return to school.

The following towns have depots that take most of the refundable items.

BAILINGUP/ BRIDGETOWN /GREENBUSHES

Recycle Rd Bridgetown

Thursdays 8.00 am-12 noon Saturdays 9.00 am-1.00 pm

BOYUP BROOK

147 Bode St Boyup Brook

Thursday & Saturday 10.00 am -2.00 pm

MANJIMUP

5 Margerison St Manjimup

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 8.00 am -12 noon

NANNUP

4 Brockman St Nannup

Wednesdays 8.0 am -11.00 am

PEMBERTON

Wednesdays 12 noon -3.00 pm

Not sure if a container is eligible for a refund? Go to the website and enter the product barcode to check.

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PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON

	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
Sat 12 Dec	6.00 pm	
Sun 13 Dec	8.30 am	10.30 am
Sat 19 Dec	6.00 pm	
Sun 20 Dec	10.30 am	8.30 am

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES