



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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Blessed Are You

Blessed are you who think prayerfully of others, for you possess the mind of Christ

Blessed are you who see the hurt of others, for you possess the eyes of Christ

Blessed are you who listen to others, for you possess the ears of Christ

Blessed are you who speak kindly to others, for you possess the mouth of Christ

Blessed are you who help others to carry their burden, for you possess the shoulders of Christ

Blessed are you who show love to others, for you possess the heart of Christ

Blessed are you who persevere in being Jesus' witnesses with compassion and love for all people, for you possess the healing presence of Christ.

Amen

Important Dates:

Tuesday 17 March	Junior School Jumps	Thursday 26 March	Year 10 Information Night
Wednesday 18 March	Junior School Athletics Carnival	Friday 27 March	Year 5 Assembly 12.20 pm
	ACC Swimming Departs 1.00 pm	Sunday 29 March	Year 6 Camp Departs
Thursday 19 March	ACC Swimming Carnival		
Friday 20 March	FEAST DAY		

Dear families and friends, another week has quickly disappeared. As we approach the mid weeks of Term One, we have been inundated with the increasing likelihood that more people will succumb to the COVID-19 sickness. So that we remain vigilant and well informed CEWA is working closely with authorities to ensure staff, students and families are given the correct advice to maintain healthy practices in our school and wider community.

Please read through the following updated information to help us all navigate what we will be facing.

As we are making plans for upcoming holidays, please consider the following advice in order to remain healthy and well.

COVID- 19 Update Advice From CEWA

While the Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission in Western Australia remains low; they are monitoring the situation and we are acting on their advice to take any necessary precautions for schools and our staff. The current focus is on preparation in advance of COVID-19 and precautions that can be put in place to slow its transmission.

Western Australians should remain alert, but not be alarmed.

It is important that as a school community we apply a common sense, factual and practical approach to COVID-19. Responses to questions from students, parents and the wider community need to be consistent and only provide information which we know to be factual and is provided through the Department of Health, or the information on these WA schools advice pages.

Attendance at school

Who cannot attend school?

Students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- left or transited through **mainland China** in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China;
- left or transited through **Iran** on or after 1 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving Iran;
- left or transited through the **Republic of Korea**, on or after 5 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving the Republic of Korea;
- been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites.

Parents/carers and staff should notify their school or line manager if the student or staff member will be away for the

isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea. A medical certificate is not required to return to school. Schools should record the student absence as a Reasonable absence (code R).

Who Can Attend School?

Students or staff who have travelled to or transited through other countries (excluding China, Iran, Republic of Korea) can attend school. If students or staff display symptoms (see information below) they should not attend school and seek medical advice.

All returned travelers who have travelled in or transited through “higher risk” countries or a country considered to pose a “moderate risk” of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and immediately isolate themselves if they become unwell.

Personal International Travel

While the advice regarding travel restrictions and self-isolation requirements for students and staff continues to evolve, the following outline is intended to provide some clarity and certainty – particularly as parents and staff consider their plans for the upcoming school holidays.

All returned passengers who have travelled in or transited through “higher risk” countries or a country considered to pose a “moderate risk” of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and immediately isolate themselves if they become unwell. Higher Risk Moderate Risk Can attend school, but self-monitor Can attend school, but self-monitor.

Higher Risk	Moderate Risk
<i>Can attend school, but self-monitor</i>	<i>Can attend school, but self-monitor</i>
Italy	Cambodia
<i>Must isolate for 14 days prior to attending</i>	Hong Kong
Mainland China	Indonesia (including Bali)
Iran	Japan
Republic of Korea	Singapore
	Thailand

The most up to date list can be accessed at: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

Pandemic Preparedness Plan

The Chief Medical Officer, the Department of Education, The Association of Independent Schools of WA and Catholic Education Western Australia are working collaboratively to establish a pandemic preparedness plan. In addition to this, a number of CEWA task groups, including school leaders, are being established to undertake scenario planning and develop short, medium and long-term responsiveness and education continuity strategies.

How can I protect myself and others against COVID-19?

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform

hand hygiene.

- Avoiding close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre).

Support and Advice

Further information is available at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus or the healthdirect helpline on **1800 020 080** for more information on the virus and its symptoms.

- [Information for parents and schools](#)
- [Information for employees](#)

Other News

Year 7 students enjoyed their three days in Albany. Fun activities were experienced and integrated with an environmental focus. Sailing and the whale station visit were declared the most popular amongst the students.

Dr Debra Sayce, CEWA Executive director visited our College yesterday to familiarise herself with our context and complexities as a community. Her visit was most welcomed and supportive of all we are trying to achieve at Kearnan.

Feast Day planning is well under way for Friday 20 March. All activities are planned to ensure all students have fun, celebrate with Mass and assist others in the wider community with Christian Service. This is a focus for our Evangelisation plan for 2020.

Kearnan College students will celebrate their annual College Ball this evening at Fonty’s Pool. Great excitement amongst the Seniors has been evident these past weeks in the preparation and planning to make this a memorable occasion on their social calendar. The photos taken and shared will no doubt be classy and unique for this year’s group.

Fee Assistance

Parents/guardians who hold a Family Health Care Card or eligible Centrelink or Veterans Affairs Pension Card can claim fee discounts by presenting the card at the College Office at the beginning of the year and completing a simple form.

Parents of students in Years 7 – 12 who hold these cards can also claim the Government Secondary Assistance Scheme rebate which provides funds for the purchase of uniforms and the payment of subject levies. Further information for families holding these eligible cards is available from the College Office. Relevant parents need to tend to this as soon as possible. Applications for this fee assistance closes on **Wednesday 9 April 2020**. **Please contact the ladies in Administration for further details if this applies to you and your family.**

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 10 Parent Information Night

Please note that originally planned for the Thursday 2 April,

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Elizabeth Bear

Congratulations to Jade Blechynden, who was chosen the Elizabeth Bear Award at our Year 4 assembly. Jade was selected by our Kearnan Staff and is a very worthy recipient. Jade is a courteous and kind member of our school. Her thoughtfulness towards others is seen in everything she does. Jade includes others and makes people feel welcome with her gentle, positive and joyful nature and lovely smile. Jade is constantly seen around the school making sure others are okay. She takes the time to listen to others and consider their needs. Jade is an asset to our school and like St Mary Mackillop she acts humbly and does not expect anything in return. Her quiet contribution to the Caritas box is one example of this. In the time of Lent the season of giving. Jade's generosity sets a wonderful example to other students.



Year 4 Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Kammann and the talented Year 4 class for their entertaining assembly last Friday. We learnt many things about bullying and know what to do if this happens to us. "Bullying is never ok", was the important message we were left with. We now look ahead to Friday 27 March for our next assembly, hosted by our Year 5 class.

Athletics Carnivals

As the dates get closer, we are getting very excited about the upcoming House Carnivals. As the dates are a day apart, we encourage students to wear their Kearnan sports shirt on Jumps Day and their House shirt on the Wednesday of the House Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the parents who have offered to bake some cakes or slices for our tent on Wednesday. Lunches will still run through our school canteen on this day. If you can help with packing up or packing away, many hands make light work.

Year 6 Camp

There is growing excitement in the Year 6 classroom as preparations are made to head to Perth during Week 9 of this term. Parents met with Miss Cohen this week to finalise plans and to hear all about the week of activities planned for their children. Mrs Burvill and Mrs Barton will accompany Miss Cohen and two dads for this week away.

Feast Day – Friday 20 March

We look forward to all Kearnan families supporting our

this information night is now planned for Thursday 26 March. This night aims to inform parents of Year 10 students of expectations of the year as well as discussions around future planning and pathways.

School Ball

Decorations done. Music sorted. Dresses and suits ready to go! Massive thank you to Mrs Burvill, Mrs Schutz and all those involved for planning and helping with this year's ball. Fonty's Pool is always a magical setting and the addition of students in all their finery takes it to the next level. The change of shifting the ball to a Thursday night is certainly innovative and we would welcome any feedback from parents' point of view regarding this change.

GRIP Day Out

All Secondary student leaders attended a GRIP Leadership Day yesterday in Bunbury. This day aimed to develop and train school students in leadership roles so that they are able to develop skills, new perspectives and new ideas for how to make positive contributions as a leader. All students gained an invaluable amount of information that will assist them in their leadership roles this year. Thank you to Mr Pedlar for organising, as well as being the best bus driver.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 students had a magnificent time on camp! It would appear we have some wonderful skippers – with many steering and navigating yachts! We are assuming all students slept well on the weekend (as we are sure the teachers did!) as it was certainly full speed ahead from the moment they arrived. Congratulations too Qwade Wagner and Violet Pearce who were elected as Year 7 Councillors for 2020 on camp.



ACC Swimming

Students who have been selected for ACC swimming have been training regularly with Mr Pedlar and we thank him and all the students for this commitment. The squad will leave next Wednesday 18 March and return the next day after their day competing. We wish them all the best for the competition.

Mrs Heidi Tempra

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Feast Day this year. We warmly welcome everyone to join in our \$3 breakfast and stay for Mass. Later in the day our students will change out of their House shirts into old Colour Run clothes. There have been requests for some donations to our Service activities, if you can assist in any way, please let the school know.

Pre-Kindy Kids

We welcomed our Pre-Kindy children and their families to our Kearnan community last week. It was wonderful seeing them enjoying the sunshine and playing beautifully in our Early Childhood area. Mrs Jacob had a wonderful day with our two groups and enjoyed getting to spend time with our new parents.

STEM Fun

Last week our Year 4 class tested their wonderful solar toastie designs and were delighted with the crunchy bases and soft oozy cheese. There were a variety of designs and the teams will be reflecting now on design successes and how they could have improved their model.

Our Year 5 class were also testing their designs last week, and with the assistance of Newton Brothers Orchards star and grandfather, Harvey Giblett, our class were able to test their egg packaging from a fall of at least 6 metres. It was the first time we have had a 100% success rate, which means we have some amazing students or some very hard shells. Maybe a bit of both! The Year 5 class have finished their topic with a visit to Newton Brothers packing shed. Thank you to Nic Giblett for this opportunity and Mr Geurts for driving the bus.



Thought of the Week

“Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.” Jesse Jackson

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Peta Barton

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Fabulous Feast Day Brekkie Donations

The planning for the Feast Day Breakfast Bonanza is well

and truly underway and thank you to everyone who returned their selections and payment so promptly. It would appear that eggs are in hot demand so we would like to ask for donations if anyone's chooks are working hard. Please drop at front office anytime next week. All donations are very much appreciated.

CANTEEN

Monday 16 March	Bernice Grant
Tuesday 17 March	Melody Pierce
Wednesday 18 March	Junior School Athletics
Thursday 19 March	Tammy Proudfoot
Friday 20 March	Judith Bennet (Feast Day)
Monday 23 March	Tania Terrigno
Tuesday 24 March	Bronwyn Whiteford
Wednesday 25 March	Anne Williams
Thursday 26 March	Marcelle Batticci
Friday 27 March	Christine Thomas

PARISH NEWS

Sacraments

Saturday 14 March – Meeting 5.30 pm, Mass 6.00 pm, Youth Group 7.00 pm

Any families that are unable to attend will need to meet with Fr Edwin.

Pemberton Youth Group is coming to Manjimup

When – Saturday 14 March 2020

Where – St Joseph's Catholic Church & Parish Centre Manjimup

Time – 6.00 pm till 9:30 pm

Presenting an Ascension Press DVD series – “You”

Parents RSVP for catering purposes

Br Robert 0420 703026

Cost \$5 – Age, school year group 8-12

Look at our Pemberton Youth Group Facebook Page

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON

	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
Sat 14 March	6.00 pm	Sacramental Commitment Mass
Sun 15 March	10.30 am	8.30 am
Sat 21 March	6.00 pm	
Sun 22 March	8.30 am	10.30 am

Please join us for morning tea after 8.30 am Mass at St Joseph's



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

NETSETGO: PRE-PRIMARY – YEAR 3
JUNIOR COMPETITION: GRADES 4-12

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION LINKS
CAN BE FOUND AT:
manjimupnetballassociation.wa.netball.com.au

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 30TH
MARCH 2020