



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"
- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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What is a Kearnan Positive Community?

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members."
Coretta Scott King

Important Dates:

Monday 19 July	Pupil Free Day/Staff PD Parent Workshop 6.30 pm	Monday 26 July	Year 9 BRLA Practice Test Year 11 2022 Subject Selections
Tuesday 20 July	Students Return	Tuesday 27 July	Year 3/5 BRLA Practice Test Musica Viva 1.30 pm
Thursday 22 July	Secondary Assembly	Thurs 29 July	Year 3/5 BRLA Equating Test Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Year 6/7 Confirmation Workshop 4.00 pm
Friday 23 July	JS Newsletters	Friday 30 July	Year 9 BRLA Equating Test Junior School Merit Certificates

Dear parents and caregivers,

On a personal note, a sense of community plays a key role in our societal interests and wellbeing. A community of individuals with similar and common interests is quite powerful in many ways. The very definition of community is tied to sharing a common interest. There is that saying, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Providing value to a community, like raising a child, takes more than just reading a book, showing up or having an opinion. Communities are hard to build and require constant care and nurturing. A community is not a one – time activity.

The value of a community has a life cycle that goes through different stages of maturity, either in decline or improving. I would hope to state that the Kearnan community is on the continuum to improving in its direction and focus and through participation in a common cause, we are able to bring people closer together and build our sense of belonging to a community that is special in values and action.

A positive, improving community is the 'we before me'. This was clearly evident at our recent P&F fundraising event for the local Truffle Kerfuffle weekend. The generosity of many hands in the food preparation, carting of goods, loading and setting up, serving, taking food orders, cooking and cleaning, certainly value added to our sense of Kearnan community with a very satisfying sense of achievement.

Thanks to the leadership of Mrs Leah Kilrain, P&F President, Mrs Jess Durbin, cook extraordinaire, Mrs Suzanne Cully for the fabulous styling, Mrs Jodie Lapinski and Mr Julian Ure, barrister wizards, whose special skills and strong work ethic proved to be of great value to this very successful venture. With the support from many Kearnan staff, Year 12 students and College parents, the power of teamwork, task management, good communication and problem solving was clearly evident. What joy and celebration it was to witness a community of individuals coming together for a common cause on these designated preparation days and weekend festival days. Congratulations to all whose contribution made a significant impact on the successful financial outcome for this event.

A special acknowledgement to all our benevolent donors, whose generosity of spirit and willingness to share their produce was freely given without expectation of receiving anything in return. These donations are very much appreciated. Grateful thanks to Jeff Anderson, the Brotherton family and Australian Truffle Traders for their truffle donations, Bannister Downs, Bendotti Chips, The Cherry Box, Fontanini Fruit and Nuts, Holy Smoke, Truffle and Wine Company and Tempra Spuds. Your charitable gifts are valued and prized by all in our school community. An extra special thank you to Fontys Pool for the use of Archies Hut.

I look forward to further participation from the Kearnan Community in our next venture and fundraising quest, Saturday, 24 July at the Winter Craft Fair in Bridgetown. Mrs Clare Bookless is our College Co-ordinator and she would love to hear from you if you are able to contribute in some way to make this another outstanding community achievement. This event is now being advertised in your neighbourhood, please spread the word. We build community by being in community.

With the ever changing nature of our world at the moment, we at Kearnan College know how real anxiety is for everyone, including our children. On our first day back next term staff will explore this in depth with Dolly Bhargava, looking at how we can best support our students with anxiety in our classroom and College. We are also excited to offer a free online parent

workshop that will explore how to support our students at home, which is advertised on the back page.

Thank you all for your support in Semester One, enjoy the holiday break, stay safe and well.

Special thanks to all our hard-working staff, may they all enjoy a relaxing and reviving holiday break too. Wishing Mrs Barton, a safe and happy trip as she 'ventures out yonder' on her LSL next term.

God Bless

Carol Geurts

Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to us all as we have finally come to the end of Term Two. The term contained all the highs, lows and in-betweens. It is a credit to staff and students alike that has seen us all being able to 'roll with the punches' and survive the never-ending demands on time and outside school commitments. Please enjoy the next two weeks to stop and draw breath!

Country Week

To say that the cancellation of Country Week was disappointing would be the understatement of the year. As we have learnt in these times, nothing is a certainty, and I am grateful that the bus hadn't left the school grounds. I am deeply indebted to the staff, especially Mrs Burvill, who thought quickly and took proactive measures to ensure that our students had something worthwhile and valuable to take its place. Their activities this week, while not necessarily sport focused, certainly allowed for a lot of teamwork, collaboration and fun (which are the main aims also of Country Week). It's also not a bad idea to squeeze in an overnight stay in Busselton either!

Year 10 Pathways Day

Friday 18 June saw our Year 10 cohort come together for a day of investigating possible future pathways at school relating to subject selection. The day was full of hard-hitting questions, thought provoking challenges and an opportunity for students to further discover what options are available as they continue their studies into Senior School. Great discussions were had and the next stage is for students and parents to have a meeting early next term to finalise subject selections for next year.

Reports

This Friday reports will be available on SEQTA and hard copies mailed out for those that have requested them. Please take the time to go through with your child/children the areas of strength and look at ways to increase achievements as we head into the last six months of school. Please note if a teacher has requested an interview that we ask you to call or email the teacher at the start of next term.

Try A Trade

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Ms Smithin, Lachlan Collins, Braydon Sousa, Macarius Ardagh-Muir, Jasper Good

and Connor Brown attended Bunbury TAFE to 'Try a Trade'. These two days enabled the students to learn all about the trade of bricklaying and the boys thoroughly enjoyed their two days. The lecturer went to great lengths to state how impressed he was with the boys, their skills and attitude towards learning. What great ambassadors for our school – well done boys!



Semester Two Timetables

Next Semester, Year 7 – 9 will see some slight changes in their timetables to allow for the next rotation of electives to occur. Students will receive their new timetables in Homeroom on the first day back (Tuesday 20 July).

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today" ~ Will Rogers

Mrs Heidi Temptra

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We are extremely proud of the young men pictured below who traveled to Fremantle to participate in the Champions School Netball Elimination Carnival last Wednesday. Their streak of undefeated games landed them in the final against Aranmore Catholic College, which they won by 3. This means this group will continue training hard in preparation for the State Champions Schools Finals held next term! What little legends! And what amazing sportsmanship and conduct they showed throughout their time on and off court! Stay tuned for your opportunity to watch these lads in action when they challenge our Academy Girls and Blackwood Ravens on a few scratch matches!



Megan Burvill Netball Specialist Coach

Raising Money for Vinnies!

A whole school fundraiser is being held on Wednesday 28 July, to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul. The fundraiser will be a MONEY CHAIN, held in the assembly hall at recess and lunch time, so please add a gold or silver coin(s) to the chain and watch it GROW. The fundraiser is an initiative by Lachlan Forth and the staff at the College.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Quiz

On Wednesday Mrs Kammann, our Student Council, with the help of some secondary students, ran a quiz afternoon for the Junior School students. Questions were submitted by class teachers so that at various points in the afternoon, there were focus questions that each individual class would know. Thank you to the parents for the contribution of snacks, House shirts and comfort items. It was SO much fun and a wonderful way to finish the end of the term!



Assembly & Elizabeth Bear Award

Well done to our talented Year 1 students for their brilliant assembly last week. They retold the story of The Three Billy Goat's Gruff with gusto and sang their song about kindness beautifully. Congratulations to Georgia Sarre, who was the recipient of the Elizabeth Bear Award for being continually helpful and considerate of others. Georgia quietly makes sure other students are ok and calmly helps "in the moment". With her friendly and responsible manner, she is a wonderful role model for younger students. Congratulations Georgia!



Rooney House Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating all things Green and environmental on Rooney House Day. Older students joined younger students in the classrooms to assist with specially designed activities and the Rooney House enjoyed their treat of hot chips and gravy for their shared lunch. Thank you to Ms Thomas who worked with Mrs Fialkowski to plan the Liturgy and activities.

Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Next term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the Bishops' Literacy Assessment which is an assessment created to test Religious Education knowledge. This test does not assess the faith of the students, just content knowledge. The use of this assessment complements the school-based assessment programs currently occurring in the classrooms. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child's teacher.

Eisteddfod

Throughout June, Bunbury held the annual Performing Arts Eisteddfod. This celebration of the Arts covers many areas, including music, vocals, and dance. Many of our Junior School students, with the support of external tutors and instructors, performed at this event. We congratulate the dancers and musicians that prepared pieces to a performance level, overcoming nerves, and shining on stage. With the support of parents, it was lovely to hear about everyone's success and growth as performers.

Reports

Reports were distributed today throughout all Junior School classes. If you have opted for a paper copy of your child's report, it will be in your child's homework folder. If you indicated at the start of the year a preference for a digital copy of your child's report, it will be available via SEQTA Engage. Our school reports A - E grades are administered to Years 1 - 6. Students in Pre-primary are reported against the achievement descriptors, rather than letter grades. The grades are allocated to reflect your child's achievement at this time of the year, in relation to the curriculum taught.

Term 3

During the first seven weeks of Term 3, I will be away on Long Service Leave. There will be a few changes across the Junior School during this time, with Mrs Amy Sarre leading the Junior School. Additionally, Mrs Jacob will be working with Mrs Omodei in Year 1 and Mrs Harris will be taking STEM lessons. Term 3 is traditionally a wonderful learning term, with plenty of scheduled events to keep everyone busy, so I hope everyone has a great start to the term and I look forward to hearing about everyone's wonderful achievements when I return in Week 8.

Anxiety Workshop

We are happy to be able to offer parents an opportunity to join Dolly Bhargava through a digital platform on Monday 19 July from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm. This online workshop will target a range of ages and aims to provide practical suggestions to help your child with anxiety. We encourage

parents to register their interest in this event by emailing admin@kearnan.wa.edu.au

Stationery Check

At the end of a semester is a great opportunity to see if any stationery supplies need replenishing. Teachers have asked students to bring home pencil cases for checking over the holiday break.

Thought of the Week

"If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles." ~ Confucius

Hoping all our families enjoy their holidays and stay safe over the break,

Mrs Peta Barton

Head of Junior School

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P&F NEWS



**Winter Craft Fair
Bridgetown**

Saturday 24th July
9am - 3pm

**Bridgetown Recreation Centre
Steere Street, Bridgetown**

For Further Information,
Please contact Clare Bookless
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Gold Coin Donation

A Kearnan College P&F Fundraiser

WINTER CRAFT FAIR BRIDGETOWN - SATURDAY 24 JULY CAKE & SLICE DONATIONS & WOOD RAFFLE DONATION

The P&F's annual Winter Craft Fair Bridgetown fundraiser is on again! We are looking for donations of cakes and slices to support the Fair which is on the Saturday of Week 1, Term 3. All donations can be dropped off to the College office during the first week back or at the Bridgetown Recreation Centre on the day. We are also looking for a donation of a trailer of wood for our raffle. If you are able to assist, please could you contact me at the College, by email at clare.bookless@cewa.edu.au or by phone on 0428 682 722.

Thank you for your support.

Clare Bookless

Winter Craft Fair Bridgetown Co-Ordinator

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES

DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
3.7.21	8.30 am	6.00 pm
4.7.21	10.30 am	8.30 am
10.7.21	8.30 am	6.00 pm
11.7.21	8.30 am	10.30 am



**FREE
ONLINE
Parent Workshop**

DOLLY BHARGAVA PRESENTS

An online event to help our children with anxiety at home.

To register: please email admin@kearnan.wa.edu.au by Friday 16th July...

In this practical workshop we will address:

1. How to create a home environment that reduces anxiety
2. What can we do as parents to build resilience to encourage our child to engage in positive risk taking & encourage independence, and
3. What to do if your child shows signs of anxiety.

WHEN:
Monday 19th July
6.30-8.30pm



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Holiday Clinic
Suncorp NetSetGO
Bridgetown Netball Association

**\$10
per
person**

**16 July
Friday
10am - 3pm**

**Bridgetown
Recreation
Centre**
Ages 7-10

**Prizes &
Giveaways
+Sausage
Sizzle**

Register Here
<https://bit.ly/3iLZSnO>

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