



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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Love of Learning Our strength-based theme to explore this week.

Being enthusiastic about mastering new skills and learning new things.

Love of Learning is a strength which we group with other strengths of **Wisdom**, along with Curiosity, Creativity, Perspective and Open-Mindedness.

"When children develop the ability to explore their environment, be resourceful about the materials, people, and skills that they engage with, and think flexibly about different approaches to a situation, they are better equipped for whatever challenge next confront them". Lego Foundation Research.

Important Dates:

Monday 17 August	Science Week	Monday 24 August	Catholic Day – School Closed
Wed 19 August	Year 10/11/12 Winter Carnival	Tuesday 25 August	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Friday 20 August	Science Week Concludes	Wed 26 August	Year 10 First Aid Training
	Year 7 Retreat		Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
	Year 1 Assembly	Friday 28 August	Year 10 First Aid Training
			Bookweek Parade

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach Week Five for Term Three, it is time for me as Principal to reflect on the 'why' you seek a Kearnan College education for your child from Pre Kindy to Year 12.

I would hope that your passing or written comments would appraise the educational opportunities and pastoral care provided by the dedicated staff be evident in a response to the 'why'.

I believe that Kearnan College offers a Christian values-based education with a wide range of educational opportunities, finely tuned to support a diverse range of learning styles and abilities. The staff and I strive each day to ensure that each individual student is inspired to reach their full potential; to think, to learn, to achieve, to care and to serve during their days at Kearnan.

In our Early Childhood classes, students are invited to explore their learning through an inquiry method of play-based activities based on their strengths and interests. Play through inquiry, captures many of the features that we know from research, leads to deeper learning, providing a rich environment to develop the necessary skills and knowledge that students need to thrive for success in adult life.

If you were to visit the classroom and playground you would see children engaged in opportunities to construct, create and investigate ways to foster and develop their skills through problem solving, self-initiation, deep level thinking and taking risks. You would also see classrooms rich in print, displays of student writing, posters, labels, oral conversation, children's planning thoughts and ideas and their use of resources. See our regular posts on the College Facebook page which celebrate the love of learning that happens every day.

The Junior School classes are spoilt for choice as they explore opportunities to think creatively and problem solve in the STEM classes. Such topics of gravity and friction and making of marble runs entices students to develop their creative imaginations to even make a shoe that fits and future planning for Leman St with optimal dream playground models. Great fun! Great imaginations! Mathematics and English extension in Middle to Upper primary classes provide opportunities for our budding Einstein's and Dorothy Mackellar prodigies to hone their talents and skills. Intervention programs cater well for our students who need that extra guidance in their learning, music and Art lessons provide opportunities for students to display their talents.

Our Secondary classes allow flexibility for students to engage in their love of learning with many opportunities to explore pathways through an ATAR and General lens of academia to suit the different learning styles and varying degrees of abilities. The Netball Academy, Physical Education and Health cater for students who shine in the sporting field and Japanese for students who are gifted in the language's arena. The Digital Technology lab will be upgraded this coming Term with 27 of the latest Apple iMac's, which supports students in graphic design, canvas applications, Sweet Home 3D applications and much more. We cannot wait for their arrival to our College soon.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Importantly to note that in 2019, our Year 12's averaged ATAR score was 80.29. WA state Average was 82.00

The College had 36 Year 12 students in 2019. There were 23 ATAR students, 19 of whom applied to TISC for university admission. 13 students pursued a Vocational pathway, with all completing a Certificate II. The College's 36 Year 12 students completed a total of 34 Certificate IIs; in many cases, this has also provided students who studied an ATAR pathway with extra employability skills.

Opportunities knows no bounds when you consider the courses that are offered at Kearnan College to meet the needs of our students and the varied skill sets which our teachers can offer across many subjects. Conservation and Land Management is a new initiative in 2020 with opportunities for students to explore the local environment in the Certificate II course. Our Manual Arts and Metal work is very popular with the girls. Online learning has become an attractive option for students through ViSN and SIDE with several students taking up this opportunity. A new course in preparation for University will be offered in 2021.

Please know that my door is always open for a conversation if you require some counselling or advice at any time. I am fully committed in supporting all parents, students and staff as we go forward together to fulfill our obligation to educate the whole child, one who is Christ centred, confident in their own ability with aspirations for staying motivated, focused and excited about their own learning. I am very proud to be leading the dedicated staff at Kearnan College.

Welcome

We welcome to our Grounds/Maintenance Team Mrs Belinda Smith. Belinda brings to our College Community great enthusiasm and fresh ideas including getting our students involved in different projects.



Carol Geurts
Principal

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The wheels of busyness keep spinning along at a frightening pace, with lots of events, work, planning and happenings occurring all around us.

Year 9 Retreat

Well done to all the Year 9 students for their input and participation in Wednesday's retreat. It was a great chance to go off the school site and reflect on their strengths, discuss the pressures of teenage life, as well as enjoying a delicious Subway lunch. A big thanks to Ms Chilvers, Mr Pedlar and Mrs Burvill who facilitated different parts of the day.



Year 8/9 Netball Academy

It was with great excitement that the netball academy received their 2020 Netball shirts, proudly sponsored by Sportspower Manjimup.

We are so very fortunate to have their support each year and our Academy look forward to wearing their shirts with pride at school and when representing the College at carnivals.



Year 11 2021 Subject Selections

It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with parents and students when looking at subject selections for

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Assembly

Last week our talented Year 2 class presented an Indigenous Australian themed assembly, full of song and stories. Well done to the students and also Miss Farquhar and Mrs Renzullo, for such entertaining items. Congratulations to our students who were awarded merit certificates on the day:

Pre-primary - Elaska Lintott, Liam Blechynden, George Howe & Keira Harris

Year 1 - Jude Winfield & Milla Fitzgerald

Year 2 - Cleo DeCampo & Jessica Muir

Year 3 - Benjamin Matenaar & Eli Winfield

Year 4 - Grace Hanratty, Lilly Jacob & Levi O'Connell

Year 5 - Daniel Lapinski & Zachary Wren

Year 6 - Katie Boydell & Jed Roberts

Physical Education - Elaska Lintott, Daniel Lapinski & Reef Watson



Elizabeth Bear was also awarded to a special Junior School student, *Ainsley O'Donnell*, who was recognised by staff for her kind and gentle nature. Ainsley works cooperatively with others and listens attentively to her teachers and friends. Ainsley is respectful of others and will always help a friend in need. She is certainly a worthy recipient of Elizabeth Bear. Congratulations Ainsley!



Book Week 2020

"CURIOUS CREATURES - WILD MINDS"

The theme for Book Week is a great one for those students who love to be creative. Kindy will have their dress-up on the Thursday, but the rest of the school will have their day on Friday 28 August. If in doubt, please plan a dress up

next year. The students have impressed me with their mature approach when considering their subjects for next year and asking very pertinent and responsible questions.

Year 10 2021 Electives Selection

As we start to fine tune the subject selection for senior school, our current Year 9s will be invited shortly to discuss the electives they are interested in studying next year. More information will be provided to students over the next two weeks.

Homework Club

A reminder that homework club has re-commenced every Tuesday from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm for all secondary students who wish to participate.

Year Seven Confirmation

The candidates are just about ready! Fr Tony Chiera will be visiting out Year 7 students on Wednesday 19 August to have a conversation surrounding the Sacrament of Confirmation and their preparation for it. The Confirmation Mass will be held next Saturday at 6.00 pm.

Year 12

Information was distributed early in the week to our Year 12 group providing further details about the end of school events for them. A reminder that the Speech Night and Mass are compulsory school events.

Year 8 Retreat

Please note on your calendars that the Year 8 retreat has been rescheduled to Week 8 (Tuesday 8 Sept), a week later than originally planned.

Year 9 OLNA

Well done to all the Year 9 students who sat the Writing component of OLNA on Monday. Whilst it is unusual for Yr 9s to sit OLNA (it is usually NAPLAN), they completed the assessment without batting an eyelid and I applaud them for this approach. Reading and Numeracy assessments will be held Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Year 10-12 OLNA

Round 2 of OLNA is planned for Week 7 – well done to those students, who with the support of their teachers, are working extremely hard for the completion of the assessment.

Bookweek

Time to pull out a favourite book and use it as the inspiration for your Bookweek 2020 character. It is always a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together and showcase creativity, thoughtfulness and, at times bravery(!), in their endeavours to showcase their favourite book characters.

Quote of the Week

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.
If you don't ask, the answer is always no.
If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place"

Mrs Heidi Tempra

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based on a favourite book character for the Book Week Parade. In the week following Book Week, we will have our usual Book Fair with the sales of books going towards restocking our amazing Library. There will be an online purchase option after wishlists have been created by the students.



Author Visit

On Friday 28 August we are delighted to have children’s author Steve Heron visit our school to talk to both Junior and Middle School students. The themes within many of Steve’s books resonates well with our school’s social and emotional learning. The following information comes from Steve’s website;

Steve’s passion is to power hope in children, especially through children’s literature. His love of picture books is shown by his extensive collection. He craves to write quality picture books and novels that engage children, at the same time aid them to handle the tricky things in life. He aspires to keep it real and unreal for kids in his books, some for fun, some to stir hope.

In 2016, he was listed in the Queen’s Birthday honours and received an Order of Australia Medal for contribution to the social and emotional wellbeing of children.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

The Feast of the Assumption is when we remember our Blessed Virgin Mary, who at the end of her life on earth, was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. Our Years 4, 5 and 6 students celebrated this special day on our Church calendar by attending Mass on Thursday.

Spellademic

Congratulations to Ben Matenaar, Peri Dronow, Torre Renzullo, Layla Grainger, Imogen Jacob and Tyla Giumelli for their selection to participate in the Regional Spellademic this week. We know that they have been working hard on their spelling and have represented Kearnan College with pride.



Science Week

Next week is a favourite on the school calendar *Science Week!* Apart from our usual classroom Science fun, our talented and generous team of Secondary Science teachers facilitate lunchtime experiments in the Science Labs for all students to enjoy. I am sure there will be plenty of photos shared to see the fun learning.

Calendar

Just a reminder that for three days during Week 6 (24, 25 & 26 August) there is no school for our students. Our school staff will be back at school for Professional Development on 25 and 26 August.

Swimming Lessons

Thank you to the parents who have returned the notes and payment for the upcoming lessons. Specific information regarding your child’s class will be in the class newsletters going home next week. Currently we have been advised that spectators are discouraged to attend these lessons, as it can sometimes be difficult to adhere to the social distancing.

Thought of the Week

“Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.” ~ Albert Einstein

Have a lovely weekend,

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PARISH NEWS

Cleaner

Casual Cleaner required to clean the Manjimup Catholic Parish Centre and the Presbytery. 5 hours per fortnight. Send resume to: manjiparish@westnet.com.au

RCIA Workshop

Father Tony will be conducting an RCIA workshop in Manjimup at the Manjimup Parish Centre between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday 22 August 2020. During Father Tony’s workshop he will be revisiting principles of what RCIA is and giving people practical advice and support.

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON		
	St Joseph’s Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
Sat 15 August	6.00 pm	
Sun 16 August	10.30 am	8.30 am
Sat 22 August	6.00 pm (Confirmation)	
Sun 23 August	8.30 am	10.30 am