



Kearnan Chronicle

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

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Heroines of our Time

"One life, courageously lived for and sometimes given, always in love for others."

Important Dates:

Monday 31 May	Year 11 & 12 Exams	Monday 7 June	WA Day Public Holiday
	Year 10 Exams Commence	Tuesday 8 June	Year 11 Exams Commence
Wednesday 2 June	Year 7 2022 Orientation Day		Year 8 History Excursion
Friday 4 June	JS Interschool Cross Country	Wednesday 9 June	Year 12 Retreat Commences
Sunday 6 June	Ningaloo Camp Departs	Friday 11 June	Year 12 Retreat Concludes
			Year 11 SIDE Exams
			Ningaloo Camp Returns

Dear parents and caregivers,

A good role model is always positive, calm, and confident in themselves. Everyone admires a person who is happy with their achievements, especially one who continues to strive for bigger and better goals. They are not afraid to be unique. Students at Kearnan College learn from the experiences of others to help develop their own experiences. It is the traits in good role models that they too can emulate, which will help them be more successful in life.

A strong woman is one who feels deeply and loves fiercely. A strong woman is both soft and powerful, she is both practical and spiritual. A strong woman loves, forgives, walks away, lets go, tries again, and perseveres, no matter what life challenges she encounters.

For decades, women have played a defining role in shaping the history of humankind. Not only have they contributed to science, medicine, politics, aviation and education but they have also triggered social changes by championing human rights and causes for equality and equity. Thanks to their pioneering efforts, female role models such as Maude Bonney, Jane Foss Barff, Elisabeth Kenny, Edith Cowan, Rosie Batty, Dr Fiona Wood and Mother Teresa have made change to policy, process and practice. In their advocacy, in a variety of disciplines and industry with invention and innovation, they have enabled societal change to enhance the lives of many people with hope and fulfilment.

We can add Sr Irene Mc Cormack 's name to that roll call of courageous and brave women who made a difference to the lives of many. We will always remember May 21, the anniversary of Irene's martyrdom, and set time aside each year to honour and acknowledge her supreme sacrifice in her challenge to social disadvantage of disenfranchised people of Peru. As a past Principal of Kearnan College, Irene's contribution in defending inequity of human rights still serves as an inspirational model for us all.

Thank God for the strong women in our lives who have shown us the way to be confident, resilient, resourceful, purposeful, optimistic, creative and respectful. May all students who attend Kearnan College find and follow their role model to make a difference in shaping their future world. By their hard work and focused efforts in championing equality and equity for self and others, placing due diligence to setting goals for success, may they realise their full potential and find fulfilment in all their endeavours.

God Bless

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are officially halfway through the Term and the winter coughs and colds have hit with a vengeance. Remember last year when there were hardly any around – it is amazing what heightened hand sanitising and being in lock down can achieve! If your child is unwell, please do not worry about them missing school, home is the best place for them. Health and well-being is always our number one priority so lots of rest and chicken soup is recommended rather than working on school work at home.

Year 12 Students

Our ATAR pathway Year 12s have started their exams this week and despite the coolish start in the Parish Centre, they are managing to walk out with a smile on their face. Many of them have been making use of the study hall also which has been great to see. Students on a General pathway have been using this time for work placement or catching up on other course work / TAFE which has allowed them to continue to build on learning and skills acquired previously. These plans for both pathways continue into next week.

Year 11 Students

Year 11 exams and work placement commence next week and run for a fortnight. Students are asked to return their information slips indicating their movements for the two weeks by this Friday, informing us of their intentions (whether study hall use, work placement or course catchup).

Year 10 Students

Year 10 students will be sitting exams next week for their core subject areas (English, Science, Maths, HASS and Religious Education). They will be held in the Parish Centre and commence at 8.50 am. Information regarding what to bring and exam expectations will be distributed to the students by the end of the week.

Year 9 & 10 Work Experience

Thank you to those parents who have made contact regarding where their child will be for Week Eight if they are not attending Ningaloo. I will be contacting those parents who I have not heard from by the end of the week to firm up these details.

Ningaloo/Exmouth

It is mornings like these that I really wish I was going on this camp (and I do not even like camping!) I have seen the itinerary and it looks absolutely amazing. A big thanks to Mr Blincow who is putting together the finishing touches for the camp. I cannot wait to see the photos (and be green with envy at the weather)

Year 7 Camp

Wednesday morning saw us wave goodbye to our Year 7 students as they headed off for three days of team building and fun activities at Fairbridge (Pinjarra). The aim of creating a strong sense of Year 7 community, as well as improving self-management and interpersonal skills, will go a long way to ensuring the cohesiveness of the group. We thank Mr Pedlar for his organisation, and for Mrs Burvill,

Mrs Conopo, Mrs Fialkowski, Mr Ure and Mrs Lapinski for their time and supervision. I really, really hope they packed warm clothes.



Year 7 2022 Orientation Day 1

Next Wednesday will see us hold the first orientation day for incoming Year 7's (2022). I know it is scary to be thinking this far ahead, but we believe these days are vital to ensuring a smooth transition into high school for students. The day is for students to get to know each other, as well as sampling some high school type activities.

"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". ~ Nora Roberts

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

First Communion

On Wednesday the whole Year 4 class enjoyed a day in the Round House at the Timber Park. They spent the day talking about the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of the Eucharist to nourish our spiritual body.



Thank you to Mrs Kammann, with the support of Mrs Kezich and Mrs Cully, for running the workshops leading up to the Sacrament this Sunday 30 May.

We continue to pray for *Laura Bachos Tessa Bendotti-Vander Spil, Isla Bentley, Jael Daniels, Arielle Dimasi, Jaala Fitzgerald, Xavier Jacob, Ty Kammann, Noah Lapinski, Joseph Lawson, Flynn Markotis, Benjamin Matenaar, Orlando Renzullo, Lachlan Scherini and Layne Waugh.*



First Reconciliation

This weekend a beautiful group of Year 3 students will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Through this Sacrament our students will receive the grace of God’s love and forgiveness for the times they have hurt themselves and others, turning away from God. We pray for *Jade Blechynden, Paige Jacob, Isabella Main and Thomas O’Donnell.* We thank Miss Dumper and Mrs Kezich for preparing the students.

Walk Safely to School Day

The weather gods smiled upon us last Friday as a large group of keen students, both Junior and Secondary, started their day in a happy and healthy manner. It was a treat to have some parents help us along the way, as we enjoyed the sunshine walking safely to school. The older students held the hands of the younger students as we crossed roads, adhering to the suggested road safety rules of all children under 10 holding a hand when crossing a road. Thanks to Mr Blincow for leading the way on his bike and all the parents for the early drop off at the Timber Park.



Book Fair

Every year we hold a Book Fair for our Kearnan community. Through the holding of this event, we are able to gain new books for our students to enjoy. The wishlists will start coming home next week; however, we have restricted the book purchases to just one day, Thursday 3 June from 8.00 am – 4.00 pm in our School Library. We hope that you will support our Kearnan College Book Fair. The Dress-Up Book Week Parade associated with Book Week will be held in Term 3 this year.

Pre-Kindy Kids

It has been a delight to see our Pre-Kindy kids and their parents join us for activities and play on Wednesdays. Mrs

Jacob is thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new Kearnan students and their mums and dads.



Boat Assistance

We have purchased a small dinghy for installation into our Early Childhood playground. In order to comply with safety standards, we need to strip back the paint on the boat and repaint it. If you have any spare time or know a family member that may have the skills to assist us, please let our office or your child’s classroom teacher know.

Year 2 Assembly

Thank you to our talented Year 2 class for their entertaining assembly, showcasing their Talk 4 Writing skills around the theme of their class text “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. We were also treated to wonderful song all about reading strategies. We now look ahead to Friday 25 June when our Year 1 class lead the last assembly for Term 2.

Reading

You will always hear our teachers talking about the importance of reading. Good readers enjoy a variety of skills that they can utilise throughout their entire school life. Students who are readers, are able to learn about places they have never visited, understand their natural world, become familiar with characters and emotions, and also be invited into a world of make-believe. The vocabulary at every stage of the reading journey is built upon like the foundations of a house. Daily exposure to reading, both fiction and non-fiction texts, is ensuring your child is building a wonderful foundation for future learning. Reading levelled texts for homework is targeting your child’s academic needs, however reading aloud to your child will foster a love for reading that will hopefully last a lifetime.

Early morning reading, under a tree reading, snuggled on the couch reading, tucked up in bed reading, taking turns at reading pages...however it looks in your family, I hope that you will schedule reading time with your child and share a book every day. Without a doubt, your child will remember your special reading time together.



Cross Country - from Mrs Harris

On Thursday 20 May, students in Year 1 and 2 competed in the Kearnan College annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. Students had been practising the course during their Physical Education lessons. Congratulations to all the students for their consistent effort and for striving to do their best. It was a great afternoon and an incredible display of self-determination from all involved. It was inspiring to see several parents run the track with their children, encouraging them to cross the finish line. Thank you to all who gave their time to be with us for this event. I hope you enjoyed it just as much as I did. Finally, a very big thank you to the Year 6 students who took the opportunity to show their maturity and leadership skills organising and guiding the younger students. Our Years 3-6 ran the GRIT course and were challenged with the new format. All students who completed the course gained a point for their House, with the top runners qualifying for the Interschool Cross Country. Please see Mrs Burvill's write up with the House results.



"Wherever I am, if I've got a book with me, I have a place I can go and be happy" ~ J.K. Rowling

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

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A DAY OF GRIT

Our Day of GRIT was a HUGE success!! Students loved every minute of pushing themselves through every challenge they faced showing Guts, Resilience, Initiative and Tenacity all day!!! The mental health workshops for Year 9 and 10 students to finish off, complimented our day beautifully. Thanks to our amazing students who always give things a go and the wonderful parent support on the day!! Congratulations to the Sport Coaching students who designed, managed and officiated the event!

Mrs Burvill

Cross Country Champs! It was the closest leader board of all time.

Cross Country House Points	
McCormack	290
Rooney	287
Mackillop	281
Kelly	279

GRIT Cross Country Champions

Year Level	Division	Champion	Runner-Up
Year 1	Male	Not for publication	George Howe
	Female	MacKenzie Watson	Amara Farr
Year 2	Male	Ryan Roberts	Quinlan Dronow
	Female	Florence Ipsen	Elsa Kristoffersson
Year 3	Male	Braxton Proudfoot	Thomas O'Donnell
	Female	Saskia Dronow	Jessica Muir
Year 4	Male	Chace Watson	Lachlan Scherini
	Female	Layne Waugh	Heidi Grainger
Year 5	Male	Ayden Terrigno	Torre Renzullo
	Female	Peri Dronow	Grace Hanratty
Year 6	Male	Stefan Renzullo	Zachary Wren
	Female	Olivia Waugh	Ava Pardini
Year 7	Male	Harry Cybula	William Beck
	Female	Imogen Jacob	Amelie Windberg
Year 8	Male	Oscar Mathews	Kayne Flick
	Female	Niamh Moloney	Frida Iacopetta
Year 9	Male	Braydon Sousa	Tyson Jacob
	Female	Daisy McGuire	Isabel Reed
Year 10	Male	Joshua Ellis	Justin Bailye
	Female	Jordan Della Franca	Lily-Rose Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Year 3 Reconciliation 3.00 pm Saturday 29 May
First Holy Communion 10.30 am Sunday 30 May

PARISH MASS TIMES			
DATE	St Joseph's Manjimup		Sacred Heart Pemberton
29.5.21	8.30 am	6.00 pm	
30.5.21	10.30 am		8.30 am
5.6.21	8.30 am	6.00 pm	
6.6.21	10.30 am		8.30 am