



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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LSL Reflection

The community will be aware that I have recently enjoyed a period of Long Service Leave. A most powerful experience of our vacation was a visit to Auschwitz, the setting for some of World War II's most heinous war crimes.

This visit has etched some poignant images into my mind. A glass chamber filled with at least 43,000 pairs of shoes, another filled with hair belonging to an estimated 140,000 victims, the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe (for any interested parents, he has an AMAZING story) and the infirmary in which my great grandfather perished have formed in my mind an indelible montage of horror.



Found in Warsaw, one of the most lingering images from my time in Poland is the above sculpture. Maly Powstaniec is a statue in commemoration of the child soldiers who died during the Warsaw uprising of 1944. This particular image is reputed to be of a 13 year old fighter who died in 1944 at the age of 13. Our Year 7's are this age.

No doubt many readers will be confronted by the above image. The biggest concerns for many of today's children are remarkably trivial: getting a new pair of shoes, a new video game, or being allowed access to Instagram. This image therefore evokes significant reflection. To me, it prompts two powerful thoughts. Firstly, it reminds us all of the many atrocious moments that previous generations have suffered in order to provide us with the lives that we live. Secondly, it prompts me to think about children at Kearnan College, and my own children, and the comparatively blessed lives that they lead. I thank God that the children in our community are somewhat protected from these horrors.

I certainly challenge our Year 7 children to reflect on this image.

Important Dates:

Wed 30 October	Year 12 ATAR Exams Commence in the Parish Centre	Tues 5 November	Junior School Mathademic
	Wheels on Wednesday Years 3/4	Wed 6 November	Wheels on Wednesday Years 1/2
Friday 1 November	Spring Carnival Years 4-6	Thurs 7 November	Secondary Leadership Assembly
			8.55 am
		Friday 8 November	Spring Carnival Years 7-10

Past Kearnan Staff-member Bereavement

I wish to inform our community of the passing of Sr Anne Kavanagh, previously known as Sr Anne Virginia, who taught at our school in her earlier years.

For those community members who do not know of Sr Anne, she made a significant contribution to the Schools and Parishes of Pemberton, Manjimup, Busselton and Waroona. She was a gentle, compassionate and joyful person. We pray for her eternal peace with God and the consolation of all the Sisters.

Year 12 Departure & Confirmation

During week one, the College celebrated two significant events. I understand that both the Year 12 Graduation (and all related activities) and the celebration of Confirmation were both very successful. Our Year 12 students have led the school with aplomb this year and I acknowledge the Faith commitment demonstrated by our Year 7 students who completed their Confirmation. Of course coordination of such events requires significant hard work. I thank all involved for their leadership. I would also like to thank Mrs Anne Kezich, who always works tirelessly and selflessly in support of the Parish Sacramental Program.

Kearnan College Principalship

This week the community was informed that at the end of this year, our family will relocate to Carnarvon. During Term One, the College will be guided by Ms Carol Geurts, who will bring significant leadership experience to the community. The application process for the ongoing Principalship position will be conducted during this time.

My long service leave provided many moments for rich reflection. I look forward to spending more time with my family from 2020. Until this time, it will be business as usual as we move towards the end of the school year.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

"Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5: 13-16

At last Thursday's Year 12 Graduation Mass, our Year 12 students were presented with a candle to remind them, as they leave Kearnan College, that they carry the light of Christ out into the world. Head students Liam Maw and Denby Murphy lit their candles from the Charism Candle and then shared the light with their peers. As each candle flickered into life, the symbolism of the shared Graduation Mass, the shared Eucharistic meal and the shared experiences through years at the College was very poignant.

The beautiful homily from Fr Edwin, the wonderful liturgical celebration prepared by Miss Chilvers, the decoration of the church by Mrs Cully and Mrs Kilrain and the coordination of the Graduation morning tea by Miss Smithin and Mrs Muir all spoke volumes for the importance of this event for not only the Year 12s concluding their secondary education, but also for families and staff. It was a milestone for the 37 graduates, who as the Class of 2019 have led our community admirably.

The efforts of our current Year 11 students in assisting with the morning tea was most appreciated. Later than evening, the Graduation Dinner for Year 12 students and staff held at Two Little Blackbirds Café was a delicious and informal way to end the day, and I thank Mrs Lockwood for her efforts in coordinating this evening. We wish all Year 12s every success for the future and will keep them in our prayers, particularly those who start their external ATAR exams next Wednesday.



Head students Liam Maw and Denby Murphy lead the Class of 2019 out of the church at the end of the Graduation Eucharistic celebration.



Fr Edwin chats with some of the Year 12 boys before Graduation Dinner at Two Little Blackbirds.

Confirmation

Fr Tony Chiera celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with six Year 7 students on Saturday night and we congratulate Lachlan Collins, Sydney Emmott, Phoebe Mottram, Ella Kilrain, Pedro Siriban, and Macarius Muir. Fr Tony's homily about 'fear is a thief' and his urging of the confirmation candidates to respond in love, instead of fear, was thought-provoking for all present. Thank you to everyone involved with this beautiful sacramental celebration, particularly Miss Chilvers, Mrs Cully, Mrs Kilrain and Mrs Heidi Temptra.



Secondary Examinations

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 and their parents will have noticed the examinations scheduled on the Term Four calendar. Year 11 students commence their Kearnan examinations on Monday 18 November, with VISN and SIDE exams being scheduled for Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November. Students have been emailed individual examination timetables. Year 11 students only attend school for the examinations, students who do not have Year 11 exams should see me regarding work placement during week 6. A supervised study hall will be provided for Year 11 students before or after their examinations each day, if they are using public transport to attend their examinations. The school year for Year 11 students concludes on Friday 22 November.

Year 10 examinations run from Friday 22 November to Thursday 28 November. Students will receive their exam timetables next week, with daily examinations commencing at 8.50 am in the Parish Centre. Year 10 students resume their usual timetabled classes after each exam.

Year 9 examinations commence on Monday 25 September and conclude on Friday 29 November. The scheduling of an exam-type setting towards the end of Year 9 provides our

Year 9 students with an exam experience to prepare them for Senior School in 2020. While the venue will be the Parish Centre, the format of the Year 9 'exams' will be like any other in-class assessment, or test, with the usual weightings and requirements. These one-hour 'exams' will be scheduled each day for the following learning areas: Religious Education, English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science. Usual Year 9 classes will occur for the remainder of each day. Examination schedules and rules will be distributed to students next week.

Prior to each set of examinations, several days are scheduled as "assessment free days", to allow students additional preparation time prior to examinations. For Year 11 students in General courses and for Year 9 and 10 students completing subjects that don't have exams, it is possible there may be assessments on these days due to limitations of the timetable. Should parents have any concerns regarding the coming examinations, please contact Mrs Tempra or myself.

Absences during Examinations

Please be aware that an absence from a specifically scheduled assessment task, such as an examination, must be explained by one of the following:

- Medical certificate
- A telephone call or letter from the parent with reason to be validated by the Principal and/or Head of Secondary. Please note the College may deem a Medical Certificate necessary.

Further details are outlined in the Kearnan College Secondary School Assessment Policy and the Student Diary.

OLNA Results

Parents of students who sat the September round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA) will receive notification of student performance in the next week. Congratulations to all students who achieved competency. The next round of OLNA testing takes place in March 2020. If parents would like to discuss these results, please feel free to contact individual subject teachers or Mrs Tempra.

Secondary Leadership Assembly

Nominations for Year 12 leadership roles will be called next week, in preparation for Year 11 students to deliver their 2020 Head Student and/or House Captain speeches at the Secondary Leadership Assembly scheduled for Thursday 7 November. The assembly will be held at 8.55am in the Assembly Hall and parents are welcome to attend.

Student Drivers

For many of our senior students, obtaining their driver's licence is a milestone in their transition from childhood; however, the issue of driving to school can cause safety and legal problems for the College. Any students who have obtained their driver's licence must obtain permission from the College to drive to school and to park at Imperials Oval. As we have a duty of care to all of our students, no students (apart from family members) are allowed to travel in another student's car without the signed approval from the parents of the student who is to be a passenger in a student driver's car. Permission forms to drive a vehicle, including

scooters or mopeds, to school, or to travel as a passenger with a student driver, are available from the Office.

Homework Club

Homework Club resumed this week for secondary students and parents are reminded that the finish time has changed, so Homework Club runs on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Middle School area. Homework Club provides our students with the opportunity to stay behind after school to complete assessments, undertake research or to do private study. Our staff run Homework Club willingly as they know the opportunity to work one-on-one with students has great academic and pastoral merit.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!

The first fortnight back has been wonderful with smiles on faces and plenty of hard work completed. Being a busy term, our students have jumped straight into learning with enthusiasm. Thank you so much to our students and parents for the excellent efforts to dress neatly in our school uniform. Just a reminder that hats are part of the Term 4 uniform and if there is NO HAT, there is NO PLAY (including sport).

Wheels on Wednesday

This week there was much excitement on Wednesday lunchtime as some of our energetic Year 5 & 6 students braved the weather to ride their bikes, scooters and rip-sticks during "Wheels on Wednesday". It was fantastic to see the bike rack full of wheels as many students took up this great opportunity to have some different fun during their lunch time. Mr Bincow challenged some of our more energetic students to join him on the track to Deanmill, and Mr Meynell also rode the longer path. We are happy to report that no band-aids were required, although some students came back a little damp! Next week our Years 3 & 4 students are invited to bring their wheels and helmets for their turn at the park or the longer track, if they are keen to make the distance. Thank you to the parents who have already returned permission slips to the office.



Homework Club

Homework Club started again this week. All students from Years 3 - 6 are welcome to stay back on Tuesday afternoons to complete their homework or practice skills that may need additional work. Miss Dumper, with the assistance of Mrs Barton, will be ready to help any students in the Year 3 classroom, from after school until 4.30 pm.

Assembly

This week we had our first assembly of the term hosted by our talented Year 1 class. We thoroughly enjoyed watching your fantastic dancing- what an energetic bunch they are! Our Pre-primary class will be hosting our next assembly on Friday 15 November in our Assembly Hall.

Lost Property

With jumpers coming off and on during this Spring weather, we have noticed a steady supply of lost property. We encourage you to check your child's clothing items to ensure they are clearly labelled, so we can return items back to their owners.

Spring Carnival

We have been fortunate to squeeze in a few skills lessons and scratch matches of footy, soccer, hockey and netball, coached by our Certificate II Sport Coaching students in preparation for next week's Spring Carnival. We look forward to one more training session before participating in the Carnival, held on Friday 1 November. All students from Years 4 - 6 should have received notes this week regarding sport venues and lunches. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of fun and good sportsmanship.



Thought of the Week

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye." ~ The Little Prince

Have a lovely weekend,

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CANTEEN

Monday 28 October	Kim Jones
Tuesday 29 October	Linda Thompson
Wednesday 30 October	Julia Wayne
Thursday 31 October	Morina Pratt
Friday 1 November	Marcelle Batticci
Monday 4 November	Shannon Butler-Fraser
Tuesday 5 November	Jade Edwards
Wednesday 6 November	Nicole Giblett
Thursday 7 November	Marcelle Batticci
Friday 8 November	Sandra Emmott

VACSWIM

Enrol now in VacSwim summer holiday swimming lessons! All children should know how to be safe when swimming at the beach, pool, water holes or rivers.

There are over 180 VacSwim locations around Western Australia. If you are travelling during the summer school holidays, there may be VacSwim programs available.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming.



PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON

	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
Sat 26 October	6.00 pm	
Sun 27 October	8.30 am	10.30 am
Sat 2 November	6.00 pm	
Sun 3 November	10.30 am	8.30 am

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