



# Kearnan Chronicle

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

**19 March 2021**

Happy St Patrick's and St Joseph's Feast Days this past week.

"May your troubles be less; and your blessings be more; and nothing but happiness; come through your door. "

**Important Dates:**

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| <b>Tues 23 March</b>  | <b>JS Interschools Jumps</b>           | <b>Tues 30 March</b> | <b>Year 11/12 Field Events</b>          |
|                       | <b>Year 10 Parent Info 6.30 pm</b>     |                      | <b>Senior School Parent Interviews</b>  |
| <b>Wed 24 March</b>   | <b>Mental Health Day Year 9</b>        | <b>Wed 31 March</b>  | <b>Senior School Athletics Carnival</b> |
| <b>Thurs 25 March</b> | <b>NAPLAN CPT 9.00 am</b>              | <b>Thurs 1 April</b> | <b>Term 1 Concludes</b>                 |
| <b>Fri 26 March</b>   | <b>Interschools Athletics Carnival</b> | <b>Fri 2 April</b>   | <b>Good Friday</b>                      |

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our second last instalment of the Chronicle and wishing you all good health and happiness for the rest of Term One. All students are navigating their way through their assessments at this time and teachers are making sure all students do not fall through the cracks or find large gaps in their learning. Students who excel at sport have been involved in several carnivals with their local and interschool peers. Our senior girls did very well at tennis, our swimming team showed great agility and the junior school students excelled in notable sportsmanship at their recent carnival.

Congratulations to Mrs Harris and her band of helpers for a super, well organised Junior Carnival event. Mrs Kilrain, P&F President, was high in praise of the donations of cakes from parents and thanks to Mrs Durbin, Mrs Dronow and Mrs Pardini for their help to sell them on the day. Grateful thanks to Mary Guadagnino (Swirls & Twirl Delites) for her generous donation to the P&F for the opportunity to sell coffee on the day to Carnival parents.

Great spirit was shown by all students who competed in all events to the best of their abilities. Excellent sportsmanship was demonstrated by many students who praised fellow competitors on many occasions. These were proud moments to watch and take note of throughout the day's events. Congratulations to McCormack House for winning the House Shield and Kelly House for winning the Spirit Shield.

Year 7 students have settled into Secondary Education and are confidently finding their way each day to integrate with the middle and senior school environment. Thanks to Mrs Lockwood, the students have learnt to become very proficient with their One Note and IT skill levels.

Enrolments have stabilised and they are continuing to grow. All new students are pleased with their new learning opportunities and I look forward to strengthening the relationships with them and their parents. We have accepted 46 new enrolments in 2021 across the PK- 9 Year levels.

Kearnan College is currently receiving enrolments for Year 7 in 2022 and interviews with prospective students and their parents from our feeder schools are taking place.

CEWA Literacy consultants, Liz Harper and Viv Marwick, were on site this week to support staff as we continue to develop a whole school approach and a CEWA Systems Level approach to the teaching of literacy in order to improve student outcomes. This will also help develop consistency in a language used for literacy learning across our K –12 College. Valuable walk throughs followed by group discussion was the focus for the whole staff to discover how the students are taking charge of their own learning and how we can best support and help them improve their progress. This learning will be our focus for 2021 with future ongoing professional development.

Congratulations to all students from Year 3 – 12, who participated in raising funds for the Blackwood Youth Action Group last Wednesday for Wheels for Wellness. The target of 134 kms was smashed three times over and 451 kms was the final tally. Dr Sarah Youngson, who leads the BYAG received a cheque for \$157 from coin donations on the day to support our young people in the Warren District. Well done Mrs Barton, Mrs Burvill and Year 10 and 11 students who organised such a successful event. Special thanks to Mr Blincow who completed all three rides, encouraging our students around the course.

A very good attendance at our P&F meeting this week. We would like to encourage new families to join our very social and welcoming committee who have many interesting ideas for future fundraising opportunities. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 April at 6.00 pm. We would love to see you come along to support us and bring your great ideas too.

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 **April 1 2021**. **Please contact the ladies in Administration for further details if this applies to you and your family.**

Thank you for your continued support to the learning needs of your child, we are here to assist you in their progress and do not hesitate to contact the teachers or myself if you have a concern. Enjoy the weekend with some much needed down time.

**Carol Geurts**

**Principal**

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

And just like that, another fortnight has gone and we are actually counting down for the end of the term (or is that just me?) The students and staff continue to impress me with their commitment to task and their ability to 'keep on keeping on'. Just a few more weeks and we can get the much longed for sleep in.

### **Congratulations**

The calibre of students we have at Kearnan is outstanding and it is always pleasing to see that this is recognised outside of the school environment. Congratulations to Abbey Kilrain (Year 12) who was one of only 40 students from around the state to be selected to attend the Hero Leadership Camp in April. This camp assists the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow by educating, equipping and empowering young people to promote good mental health in their communities. As our current Service Captain, Abbey typifies all that inspiring leaders of tomorrow should be and we hope she has an amazing time!

Congratulations also to two Year 11 Students; Ella McGuire and Emma-Kate (Katie) Bookless who have been selected to attend the Young Leaders' Summit – an annual camp for school students across WA to support and encourage the development of leadership skills. This camp draws a number of applicants from around the state and it is an outstanding feat to have been selected. Well done to both girls.

### **Feast Day**

This Friday will see the school celebrate our Feast Day, where we celebrate all that is unique and special to Kearnan College (formally St Joseph's) and what it means to be Christ centred with service focused activities. Mary

MacKillop's motto of 'never seeing a need without doing something about it' will resonant across all four Houses as we focus on others and our wider school community. A big thanks to Miss Chilvers for her work with the Mass and to the wonderful House Coordinators that have put many hours into the preparation for the activities.

### **Year 10 Parent Information Night**

Letters were sent home at the start of this week informing parents of Year 10 students about the parent session planned for next Tuesday 23 March in the school library at 6.30 pm. You are asked to return the slips to school by today.

### **Ningaloo Trip**

If staff interest is anything to go by, this is proving to be a very popular choice for a holiday destination. Mr Blincow's research and contacts in the excursion world means that the five days of exploration and exhilaration have well and truly been catered for. Currently we are planning for 50 students to attend so it is apparent it has been a popular choice for students as well. If you have any queries regarding the camp, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Blincow. Students who are not attending will be required to undertake work experience for the week and I will be in contact with those families shortly to start the organisation of this.

### **NAPLAN**

Early next term, Years 7 and 9 will be completing the compulsory NAPLAN assessment. In preparation for this event, a 'practice' run is planned for next Thursday where we not only expose the students to the areas and procedures of the actual tests, but that the 'powers that be' in Perth and Canberra are able to see if there are any glitches with the system. We also stress to the students that whilst NAPLAN has its place for certain educational components, we do not believe it represents their total abilities or strengths.

### **Interim Reports**

Secondary school interim reports will be released on SEQTA on Wednesday 31 March. Interim reports give an indication of student progress and participation to parents/caregivers in order to ensure issues or concerns can be addressed early in the school year. The report should be read in conjunction with other teacher feedback and communication that has been provided to students during the term. Please note that if contact has been requested, it is essential that this occurs early in the start of next term. Parent interviews are scheduled for Week 2 Term 2, more information will follow.

### **Year 11 & 12 Parent Interviews**

In conjunction with the interim reports for Years 11 and 12, parents are requested to attend parent interviews for their child/children. These parent interviews have been scheduled from 1.00 pm onwards, Tuesday 30 March. Parents will receive notification from the school when they are able to go online and book appointment times with the relevant teachers.

## Just Keep Swimming

...in the words of the immortal Dory! Well done to all of the students who participated in the South West Schools swimming carnival in Bunbury on Tuesday. All students participated with the right spirit and demonstrated great sportsmanship right from the get-go. Congratulations to Justin Bailye (Superfish) who was awarded runner up in his age division.



## Secondary Sports Carnival

Preparations are well under way for the sports carnival as it is looming very quickly in the last week of school. Stay tuned for further information coming out of the Phys Ed Department relating to all things "athletics".

*"If I am more fortunate than others, I need to build a longer table, not a taller fence" - Tamlyn Tomita*

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Heidi Tempra  
Head of Secondary  
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Athletics Carnivals

What wonderful athletics carnivals we enjoyed last week! Thanks to Mrs Jeanette Harris for organising the events, with the support of our secondary Sports Certificate students, who always impress us with their knowledge of the jobs required and actively encourage all participants. Thanks also to Mr Lapinski and Mrs Smith for the hours spent marking the oval and assisting in preparation for the days. We are grateful to Mr Brendon Burvill who generously volunteered his time to complete the results spreadsheet on the day. Thanks also to the parents who helped in the early morning set up and the end of day pack up, without these parents the job becomes much harder.

### Values on Display at Faction Carnival

#### Mrs Harris

The beautiful weather set the scene for a fabulous and very successful Faction Carnival on Friday 12 March. The preparation the students and staff had put into the events in the lead up was obvious on the day, with high performance from the children and all events running

seamlessly and smoothly. The focus of the carnival was participation, teamwork, trying your best and enjoyment. Excellent feedback was received from staff and parents about the exemplary teamwork, encouragement and behaviour displayed by our students.

After some admirable competition, the House carnival winners at the end of the day were McCormack on 381 points, followed by MacKillop on 380 points, Kelly on 348 points, Rooney on 267 points and Kelly won the Spirit Shield.

Congratulations to all the students for their effort and commitment and a special congratulations to our champions.

Thanks to the staff for all the work in making the day a success and a special thank you must go to the high school students who helped to marshall.

We would like to thank the families who turned up to cheer the students on. A special thanks to those parents who came early and left late to assist staff with setting up the oval on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the P&F who contributed to the fabulous cake stall.

We are looking forward to hosting the Interschool Athletics carnival on Tuesday 23 March and Friday 26 March. Students representing Kearnan College at the Interschool carnival have been advised.

### Champions

| Year 6 Boys                    | Year 5 Boys    | Year 4 Boys    | Year 3 Boys       |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Hunter Kitchen                 | Ayden Terrigno | Chace Watson   | Bentley Fontanini |
| Jett McDougall                 | Reef Parkinson | Noah Murphy    | Thomas O'Donnell  |
| Brody Bachos & Stefan Renzullo | Torre Renzullo | Flynn Markotis | Jace Falcinella   |
| Year 6 Girls                   | Year 5 Girls   | Year 4 Girls   | Year 3 Girls      |
| Layla Grainger                 | Grace Hanratty | Heidi Grainger | Saskia Dronow     |
| Chanel Proudfoot               | Peri Dronow    | Layne Waugh    | Milla Parkinson   |
| Ashlyn Falcinella              | Rylie McGinty  | Laura Bachos   | Jessica Muir      |





Kearnan community. Our Pre-Kindy is a warm, inviting environment which prepares our children for their entry into Kindergarten. It is currently free to attend Kearnan College Pre-kindy sessions.

### Feast Day

Houses colours were proudly on display during Friday's Feast Day. Beginning with a whole school Mass, we were able to give thanks for the life of St. Joseph and the many virtues he modelled, as father to Jesus. Our students were able to reflect these virtues during House activities, with older students working with our Junior School students, practicing patience and modelling kindness. Many thanks to Mrs Cully and her team of helpers; Mrs Arbuthnot, Mr Cully, Mr Geurts and the wonderful Mrs Deitos, who cooked up a delicious lunch for everyone. We also thank Mr Rob Walker who generously donated melons for a sweet, refreshing treat after the sausage lunch.

### Assessment Folders & Parent Meetings

On the calendar the Assessment Folders are due to go back home on Thursday 1 April. With losing teaching days for athletics carnivals and Feast Day, the teachers are spending available time teaching your children, rather than assessing. You will be able to look through the folders next term. We thank parents for attending the meetings scheduled with classroom teachers and we encourage parents to continue to stay in contact and be involved in their children's learning.

### Chrism Mass

On Tuesday 30 March, our Year 6 class will travel to Bunbury to attend the Chrism Mass. All the priests of the diocese will gather together for this Mass and during it, Bishop Gerard will consecrate sacred oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. Each parish receives their annual supply of oils at this Mass. As many of our Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year with our Year 7 students, they were invited to attend the Mass at the Cathedral with other schools from the diocese.

### Easter Raffle

We hope you have got a ticket in the biggest Easter raffle we have had in many years! There has been a steady stream of donations and Mrs Kammann and the student councillors will be very busy bundling up the prizes. There will be plenty of opportunities to win an Easter prize. If you would like to purchase more tickets, just let the office know and we will send them home. If you are yet to donate, we would gratefully accept more donations as it will result in even more prizes!

### Thought of the Week

*"Be strong, be fearless, be beautiful and believe that anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." ~ Misty Copeland*

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs Peta Barton**

**Head of Junior School**

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### Wheels for Wellbeing

Last Wednesday our Years 3-12 students participated in a bike riding event to raise money for Blackwood Youth Action, which supports mental health facilities for young people in our community. The challenge was to ride 134m over the day, which was the longest leg of the Rotary Tour, however, our students and Mr Blineow completely smashed that distance and rode 451kms over the day. The money raised was presented to Dr Sarah Youngson who added our school donation to the Rotary Tour for 2021. We are so proud of our students who gave up their time to ride for the benefit of others.



### Year 4 Assembly

Thank you to our talented Year 4 class who entertained us with their brilliant assembly last week. The Dreamtime story with the theme of 'Kindness is like a Boomerang', is a message all students can read as they pass through the Assembly Hall and see the wonderful display on the walls. Our next gathering will be for the presentation of merit certificates and Elizabeth Bear next Thursday.

### Pre-Kindy

Our Pre-Kindy families met this week to discuss the program commencing in Term Two. During the meeting Mrs Jenni Jacob enjoyed welcoming our new families to the

## KAPTURE SCHOOL PHOTOS – SPECIAL GALLERY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following our recent school photography by Kapture, you can now view and order any special photos taken this year (ie: House Leaders, Year 12 Graduates, Student Leaders)

When visiting <https://www.kapture.com.au/event.asp> you will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery: 9BGCPN

## PARISH NEWS

| <b>PARISH MASS TIMES</b>    |  |                 |                               |                    |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DATE</b>                 | <b>St Joseph's Manjimup</b>                      |                 | <b>Sacred Heart Pemberton</b> |                    |
| <b>20.3.21</b>              | <b>8.30 am</b>                                   | <b>6.00 pm</b>  |                               |                    |
| <b>21.3.21</b>              | <b>10.30 am</b>                                  |                 | <b>8.30 am</b>                |                    |
| <b>EASTER SERVICES 2021</b> |  |                 |                               |                    |
| <b>Date</b>                 | <b>Service</b>                                   | <b>Manjimup</b> | <b>Pemberton</b>              | <b>Northcliffe</b> |
| Thursday<br>26.3.21         | <b>Lenten Reconciliation</b>                     | 7.00 pm         |                               |                    |
| Sunday<br>28.3.21           | <b>Palm Sunday</b>                               | 8.30 am         | 10.30 am                      |                    |
| Wednesday<br>31.3.21        | <b>Lenten Reconciliation</b>                     |                 | 7.00 pm                       |                    |
| Thursday<br>1.4.21          | <b>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> | 6.00 pm         | 7.00 pm                       |                    |
| Friday<br>2.4.21            | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                     | 10.00 am        |                               | 10.00 am           |
| Friday<br>2.4.21            | <b>Solemn Liturgy (Good Friday)</b>              | 3.00 pm         | 3.00 pm                       |                    |
| Sat 3.4.21                  | <b>The Easter Vigil</b>                          | 6.00 pm         |                               |                    |
| Sunday<br>4.4.21            | <b>Easter Sunday</b>                             | 10.30 am        | 8.30 am                       | 12 noon            |

