

# **Kearnan Chronicle**

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

## 14 February 2020

#### **Look for Goodness**

**Important Dates:** 

Friday 21 Feb Year 3 Assembly 12.20 pm

Monday 24 Feb School Photo Day Tuesday 25 Feb School Photo Day

**Shrove Tuesday Breakfast** 

Welcome back to old and new friends, to new beginnings, a new year and a new decade.

Term One has begun with great anticipation and excitement as students and teachers establish the routines of daily learning and activity. Our new teachers, Mr Steve Twigg, Mrs Rita Twigg, Mr Bennett, Ms Godfrey, Mr Chodorwski, Ms Fialkowski and Mrs Crisp have settled into Kearnan College very quickly. The climate change however, for some, may take a little longer. We would also like to welcome back Ms Tasker from a year off and Mrs Nock from maternity leave. Congratulations to Mrs Collins and her husband on the arrival of their third child.

Our Term One, whole school Mass was celebrated with Fr Edwin in our St Joseph's church last Friday. Parishioners and teachers were delighted with the joyful participation and reverence that students displayed during the celebration. Invited parents witnessed the blessing and presentation of school leaders' badges for Junior and Senior students. Year 12 Leaders were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for the distribution of Communion for the Mass and future celebrations. Fr Edwin reminded our students to work hard every day, to become the best they can aspire to be in 2020, as they follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who is their model and guide. Teachers and students appreciated the visit from Fr Edwin to bless all classrooms for the new year.

The Junior school staff opened their doors to parents on Friday evening for their first meeting. New parents were given an opportunity to visit each classroom.

Those who attended, commented on how valuable and informative they found the presentations, with clear guidelines on how they, as first educators can support their students to achieve their set goals by following up on the homework and focused activities expected to be completed.

Special thanks to Mrs Cully and Jonathon Copson-Pacal for providing the catering and refreshments for this event.

## P&F

Our first P& F meeting was held on Tuesday 11February in the school Library. Seven parents attended and it was pleasing to see new faces at the table and their willingness to support the invaluable work conducted by the P&F members to raise funds to support resource gaps. We are still looking for new members. All help gratefully appreciated.

#### **ViSN Camp**

The ViSN (Virtual School Network) camp, our first offsite camp, was huge success thanks to Mrs Jodie Lapinski and Mrs Leah Kilrain. All students experienced the opportunity to meet others, like them, who are enrolled in online courses through the ViSN medium. This helped them bring back fresh ideas and strategies to become highly engaged learners.

#### **Uniform Update**

There has been much discussion on the upgrade and change to the Kearnan College uniform. I have consulted with many and have decided that there will be no change to the uniform in 2020. Our reality will rely on the decisions made according

to the feedback that is received in making these changes to the girls' dresses/skirts and boys' shirts and shorts. This decision will impact on the manufacture of material required to ensure the costs are not prohibitive to parents. A transition for the changes will take around 18 months to two years to complete the desired full change.

Parents, teachers and students are invited to provide feedback to these changes throughout the next four weeks. Models of the uniform can be viewed in the Library at your convenience. A survey will go out to all parents in the coming days. All feedback and opinions are welcome.

Your contribution to our school and faith community is valued, appreciated and acknowledged. Thank you for your continued support to the learning needs of your child.

# Carol Geurts Acting Principal

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# SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Welcome

What a wonderful start to our school year. The staff and students have that great 'new school year' enthusiasm about them which is always pleasing to see. We would particularly like to welcome the Year Sevens to the Secondary school, as well as any new students who we are very happy to have join us. Term One is notoriously busy and, as such, make yourself comfortable for this fortnight's update from the secondary school!

# It's a baby boy!

We congratulate Mrs Liz Collins, hubby Murray and big brothers Archie and Oscar on the arrival of Jacob. Although slightly outnumbered now in the house, we know how much love, fun and laughter there will be!

#### 2020 Student Leaders

At our wonderful opening school mass on Friday, student leaders were presented to the school community. These students, voted by their peers, have pledged to support their fellow classmates and be leaders in their year groups. These students will be working closely with Mr Pedlar this year to ensure the Student Council has an active voice in all school areas. The student councillors for 2020 are;

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Year Seven	To be voted after camp	
Year Eight	Ethan Davies	
	Kaas Van Hazendonk	
Year Nine	Jonathon Copson-Pacal,	
	Kate Thexton	
Year Ten	Ryan Tempra, Jay O'Connell	
Year Eleven	Tessa Smith, Jeremiah	
	Chamoun	
Head Boy	Reilly Burvill	
Head Girl	Emma Ebsary	
Kelly House Captains	Holly Thomas, Holly	
	Ganatta	
McCormack House Captains	Blake Wood, Sam Fontanini	
Rooney House Captains	Llewellyn Cully, Jack	
	Sparrow	
MacKillop House Captains	Brodie Miller, Gabriella	
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# **Parent Evening**

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 7 and 11/12 Information sessions on Wednesday night. There is always a lot of information to disseminate at the beginning of the school year and hopefully some questions were answered pertaining to that particular year level.

A big thank you also to staff who were present at both sessions.

#### **ViSN**

Kearnan continues to offer ViSN (Virtual School Network) in Year 11 and 12. Last week, Mrs Lapinski and Mrs Kilrain, as well as seven of our students completing ViSN had the opportunity to attend a two-day camp in Perth to meet with their ViSN teachers and classmates from other areas of Western Australia. We thank Mrs Lapinski and Kilrain for their time and support with the camp.

#### Staff Contacts

Sometimes in the secondary school, it can be a bit confusing to know who to contact when you have questions relating to your child. Teachers will always return your calls or emails, however we do ask that you remember that they are teaching during the day and, as such, may not return your call straight away. Staff email addresses can be found on the school website.

The following is a guide to assist you

- If is an academic concern, please contact that specific subject teacher
- If it is a pastoral concern, please contact your child's house coordinator.
- Heads of Department and Assistant Head of Secondary,
   Mr Pedlar, are also there to assist where necessary.

## **House Coordinators**

Rooney: Tracey Crisp	McCormack: Emily Ardagh
MacKillop: Jodie Lapinski	Kelly: Dale Blincow

#### **Shrove Tuesday**

Also known as Pancake Day, Fat Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday, we just know it as 'YUM'. The word "Shrove" comes from the old middle English word "Shriven" meaning to go to confession to say sorry. As Shrove Tuesday commences the day prior to Ash Wednesday, the custom of using up all the fattening ingredients before Lent so people could prepare to fast, continues to this day and the student council will be cooking pancakes for the school for a small cost. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Young Endeavour Youth Scheme**

The applications for voyages in STS Young Endeavour 2020 are now being taken. This program, aimed at people aged

16-23, is delivered by professional Royal Australian Navy crew encourage youth to pursue personal and team goals and challenges.

Applications are taken at <a href="www.voyageendeavour.gov.au">www.voyageendeavour.gov.au</a>. Potential applicants should apply now for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage

## **Amanda Young Foundation Young Leaders Camp**

This four day residential Camp includes a variety of interactive sessions on team building and leadership as well as presentations from guest speakers who will motivate and inspire participants to set goals and reach for their dreams.

This camp is open to all Year Eleven students and I encourage as many students as possible to apply. If you are interested in applying, please see Mrs Tempra.

Mrs Heidi Tempra Head of Senior School

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Welcome to the New School Year

Thank you to the parents who came out on the first Friday back this term to greet each other after the holiday break and to meet our acting Principal, Mrs Carol Geurts. Our Junior School staff appreciated saying an informal hello to all our parents, and classroom teachers from Years 1-6 were pleased to deliver the class information on just the one night. A special thank you to Mrs Suzzanne Cully who catered for our families in her usual fabulous way.

Thank you also to our Kindy and Pre-primary parents who attended parent meetings earlier in the week to hear about the learning opportunities in store for these younger students.

We have been delighted to get to know our new Kindy friends over the past fortnight, as they spend more time at school. Their smiles, enthusiasm and curiosity have been joyful additions to our Junior School.

A warm welcome to the Abigail (Year 6), Josie (Year 3) and Jimmy (Pre-primary) Twigg, who have joined our Junior School, along with Sarah Rundell who has joined our Year 5 class. We extend the welcome to their families and hope that they have all settled happily into our Kearnan community.

## Netball

Mrs Burvill and Ms Firth had nearly 25 students from Preprimary to Year 5, ready to train in Netball skills and drills on Monday afternoon. If there are any students who missed out on the note and would like to join these sessions, please ask for a note from the office next week.

#### **Athletics**

Mrs Harris and Mrs Burvill were delighted with the turn out for the after-school sports. Yesterday we had over 30 students working hard to improve their skills and times. We hope to be at our very best for our Athletics Carnivals in Week 7 of this term.

#### **New Junior School Leaders**

Congratulations to our new leaders who attended Friday's Kearnan College Opening Mass and had their badges blessed for their roles this year. They have started the year in an excellent manner and it is evident that these Year 6 students will lead the Junior School by example.



Head Boy: Harry Cybula, Head Girl: Ashleigh Terrigno, MacKillop House Captains: Imogen Jacob, Mika O'Connell, McCormack House Captains: Shani Woonings, Raymond Ugle, Kelly House Captains: Laila McGinty, Emilio Renzullo, Rooney House Captains: Kendra Thompson, Jed Roberts.

#### **Hockey WA Roadshow**

On Wednesday our Years 1-6 were coached by staff from Hockey WA, where all students had a try at the game of hockey. Being a sport that is played in our community, it is wonderful that our students were able to have exposure to the game of hockey, learning rules and playing games. Thanks to Mrs Harris for coordinating this school visit.





#### **Homework Club**

Well done to the large number of Junior School students who attended the first week of Homework Club this week. We were very impressed with all the students, who worked hard to complete their spelling, reading and maths, ensuring they had more time at home for other things. If your child thinks they might like to join the group, please collect a permission form from the office.

# **Playground Use After School Hours**

We know that our playgrounds are fantastic fun to play on, so we ask for cooperation from all parents in ensuring the safety of your child after they have been dismissed from class at the end of the day. If playing on the equipment, please ensure you are supervising your child. He/she must be in your direct line of sight. If there is an injury, the office is open until 4.00 pm. After that time, you will need to either take your child home for first aid or call an ambulance the injury is serious. Children cannot be left unsupervised at any time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

#### **Breakfast Club**

If you are a parent that could benefit from an early dropoff, please utilise our Breakfast Club in the Library from 8.00 am. Staff are present to supervise your child, help with breakfast if required and direct your child to the play options available to them before the bell. We hope to grow this service for our working parents.

#### Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Vanessa Tempra and her son Ryan, who volunteered some of their time over the holidays spreading sand over the Early Childhood area to encourage the grass growth. With a little bit of water, we are now loving our green playing area.

#### Assembly

Our talented Year 3 class will be hosting the first assembly of the new school year. Please join us next Friday 21 February in the Assembly Hall at 12.20 pm.

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26 February is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before Easter. This year's Caritas theme for the season of Lent is "Let's go further, together." It is hoped that though raising much needed funds for people in need around our world, that together we can break the cycle of poverty and injustice.

## Thought for the week/fortnight

"Teach children to view the world as a magical place; to see the ordinary as extraordinary, and you will empower them to discover awe and wonder in everything they do." ~anonymous

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Peta Barton
Head of Junior School
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# **CANTEEN**

Monday 17 Feb	Helper Needed
Tuesday 18 Feb	Donelle Buegge
Wednesday 19 Feb	Beth Blechynden
Thursday 20 Feb	Sharon Wagner
Friday 21 Feb	Alicia Waugh
Monday 24 Feb	Aaron Hide
Tuesday 25 Feb	Stephanie McGinty
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Wednesday 26 Feb Kim Reeve
Thursday 27 Feb Morina Pratt
Friday 28 Feb Natasha Heath

# **KAPTURE SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photo day is February 24 & 25! Soon every student will receive a Kapture Photography personalised flyer to bring home. The only method of ordering your photos is online through the Kapture website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Sibling orders can ONLY be placed online. Late requests cannot be granted. If you need a hand with placing orders, please see Mrs Schutz in the Library.

You have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note <u>sibling orders will close in most instances at 12-midday sharp, one business day before the first photo date.</u> We suggest you place your sibling order as soon as you receive your flyer with your order instructions as places are limited. Log on to kapture.com.au for your sibling photo order cut-off date and time.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on **9240 1714** or email **enquiries@kapture.com.au**.

# **PARISH NEWS**

Welcome back to all students and staff, it's a blessing to see the smiling faces as the New Year begins. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and invite you to join in all parish activities. If you would like to meet Father Edwin please contact the office on 9771 2873 to arrange a convenient time.

# **Youth Group**

Pemberton's first youth group for the year will be on Saturday 15 February 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm at St Joseph's School in Pemberton. BYO snacks. Aaron Faure will be the guest speaker. Manjimup youth are invited to join us - if there is enough interest we may be able to have every second month in Manjimup.

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON				
St Joseph's		Sacred Heart		
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Sat 15 February	6.00 pm			
Sun 16 February	10.30 am	8.30 am		
Sat 22 February	6.00 pm			
Sun 23 February	8.30 am	10.30 am		
*Please join us for morning tea after 8.30 am Mass at St Joseph's*				