



Kearnan Chronicle

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

- Mary MacKillop's motto for life

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"Modesty is a virtue that is essential for anyone who wants to be like Jesus, who is meek and humble of heart. "

Pope Francis 2017

Modesty is the strength-based focus for this week, a kind of humility, letting our achievements speak for themselves and recognising the good work of others. It is closely related to other strengths of **Temperance**, including Self-Control and Forgiveness. These strengths are about tackling temptation and managing emotions and behaviour.

What does a focus on **Modesty** look like in your world today? This week we have looked for and shared examples of kindness, care and generosity.

Important Dates:

Monday 21 Sept	World Peace Day	Monday 12 October	Students return Term 4
Tuesday 22 Sept	Years 3 - 6 Talks		Year 11 & 12 Field Athletics Events
Wed 23 Sept	Years 9 – 10 Winter Carnival	Tuesday 13 October	Secondary Athletics Carnival
Thurs 24 Sept	Jump Rope for Heart	Wed 14 October	Secondary Assembly
Friday 25 Sept	Term 3 Concludes		Wheels on Wednesday Years 1 & 2
		Thurs 15 October	Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner
		Friday 16 October	Year 12 Statement of Results Released

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the second last week of Term Three, a gentle reminder and warning to check in with digital sharing and viewing that all children may be viewing, accessing and responding to on Facebook and Tik-Tok media. Last week all principals were alerted to an inappropriate and disturbing post of teen suicide, which was live streamed on Facebook.

Cyber safety is crucial to the well-being of our impressionable young people and parent responsibility in this matter is never to be taken lightly. Keeping a watchful eye on the information and postings on Facebook, Tik -Tok and Snapchat which students access requires vigilance, constant, and open conversations to ensure their safety and mental well-being.

The following website is designed to support you and students with eSafety. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Tips for parents to help limit young people's exposure to harmful content online:

- Engage in your child's online activities – ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're age-appropriate
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps
- Let them know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online.

Congratulations to all candidates who will receive the sacrament of Penance and Eucharist for the first time this coming weekend. Special thanks to Ms Dumper and Mrs Kammann for the extra work to ensure the celebration is a memorable occasion for our school and parish community.

Invitation to join Br Robert and friends at St Joseph's Parish Centre in Moore St, this Friday 18 September from 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Fun, games, food and enjoyment. Families are most welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Catholic Education WA Executive Director Dr Debra Sayce has confirmed there will be no increase in tuition fees at CEWA owned schools throughout the State. Be reassured, that Kearnan College will not be increasing the tuition fees for 2021. In the case of Secondary students who are learning through SIDE and VET courses, there is still the expectation that parents will cover some of these costs associated with the courses. A separate letter will be sent to explain the costs to participating students of these courses, which are provided by an outside agency.

Year 6 camp is going well. Please check out the photos on our Facebook page to see our students in action at differing venues in Perth.

We are still accepting enrolments for all year levels in 2021. We would appreciate if you are aware of enquiries made with friends outside Kearnan College who may be interested in enrolling in Kearnan College for 2021. A reminder to Pre-Kindy parents to get your enrolment form at your earliest convenience for 2021 at our admin office.

Congratulations to our recently appointed Head Boy and Head Girl, Service Captain and House Captains. We look forward to the qualities and talents they will share and demonstrate in a variety of leadership roles. Their anticipated contribution and dedication to each role will be valued and appreciated as future leaders in our Kearnan College community.

Safety and care for all students who are using the driveway to walk in and out of the school grounds. Parents, please remind students to walk on the pathways and not on the roadway, especially near the library and canteen areas.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Carol Geurts
Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

I am sure if you asked any student in the high school how many school hours they had left in the term they would be able to tell you, especially the Year Twelves who certainly are on the count down to the end of their formal school years.

Year 12

Year 12 students are on the countdown for school, however there are still a few things to tick off the lists. Students studying ATAR subjects have their Mock WACE exams in the first week of the holidays. All Year 12 students are to attend school for the first four days of Week One next term, where they will compete in the athletics carnival, receive exam feedback before heading into WACE exams, practise for their Speech Night and have their final school Mass on Thursday 15 October, followed by their Graduation Dinner! It certainly will be a busy time for them. We keep all of them in our thoughts as they complete this final stage of schooling and we wish them all the best in what endeavours they choose to pursue, either academic or vocational.

Student Leadership Breakfast

Mr Pedlar organised the most amazing spread for 'Kearnan Buffet Breakfast' to thank and celebrate the current student leadership body. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge any students who had nominated and presented a speech for any leadership position in 2021.

To the current leaders, you have done an outstanding job in what has been a year like no other. You were always willing to help out, show initiative, lead with maturity and displayed loyalty when it was needed. We thank you for everything you have done.

To the 2021 student nominees, we thank you all for the courage in nominating as we know this can be an extremely daunting process. You are all outstanding and you have made the process of selecting student leaders for next year very difficult. Your speeches were of the highest quality and we thank you for all of the time, planning and care that went into them.

Year Ten 2021

Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended the subject information night for Year Ten 2021. It was a fabulous turnout with lots of positive feedback regarding the information that was delivered. Students are reminded to have their subject forms in by next Friday AT THE LATEST.

R U OK? DAY

Well done and congratulations to Year 11 student Abbey Kilrain for the mammoth task of planning, organising and running the day last Thursday. The day certainly catered for all students, ranging from listening to thought provoking speeches, enjoying home-made cupcakes, to a relaxing afternoon chat session with friends or game-based activities. Thanks also to Mrs Burvill and the Cert II Sport students who assisted so ably on the day.



Mobile Phones and Your Teenager

Remember the days when our children were little and we thought that parenting was hard, and then they turned into teenagers....

We know in today's world; we all seem to have mobile phones as part of our body and we can get quite panicky if we feel that we cannot access them. The panic is also very real for our children; however, it is imperative as parents that we monitor their usage and access of their phones and the apps on them. It might sound like the obvious, but children are not adults, and their brains have not learnt the significant skills to know about correct and appropriate usage. Children need to be reminded that having a phone is a privilege, not a right, and it comes with certain conditions attached. Please check what your child is accessing on their phone, what groups they are in, conversations they are having. From an educational point of view, the biggest issues we see are cyber bullying and lack of sleep. Both issues are quite complex, but we do ask for support from home by asking that you regularly check what sites/groups/apps your child interacts with (especially

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Kearnan Talks

As Covid-19 put a halt to our TREE talk competition, we made the decision to retain the focus of public speaking in our Term Three curriculum and challenged our Years 3 - 6 to have our own competition. On Tuesday our guest judges, Ms Jayde Darin and our own Mrs Geurts, will be scoring our top students from each year level. We have been so impressed with the standard of presentations viewed so far. Thank you to all our parents for their assistance in preparing their children.

Year 6 Camp

Well, Miss Cohen has planned a jam-packed week full of activities for our Year 6 students. We have been seeing some of the wonderful sights of Perth with spectacular weather and great enthusiasm. Highlights of Wednesday included a trip to Aqua to learn all about aquatic creatures, followed by the science fun of Scitech and the Planetarium. The evening concluded with a game of ten pin bowling, where our Dads flexed their skill by impressive scores on the board. There will be some very tired children getting off the bus on Friday...and maybe a few adults too!

in a group forum) and to ensure that they do not have phones (or either electronic devices) in their rooms at night. Quite often the threat of this can make teenagers go into meltdown (!), but it is times like these we must 'hold our ground' and ensure that what we say is put into practise. We know that parenting is challenging at the best of times, but this is one sure fire way we can protect our children's mental and physical well-being.

I hope you all manage some down time over the holiday break, enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you in Term Four.

"The most important work you will ever do will be within the walls of your own home"

Harold B Lee

Mrs Heidi Temptra

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Student Leaders 2021

Over the past three weeks some of our Year 10 and 11 students have undertaken the rigorous process of nominating themselves for a senior student leadership position. Firstly, students were required to complete a nomination form, outlining how they will service the College in keeping with the Catholic values and tradition of Kearnan. Then they were required to book an interview with the Head of Secondary or the Principal to discuss their suitability for the role. Once their nomination was accepted students were then required to draft and prepare themselves for their speech to the student body. Finally all secondary students and staff voted to determine who will lead the student council for 2021. It was with great pleasure to see such a high quality of work ethic, determination and tenacity to do well at this process – we are truly blessed here to have such a high proportion of students willing to become servant leaders. I congratulate the following students for having the courage to nominate themselves.

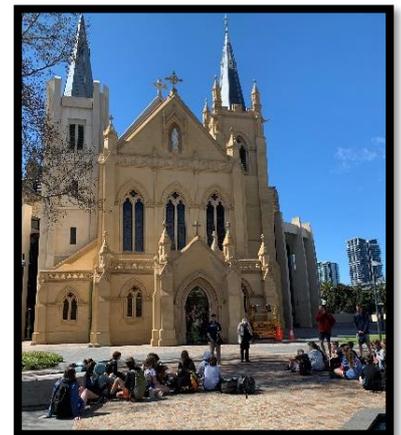
Emily Wheat	Ella Mitchell	Rory Hanratty
Emilee Paganini	Jennifer Sperrer	Isabelle Hutcheson
Abbey Kilrain	Katie Bookless	Hannah Kerry
Dayan Francis	Teagan Corp	Erin Smith
Tessa Smith	Jay O'Connell	Ella McGuire
Claude Sheridan	Cameron Marsh	

On Thursday morning all the nominees and 2020 senior student leaders came together to share breakfast that was supplied by the College to congratulate the new nominees and to thank the current leaders for all their service they have done for 2020. The magnificent array of food was prepared by Mrs Carol Geurts and Mrs Heidi Temptra – thank you for your efforts and the early morning start in the kitchen.

Finally, this morning all secondary students assembled to discover who their senior leaders would be for 2021 – you will have to check out our Facebook page for those results!

Aaron Pedlar

Student Leadership Coordinator



First Communion

We have been praying for our Year 4 students who will be receiving their First Communion at Mass on Sunday morning. With a partnership between our wonderful parents, our parish and our school, we know these students are ready to take the next step in their faith journey. Special thanks to Mrs Kammann and her team of helpers and Mrs Kezich from our parish, who have worked hard to make sure Sunday is very special.

First Reconciliation

On Saturday we have 16 students receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The wonderful grace that God gives us, is one that we can experience regularly when we ask for forgiveness. Thank you to Miss Dumper and Mrs Kezich for preparing our students for this special Sacrament.

Baptism

On Thursday our younger students were delighted to witness the Baptism of the Fitzgerald children; Jaala (Year 3), Milla (Year 1) and Ava (Pre-Kindy). It was a very special experience for our students to watch the Baptismal ceremony and be a part of welcoming Jaala, Milla and Ava into God's family. May His blessings be with them always. Special thanks to Mrs Cully and Mrs Wiseman for their flower arranging and decorating of the Church.



Early Childhood Liturgy

This week our Kindy to Year 3 came together in our Church to celebrate a Liturgy. The theme was "Celebration" and with three Sacraments this week, was very relevant to our students. Father Edwin joined our youngest students joining in the singing and prayers. Thank you to Mrs Beeson for her work to coordinate the celebration.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to the parents who have added their children online for fundraising going to research into heart disease. If you would like to be involved, you can register your child on jumprope.org.au. Our 'Jump Off' for our Pre-primary –

Year 6 students is scheduled for after lunch on Thursday 24 September.

Interschool Cross-Country

Next Thursday Mrs Harris will be taking our team of runners to participate in the Interschool Cross-Country event at East Manjimup. I have been very impressed with a large number of students who have trained consistently, despite swimming lessons, and have worked to improve their stamina. I know they will represent the College with pride.

Thought of the Week

"A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles." ~ Anonymous

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Peta Barton

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CANTEEN



Mrs Detios is looking for Canteen Volunteers on Fridays for Term 4. If you are willing and able to help you would just have to complete the COVID 19 hygiene course which is free and available to do via the link below. Please let Katrina know on 0408 924 908 if you can help out.

<https://hospitalityhygiene.com/aha-covid-19-hospitality-tourism-hygiene-course/>

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES – MANJIMUP & PEMBERTON

	St Joseph's Manjimup	Sacred Heart Pemberton
Sat 19 Sept	6.00 pm	
Sun 20 Sept	10.30 am	8.30 am
Sat 26 Sept	6.00 pm	
Sun 27 Sept	8.30 am	10.30 am

Term Three Secondary Sport Wrap up

With the restrictions easing this Term secondary sports events have been resumed and Kearnan students have been doing their best on the sporting field.

Week Three saw a squad of 50 students from Year 7-12 travel to Bell Pasture Seeds in Dalyellup to compete in the mud-laden track at the South-West Interschool Cross Country. Two weeks later the senior students participated in 'Country Week Carnival Day' in lieu of their usual week in Perth at the end of Term Two. Kearnan fielded a mixed Volleyball, boys Basketball, boys Indoor Cricket, girls Dance and girls Netball teams. All students conducted themselves magnificently demonstrating sportsmanship, humility and fair play in all areas. Next week on the 23 September all of Kearnan's Year 9 and 10 students will congregate to Bunbury to compete in the South West Winter Carnival. This team based event is a prelude into the Country Week sports on offer in 2021. Students have been trained by Year 11 & 12 student coaches during their lunchtimes and I look forward to travelling away with them. Year 7's and 8's will have their turn at the South West Lightning Carnival next term.

On Monday 14 September some of the PE classes got a special visitor from the South West Slammers. This free basketball clinic was a wonderful way to start the upcoming summer basketball season. Students are reminded that local associations are taking player nominations and I encourage all students to get involved and play junior basketball in the town they live in. Our coach for the day, Anita, is the point guard for SW Slammers and plays in the Women's SBL Competition. The focus of the day was ball control, passing, fun and participation. Kearnan would like to thank Anita and the Slammers for providing this free clinic and their support to promote basketball.



The Kearnan Lunchtime sports competition has continued to roll on, with the support and service from our wonderful senior school students. The first half of the term saw our four Houses battle it out for honours on the netball court. In a very even competition, it was McCormack House who triumphed in the grand final over MacKillop House (who were undefeated at the time!). Well done to Isabel Reed (Year 8) who was named MVP over the entire competition. Currently we are closing in on next week's basketball finals, with McCormack House undefeated and looking very strong to make it three lunchtime championships in a row. Next term will see our final sport, Soccer being played for House honours.

Finally, with this year being turned upside down it is great news to hear that the 2020 Inter-House Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday, Week 1 next term. Without the usual PE lesson practise, it will be interesting to see which students come out on top – some holiday training may go a long way towards success!

Aaron Pedlar
Head of HPE