Dear Parents

Welcome back as we start another term. I trust that the holidays were a relaxing time for those who had some time off.

This term we welcome Ms Deborah Cole as a long service leave replacement teacher. Mr Payne is on long service leave following accompanying Mr Hemley and the four students who experienced the Oblate Mission in Beijing. Ms Jenny Knox is acting Deputy Principal for this term and Ms Julia Farinaccio is acting Head of English.

Next Tuesday we have the first of our Parent-Teacher Interview Days for the year. Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:

1. learn more about your son’s academic, emotional and social development;
2. meet and get to know your son’s teachers;
3. help your son’s teachers understand more about your son;
4. make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your son and to build a relationship with the College.

If you don’t have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it’s worth going to parent-teacher interviews. But going along is one way to show your son that you’re interested in his learning needs and what’s happening for him at school. Of course, if you do have concerns, it’s a chance for you to raise them with your child’s teacher if you haven’t done that already.

This weekend sees us honour Anzac Day. It allows us to recognize the tragedy of young life cut short, the courage of soldiers in facing danger, the links between family members and war. It also prompts reflection on Australian values.

We gather at Dawn Services or other services on the day, or in our time of quiet, as we shall always gather, not to glorify war, but to remind ourselves that we value who we are and the freedoms we possess, and to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who contributed so much in shaping the identity of our country. The values we cherish inspired Australian songwriter, Eric Bogle, to offer these prayerful words for Australia:

To the homeless and the hungry may you always open doors
May the restless and the weary find safe harbour on your shores
May you always be our Dreamtime place, our spirit’s glad release
May you always be our shelter, may we always live in peace

Next Friday at 9.30 am in the College Chapel, we celebrate our Mother’s Day Mass. So all mothers and grandmothers of the College are invited to join us for this celebration. Morning Tea will be provided at the end of Mass.

Our best wishes go to Mazenod College, Melbourne and Iona College, Brisbane who begin this term with new Rectors – Fr Christian Fini OMI in Melbourne, and Fr Michael Twigg OMI in Brisbane. Both of these Rectors are past students of the Colleges they attended as boys. I must be getting old, as I taught both Fr Christian and Fr Michael when they were at school!

A final thought: God dwells wherever we let him in. Ancient Jewish saying.

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)
DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

NO PARKING ON THE VERGE PLEASE

The Drop Off area in the Administration car park becomes very congested with some cars having to queue on the road waiting for access. In order to alleviate this problem, parents are asked to drive as far forward as possible in the Drop Off area, even if it means an extra 10m walk for their son (it will do them good!). Please make the drop off as quickly and safely as possible. Parents are also asked not to park in the Drop Off area if they need to visit the College Office. Please use either Pindari or Kershaw Road when picking up in the afternoon – using the marked parking bays where possible. Your assistance will help make for a safer environment for our boys.

Mr Jeff Ronan - Deputy Principal

SUPERVISION

Parents please note that supervision at the College is between 8:10am and 3:50pm.

We would prefer students were NOT on the grounds outside of these hours as there is no supervision.

For safety reasons, students arriving before 8:10am and still on the grounds after 3:50pm are not to play any unorganised sporting activities and are to stay in the quadrangle area.

MEDICATION

If any student needs to take medication during school hours he is required to have the medication stored in the College office. The medication should be given to the College receptionist and should be accompanied by a letter containing the following information:

1. Student’s name and Form room.
2. Name of the doctor prescribing the medication.
3. The purpose of the medication.
4. The name and dosage of the medication and time to be taken.
5. Parents’ daytime contact phone numbers.

All medication will be self-administered.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – TUESDAY 12 MAY

All students should have received an order envelope for school photos today. The photos are being taken on Tuesday 12 May. All students must bring the envelope with them on photo day, even if you are not ordering any photos. Anyone wanting to have a family photo taken can collect an order form from the Office.

Please note: Orders can be made and paid for online. Parents can go to www.academyphoto.com.au and use the Secure Shoot Key shown on the order envelope. If you order online the envelope must still be returned on May 12.

Students will be photographed in full winter uniform without the jumper. Please ensure your son is well dressed and his hair style is in accordance with the College requirements for the photos.

Mr Jeff Ronan – Deputy Principal

PARENT/STUDENT – TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parents, Student and Teacher Consultation Day is on Tuesday 28 April. The Consultation Day is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your son’s teachers, to review his Interim Report and to discuss strategies for maximising his achievement. Your son is expected to attend the interviews.

Please note that Mr John Payne and Mr David Devon will be on Leave for Term 2 and so will be unavailable for interviews. Mr Merrigan and Miss Higginbotham will also be unavailable for interviews.

Parking will be available on the main oval and all interviews are held in the gymnasium.

Ms Jenny Knox – Deputy Principal

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Sports Polos are now in stock.

Maechell, Robyn and Helen – Uniform Shop Managers
Mother's Day Mass 2015 – Friday 1 May

The College is holding a special Mass to celebrate Mother’s Day. All of our Mazenod Mums, Grandmothers and Special Women are welcome to join us in this celebration. The Mass will be held in the College Chapel at 9.50am on Friday the 1 May, followed by morning tea in the PAC foyer.

Mothers are welcome to invite their son to Mass and morning tea.

Please RSVP Mrs Lima on lima.lorraine@mazenod.wa.edu.au by the Wednesday 6 May 2015.

This will allow the College to arrange for those students to be absent from class during the Mass. The RSVP will also allow us to properly cater for the morning tea.

We look forward to seeing students and their guests celebrating Mother’s Day together!

Mrs Lorraine Lima – Coordinator of Campus Ministry

SOCIETY and ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

On Saturday 18 April, the Kalamunda RSL held its ANZAC Day march. College Captain, Matthew Alexander and Archie Williams (Year 10) laid a wreath on behalf of the College. The wreath was coloured blue for democracy and white for peace; the colours of the United Nations.

Archie is the grandson of Stanley Maunder Williams who was in the 11th Battalion and landed at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915. The boys met WA Senator Linda Reynolds CFC and Mr Ken Wyatt MHR both of whom graciously took time to speak with them. Thank you to Matthew and Archie for giving up some of their holiday time to represent the College.

Well done to the many other Mazenod students who participated in the ceremony as members of Cadet Units and Scouts.

On Sunday 19th April, Head Boarder Clayton Yeats was the keynote speaker at an ANZAC service at the Kings Park War Memorial. His speech and the service were to commemorate personnel under 18 years old who have died in all conflicts. Clayton was invited by the Premier’s Department as a result of his winning entry and participation in the Premier’s 2013 ANZAC student tour to Gallipoli. Thank you, Clayton for participating in and representing the College at such a significant event.

The College held a brief ANZAC commemorative service today. Thank you to all the staff and students who participated, in particular Mr Graham, Mr Jonkov and Mr Condron who organized and delivered the musical programme.

Mr Richard Kostecki (Head of S & E) and Mr David Hiatt (Business Studies)

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

The Addams Family: A new Musical Comedy

Programme Advertising: There are limited spaces available for anyone who would like to advertise their business in the programme for the school production. Advertisements cost $100 + GST and should be 55mm by 210mm. Please email advertisements to opechowski.nicole@mazenod.wa.edu.au by midday, Wednesday 28 April.

 Helpers: Any parents who would like to help at any of the performances with Front of House or serving refreshments please contact the Performing Arts office on 9291 1535 or greenley.anne@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

To book your tickets please go to page 8 and click on “Buy Tickets” below or go to www.trybooking.com/HHGO.
MAZENOD PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS
Our next meeting is on 12 May, 7:30pm in the College Boardroom. Hope to see you there!
Tony Checker – Vice President, P&F

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK
What is special about “A man, a plan, a canal; panama”?
Put your entries in the gold box in the student foyer with your name, Form and House. All correct entries earn House points. Prize drawn from correct entries.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS and EVENTS

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Luke Franklin (Y12) was selected to represent Western Australia and play for the WA Raiders against NSW and QLD in the National Gridiron Championships held at the WA Athletics stadium during the school holidays, from 5-10 April 2015. Well done on a great achievement Luke!

Mitchell Massam (Y7) won most wickets, runner up best bowling average as well as premiership medal for the under 13’s in the Midland-Guilford Junior Cricket Association. Congratulations Mitchell!

Jackson Govers (Y12) and Kyle Murray (Y10) were both selected in the ACC All Stars Swimming Team 2015 for their outstanding performances at the recent ACC A Division Swimming Carnival. Nice work guys!

Mr Jake Akmens – Head of Sport

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Game Six saw the Mazenod Senior Basketball Team travel to Helena College. The team was slightly under strength with several players missing. The starting five of Cooper Lowe, Steele Flight, Nic Parry, Mitch Fernando and Logan Johnson were highly efficient in defence but struggled to find structure or momentum in offence. With the introduction of the substitutes Cooper began finding his range and his scoring shoes and Steele made some strong drives to the basket which Helena was unable to defend. The first half ended with a 32 to 15 lead for us with Cooper ending on 14 points for the half.

The resounding message at half time was that we do the simple things better and find the attacking structure that deserted us for large parts of the first half. What actually happened was slightly different, with a stand out performance from Jamon Child who finished with 26 points for the half and a defensive shut out by the team, not allowing Helena to score a single point. Matt Alexander and Jarod Crichton making telling contribution off the boards at both ends.

The final score ended at 74-15. Jamon ended as top scorer on 32, with Cooper on 18 and Steele 10.

This result sees us reach the Easter holidays unbeaten. Week One has been our bye week then our toughest opponents Swan Christian away on Wednesday of Week 2.

Mr Ross Websdale – Health & Physical Education

MAZENOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Last weekend signified the beginning of the 2015 Swans Junior Competition for our Year 7, 8 and 9 teams. After a very long, hot pre-season of training the boys were very anxious to represent MJFC. Special mention for the 7’s representing the club for first time….well done boys, coaches, team managers and parents.

Yr 7 R1 Mazenod White 8.18 (66) v Bassendean White 1.0 (6)
Yr 7 R1 Mazenod Blue 5.5 (35) v Bassendean Black 4.3 (27)
Yr 8 R1 Mazenod White 10.1 (61) v Chittering 0.1 (1)
Yr 8 R1 Mazenod Blue 1.1 (7) v Upper Swan 11.1 (67)
Yr 9 R1 Mazenod 5.7 (37) v High Wycombe 7.9 (51)

This weekend we see the Year 10, 11 and 12’s begin their 2015 season in the Central Conference Competition. All games are being played at Ray Owen on Sunday (If you have some free time come along and support the boys). This weekend’s games will begin with a short ceremony of remembrance to recognise and honour the centenary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli in 1915.

Good luck to all teams for this weekend.

Eric Paini - MJFC President (0417 170 896)
Over the holidays four Year 11 students, Jess Cunnold, Timothy Cusens, Christian Knapp and Rhys Pottinger, embarked on a journey to China to work with our Oblate missionaries in Beijing. I was lucky enough to score a spot on the trip along with Mr Payne. Most times, I was in a state of opposite emotions – it was overwhelming and I felt helpless, but at the same time inspired and filled with hope.

Father Luc coordinated our immersion experience. Together, with Father Giovani, they have linked up with an organization called China Little Flower that has set up a ‘Baby Home’ in Beijing. The mission of Little Flower is to provide children with professional nursing care, foster care, and medical services to help them grow up in a positive, loving environment. The ultimate goal is to have these children, many of whom were abandoned, be able to lead healthy, happy, productive lives. They provide care for babies who are abandoned and cannot go to an orphanage because they have a disability, a deformity or are born prematurely and their parents cannot afford medical care. The Oblates are not directly involved with China Little Flower but will go and assist when possible and spend time nurturing the babies. They will take groups there to spend time with the babies and promote the work of China Little Flower. At a guess, there would have been about 40 babies living at the baby home when we visited. There were many with cleft palates, heart disorders, Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, digestive system problems and babies who were born premature.

We spent five sessions at the baby home where we got to comfort the babies, play games with the older ones, assist with some physical therapy and help out wherever we could. Christian was great at getting babies to eat their lunch and Tim was amazing at getting babies to go to sleep. It was challenging in terms of knowing these babies were left by their parents, and that in most cases, they will never know who their parents are. Some will not live long and it was the enormity of the numbers of children that are abandoned in China. What was uplifting were the volunteers who worked there and the donations they received and the laughs and smiles of the babies.

Once the babies are old enough or well enough they are then moved from the baby home. They will either be sent to their allocated orphanage or to a group home. A group home is similar to a foster home in Australia (sort of, but not really). There are six group homes and each one is run by a couple that have left where they used to live and moved in to a tiny apartment in Beijing to become parents for children from the Baby Home. These homes generally have two or three small bedrooms, a kitchen, a living and a combined laundry/bathroom – our classrooms are probably bigger than their apartments. The number of children in each home varies from 4-7. Some of the children are in wheelchairs, most are incontinent and many require surgery and on-going treatment. These homes are coordinated by China Little Flower, with the Oblates providing the financial needs to set up and run group home number four. We were able to go to dinner at one of the group homes and then stay for a few hours to play games with the kids. The warmth and love from these families was amazing; they really did open their homes and hearts up to us. This night probably had the most profound effect on me, seeing firsthand what these two parents are doing with their lives. They are giving so much with pretty much zero financial incentive, but what they gain in return is profound. The laughs of the children, the accomplishments they have been able to achieve together, they way they all work to help each other, the faith they show in God and humanity.

On one Saturday afternoon we took all the group home kids to the local park for an afternoon of games and finished that day off with a pizza and movie night with them back at Luc’s apartment. We also went to a group home one night to pray with the family.

I can’t imagine where the parents of these group homes find the strength and energy to care for these kids, but talking to them, they will tell you that that is not the hard part of what they do. The hard part is when one of the children they have been parents to is adopted to an international ‘forever’ family. It is like one of their own children is being taken from them with little chance of them seeing each other again.

Another component of what the Oblates and their volunteers do is teach English at three primary schools. On the days we visited and did our best to help reinforce the words from the previous week which were playground, slide, swing, sea-saw and the new words we taught were basketball, football (the other kind), badminton, ping-pong as well as some illnesses and body parts to some older students.
The Oblates have established an after-school homework and English support facility. Many of the students we taught were from migrant families and were not from Beijing, but from other provinces within China, who had moved to find work and education. Their homes are generally no bigger than our photocopy room and provide no real area for the students to complete their school work and play. The center, called GuCheng, provides this area and support for their studies. While we were there we tried our best to help the students with their homework. It was a bit hard as the instructions were written in Chinese and even harder was remembering how to do long multiplication. We would play some games with English words to help their pronunciation and spelling and then we would play games to finish off with. Connect Four, Chinese Chess (Rhys and Christian became rather competitive at this against 8 year olds), Uno, cards and cricket were popular. Jess and Rhys also taught a few notes on the piano.

Along with the mission work Luc does, he is also an excellent English speaking tour guide (generally hard to find in China). He took us on the subway (5 lines, 1.5 hours later) we walked around TianAnMen Square and through the Forbidden City. He took us down WangFuJing street food market - scorpions, spiders, centipedes or cockroaches anyone? On a separate occasion we took the subway (4 lines, 1.25 hours) to the Temple of Heaven and the Pearl Market - fake iPhone watch or Gucci bag anyone? He made room in the schedule for us to go to Olympic Park and walk around the Bird’s Nest. He took us the Great Wall of China - did you know that to get to the BASE of the Wall you need to walk up 1016 steps? And that when you get to the actual Wall on the peak of the mountain ridge, that it’s not a path, it’s more steps!! And did you know that you can also take a cable car to the base of the Wall and that was not pointed out to us as an option? Did you know that the walk there and along the Wall is one of the most amazing things you could do?

Luc took us back to one of the schools we had worked at and the art teachers took us through a crash course on Chinese art and we each produced a masterpiece.

I felt overwhelmed by the scope of the work the Oblates do. I felt helpless that there is too much to do, that it won’t get done, that if this work is only being done in this small part of Beijing, what is going on in the rest of the country? Who is looking after those children?

I felt inspired by those who volunteer their time, energy and give their life and love to help these people. I fell in love with the laughs and smiles of those children we worked with. We were taught by Luc not to look at the mountain but the step in front of us, the step we can take.

Mr Beau Hemley – Head of Year 11
A Night with Scotty Cummings

Coleman Medalist and Mazenod Old Boy Scott Cummings and Walkey Award winner, Mark Readings cover stories and good times from the AFL career of one of football’s lovable larrikins.

After speaking to a packed gymnasium of junior footballers and parents in 2014, Scotty promised he would return with a full show for the Old Boys and he will not disappoint.

Kalamunda Agricultural Hall

48 Canning Rd Kalamunda
7 pm June 27th 2015
11.45 pm free bus departure to Casino and Northbridge.
Food and drinks on sale. No BYO
Due to the liquor license no under 18’s will be permitted.
Members $25 Nonmembers $30
Purchase tickets by clicking here
Support contact : info@mobwa.com.au

MOBA FACEBOOK PAGE

Hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays. Thanks to the 114 people who have joined the Mazenod Old Boys Footy Tipping competition for 2015.

We are now three weeks into the footy season and isn’t it great to be back. Here’s a quick rundown of how each team is travelling so far:

Adelaide are playing better than expected but how much of this is due to a favourable draw that goes right through to the Bye rounds;
Brisbane are really missing Rockliff and Hanley, it’s going to be a long year;
Carlton not really missing anyone and it’s still going to be a long year;
Collingwood probably doing better than expected;
Essendon have faded towards the end of each game so far but once match fitness kicks in look like good things for the 8;
Fremantle are certainly justifying their tag as one of the favourites this year;
GWS really strong in the midfield, outside chance for the 8?
Geelong is finally showing signs of ageing. Bartel out for 8-10 weeks certainly doesn’t help;
Gold Coast despite soft early draw no wins on the board as yet.

Massive game this week v GWS, No Gazza, no Gold Coast;
Hawthorn is still the team to beat;
Melbourne has been competitive, not sure you can ask for much more;
North Melbourne has been disappointing. No chance of top 4;
Port Adelaide tough early draw but gets better from Round 6 onwards;
Richmond easy start to the season but how will they go against the good sides? Surely they won’t finish again as the best team out of the 8!
Saint Kilda will do well to finish outside the bottom four;
Sydney one of the favourites, this week’s game against the Dockers is not to be missed;
Eagles unfortunately it’s going to be a long year;
Western Bulldogs have been really good so far but would be surprised if they make the 8.

The winners of the Round prize so far have been:
Round 1 – Iggy Moro (Class of 1987)
Round 2 – Angelo Vallis (Class of 2007)
Round 3 – Michael Brajer

After Round 3 we have 4 people on 21 with a further 10 people just one behind on 20 – so still nice and close as you would expect this early in the season.

The 4 people on 21 are Iggy Moro, Steve Byrne, Rhys Pottinger and Jim Gordon.

After a relatively easy Round 3 where 41 people picked the 9 winners and were able to claim a free Hungry Jacks Whopper voucher expect changes this week as Round 4 is a tough one. Bernard O’Reilly (Class of 1983) living in London is willing to take offers for his free whopper voucher!

We will soon distribute $10 canteen vouchers to all students participating in the Mazenod Old Boys Footy Tipping competition for 2015. Good Luck all!

Sean Cameron (Class of 1982) and Basil Conti (Class of 1983)
Mazenod College

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