Dear Parents

Welcome to another school year and for some, like myself, a new beginning at Mazenod College. May our journey together be one of discovery as we learn together.

It is wonderful to be home again after a week away in both Victoria and Queensland, especially being able to meet some of the boys and parents. We held the first Assembly for the year on Thursday and I was able to speak to the whole College community.

This week we have also been hosting the now Annual Oblate Student Leadership Conference. The student leaders, Rectors/Principal, and staff from Iona College, Brisbane, St Eugene College, Brisbane and Mazenod College, Melbourne joined us on Wednesday evening, leaving on Sunday morning. We are the hosts for this meeting and the theme of the teacher meetings is Science teaching/learning. The students will have the opportunity to listen to some input on leadership, to share their experiences and reflections and to enjoy each other’s company.

Also joining us is Fr Leo Mifsud, OMI Provincial Superior of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Fr Leo is always a welcome guest at the College. He has had experience as a teacher at Iona College and Mazenod College, Melbourne. The Rectors of our Colleges, Fr Michael Twigg OMI (Mazenod Vic), Fr Mark Edwards OMI (Iona) and Mr Denis Anthonisz (St Eugene) and their staff are also welcome.

I would like to thank the generous families who were able to billet the students from the other Colleges. As well, I would like to thank Mr Payne for the organization, Mr Johnson and the Iona staff for making the visit so successful. Mr Barry Cornwell, College Chef and his staff have been run off their feet and have done an excellent job in catering for all of our visitors. Thank You.

Next week sees “Camp Week” come upon us. Camps are an integral part of the educational programme we offer here at the College. While we are a learning/teaching community, we recognize that such learning is not only confined to the narrow, though essential confines of the classroom curricula. It is important for our boys to interact and socialize together and often outside of the normal routine. Being away from home is hard for all at times, but is also necessary for the boys’ development and appreciation of their families. Please do not make excuses for boys who perhaps might have to move out of their own comfort zones. Again, I thank our wonderful staff for providing these excellent opportunities for the boys.

Next week I will begin interviewing boys who hope to join our College community in 2016. While the interview times are filling, if you or someone you know hope to have a boy join us then, and have not made an appointment, please ring Mrs Lyn McDonald at the College for an appointment.

The College Opening Mass is on Friday, 28th February at 9.20am for a 9.30am start. I invite you all to join us for this important College celebration. Morning tea will follow the Mass. I remind Boarders that the Boarding Weekend begins at 3.15pm and not before.

We celebrate mass each morning in the College Chapel at 8.00am. Each morning a Year level or levels “sponsors” each mass. In other words boys, parents and staff of those Year levels are encouraged, where possible, to attend. Monday morning is especially for Years 8 and 9, Tuesdays for Year 12 and Staff, Wednesday for Year 7 and Thursday for Years 10 and 11.

The next P & F Meeting will be held in the College Board Room next Tuesday evening (18th Feb) at 7.30pm. It would be great to see as many of you as possible attending, especially parents new to the College.

A final thought:  

God cannot not love us.

Fr Peter Daly OMI
Rector

"Learn what you are in the eyes of God."
DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

NO PARKING ON THE VERGE

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.

2014 SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

Annual School Fee invoices have now been posted to all families. Please advise the office of your payment intention before the 28th February 2014. If you have not yet received your fee package please contact Mrs Monica Slater on 9291 1414 or slater.monica@mazenod.wa.edu.au

NEW PAYMENT FACILITY – “BPOINT”

School fees may now be paid using your credit card by visiting the College website and clicking on the link provided:

www.mazenod.wa.edu.au Go to “Enrolments” then to “BPoint”.

All enquiries to Monica Slater on 9291 1414.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEAR 8 -12 ONLY

You may be eligible for up to $350 towards school expenses. Do you hold a:

- Centrelink Family Healthcare Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Card, OR
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Card?

Applications close - Friday 11th April 2014

SEE SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mrs Monica Slater – Finance Department

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

The first whole school Mass will be held in the gym on Friday 28th February at 9.20am. All parents are invited to be part of this celebration and are most welcome to stay for morning tea.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS MORNING TEA: Could mums or dads please provide one of their delicious cakes, slices or something savoury for morning tea following Mass on Friday 28th February. Please leave at the office or gym. Any enquiries contact Jane Wallis wallis.jane@bigpond.com on 0438 901 689 or Julie Oorschot oorschot.julie@hotmail.com on 0439 910 426. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Students who wish to take part in the Sacramental Programme for Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation please give your name to Sister Frances Wilson or the front office for enrolment by:

Friday 7th March for lessons to commence on Monday, 10th March.

PLEASE NOTE: Dates when the Sacraments will be administered are:

First Reconciliation May 9th
First Eucharist Friday 16th May at 9:30am
Feast of St Eugene de Mazenod
Whole School Mass – Gymnasium
Confirmation Saturday, 13th September at 6:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church Lesmurdie

The times for the Sacrament of Baptism will be arranged according to students and their class.

Sister Frances Wilson – Chaplain

MAZENOD P & F NEWS

Welcome back to everyone for a new and exciting school year. The Mazenod P & F enjoyed a very successful 2013 with many memorable events throughout the year. With continued support and endeavour we can achieve even greater success in 2014.

P&F WELCOME BBQ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
Current and new families alike are invited to attend the P&F Welcome BBQ to be held on tomorrow (Saturday, February 15th) from 5.00pm to 8.00pm on the terrace area outside the gym overlooking the tennis courts.

P & F MEETING Tuesday February 18th
I encourage each and every one of you to consider joining the Mazenod P & F this year. Our first P & F meeting for 2014 will be held in the College boardroom on Tuesday 18th February starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
At this meeting we will be discussing a range of issues for the new school year. We will also be voting on the decision to whether or not join the Parents and Friends Federation WA (PFFWA) for the 2014 school year. The PFFWA is the peak parent representative body for parents of children in Catholic schools throughout the state. Through their affiliation with Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) and the Australian Parents Council (APC) parents in Catholic schools also have representation at the Federal level of government. To find out more information about the PFFWA and to view the recent CSPA media release regarding funding for 2014 and beyond, please visit their website at http://pff.wa.edu.au.

For a more detailed update of the work completed in 2013 and their focus for 2014 please go to http://pff.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/

The Mazenod P & F committee has made the decision over the past several years to not be affiliated with the PFFWA. If you would like to take part in the discussion regarding our possible affiliation for 2014, please come along to the next P & F meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

- **BHPBilliton Matched Giving**
  The Mazenod College P & F Association are a registered group eligible to receive Matched Giving donations from BHPBilliton. Employees of BHPBilliton can participate and lodge a claim for dollars raised as part of fundraising for the P & F as well as for any volunteer hours given. The annual P & F voluntary contribution can be claimed as well as raffle ticket sales, etc. Examples of volunteer hours might be at events like our Welcome BBQ, at the Annual Art Show, as a volunteer sporting coach or in the canteen. BHPBilliton will match funds raised or donated at a rate of “2 for 1” and pay $20.00 per hour to the P & F for volunteer hours given. If you are a BHPBilliton employee, please contact me for further details on how you can utilise this very generous programme to benefit the Mazenod P & F.

- **Sanderson Road IGA**
  By shopping at Sanderson Road IGA and placing your shopping dockets in the Mazenod College box at the entrance to the store, the P & F receive a percentage of total groceries purchased by our students/families in the form of a generous regular donation from Karen and Steve at Sanderson Road IGA.

Please support this very generous local family business whose support of the Mazenod P & F is greatly appreciated.

- **Footy Tipping**
  With only four weeks to go to the start of the 2014 AFL season, it’s time to start reading up on all the end of season trades and new coaching staff appointments for this season’s AFL team lists so you can “hit the ground running” when round one kicks off on March 14th.

As in my previous three seasons of involvement, we will be again using the Footy Tipping Software’s programme.

We will be following the same format as in previous seasons including weekly and end of season prize money as well as several separate Knock Out competitions throughout the season. The joining fee of $50.00 will remain the same for the 2014 season. Each competitor will again have two Wild Cards to use throughout the season.

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends so we can build our membership from last season. The more the merrier – and the bigger the prize money pool too!!

Details on how to log on to the Mazza 2014 Footy Tipping competition webpage to join will be provided next week. Like last year we will also be offering a bonus $10 canteen voucher to the first 20 current students who join the 2014 Mazza Footy Tipping competition online.

Janine Fisher – P & F President

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**COLLEGE SPORT NEWS**

**HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th February**

On Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th February, all students at the College will be competing in the annual House Swimming Carnival. This is an all-day carnival and boys and girls will have the opportunity to participate in the College House competition and win points for their affiliated house. It is a participation based event and all students are required to attend and are encouraged to participate. Injured students can help assist with the running of the day.

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**Time:**

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Please see letter for more information regarding the Swimming Carnival on page 5.

Mr Chris Bolton – Head of Health & Physical Education

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**THE “200 CLUB” RUNNING GROUP**

Starting in Week 4, the “200 Club” Running Group will commence again. Students of all levels of fitness are invited to join staff every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7.15am for a run. There will be beginner, intermediate and advanced courses (distances) to cater for all levels of ability, and each day students will record the distance they have run on their log sheet with the aim to reach 200km by the end of the year.

We aim to provide an opportunity for all students to develop healthy lifestyles and improve fitness levels, as well as preparing some for ACC Cross Country and Athletics competitions later in the year. As part of the running courses are off school grounds, students are required to collect and fill in a permission slip from the gym foyer or from the Mazenod Sports SharePoint page before commencing their program.

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MAZENOD SPORTS SHAREPOINT PAGE
There is now a Mazenod Sports SharePoint page that can be used to get information letters, permission slips, and updated information on sporting events at the College.

SENIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING
Trials for the 1st XVIII football team commenced this week and will continue every Wednesday morning from 7.00am here at the College. Students are reminded to bring their running shoes and football boots to these sessions.

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport

GRAEME WOOD SHIELD 2014
Mazenod College V Helena College - Round 1
Round 1 of the 2014 Graeme Wood Shield T20 Competition saw Mazenod College host local rivals Helena College. Mazenod College were looking for a good start in this year’s competition after losing in the final last year. Mazenod won the toss and elected to bat team Captain Steve Ricci and James Kirwan got Mazenod off to a perfect start sharing in a 40 run partnership before Steve was caught on the boundary for (21). James Kirwan just fell short of his (50) as Mazenod ended their innings 6/147. Helena College struggled against the Mazenod fast bowlers and were all out for 44 in the 14 over. Tom O’Brien finished with 2/7 and James Kirwan 4/5 were the standout bowlers. The next game of the competition will be against Swan Christian College next Tuesday a win will secure qualification into the knockout stages.

Mr Chris Mason

SWIMMING TRAINING has commenced for students in the ACC Swimming team and for any students wishing to increase their fitness. Training will initially be run two days a week; Tuesday mornings beginning at 6.45am and Thursday afternoon beginning at 3.30pm. Training concludes at 4.30pm on Thursday afternoon and 8.00am on Tuesday mornings, with students being able to purchase breakfast from the school canteen. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Liam Mallon

MOUTH GUARDS
Any student wishing to have a professional fitted mouthguard made up should see Mr Worth or any of the PE Staff for the required forms to be filled in. Fittings will take place at school on Friday, March 7th during the lunch period. A mouthguard should be a pre-requisite for any students playing a contact sport.

For any further information call Butch Worth on 9291 1512.

MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB NEWS
for the 2014 hockey season is on Saturday 22nd February from 11am to 2pm in the College Gym. Games will be run during the day.

Registration forms can be found on the Mazenod website. Please fill in before you attend the registration day and pay fees as early as possible. Fees can be paid by EFT. The new hockey shirts for this season will be available for sizing requirements on the day.

Peter Bewick - President

MAZENOD FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS
The official registration date for 2014 is Sunday the 23rd February. This will be in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre at Mazenod College between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

I would strongly recommend that registration is completed well before this date by downloading the 2014 Registration Form from the College website www.mazenod.wa.edu.au. This can be found at <community><sporting club><AFL> and clicking on the download area which will disclose the registration form. Follow the directions on the form regarding how to pay and where to email the form when completed.

It is essential that all Year 11 and 12’s who intend to play football for Mazenod in 2014 and have not yet registered do so immediately so that planning for the Conference Style competition can be finalised.

Eric Paini – President (92916500 or 0417 939647)

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WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, sunscreen, towel, goggles

UNIFORM: Students must wear their College House sports uniform. (House shirt and school shorts) Students are allowed to wear College swimming bathers (no skins)

Boys are to behave according to College expectations and show the sportsmanship that is expected from Mazenod students and remember that the day is designed for participation and win points for their house. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their son/s and get involved in the festivities of the races.

If there are any medical issues that will affect your son’s participation on the day please contact your son’s Head of Year or myself prior to the day of the carnival.

Kind Regards

Mr Chris Bolton
Head of Health & Physical Education
Mazenod College 9291 1518
bolton.chris@mazenod.wa.edu.au
On behalf of the P & F we would like to invite all new and existing families to join us for an afternoon of games and an opportunity to meet families. A bouncy castle will be available for adults and children to enjoy. A sausage sizzle will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Hope to see you there.

(If you would like to play tennis, please bring your rackets.)

TOMORROW

SATURDAY 15th February 2014
5.00pm – 8.00pm
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

As a Parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom — that is where ill kids should be.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go to school today because aunty is coming to visit”.

Nice try. But the answer should be “No”.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
The Mazenod Old Boys Association would like to invite all members of the Mazenod Community to the Parkerville Tavern on Sunday 9th of March 2014 from 2.00pm. Mazenod Staff Band “Class Act” will be on the outside stage.

Wear your MOB polo shirt to receive discounts on beverages.

Polo Shirts available for sale before and at the event.

info@mobwa.com.au

Jeremy Logan (87) - Mazenod Old Boys Assoc
Phone:(08) 9291 6500

www.mobwa.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR NATIONAL BASKETBALL

Under 20 & Ivor Burge Championships
16–22 February 2014

RAY OWEN SPORTS CENTRE
96 Gladys Road
Lesmurdie

DAILY TICKETS: $30 family
$15 adult, $7 child, 0/10 free
Weekly tickets also available

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:
www.kalamundabasketball.com.au
nationals@kalamundabasketball.com.au

PROUDLY HOSTED BY THE KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

SEE YOU AT SOCCER

Perth Hills United welcomes junior boys & girls (5-18), men & women for its 2014 season.

Register online at www.phufc.com.au, come to Harry Riseborough Oval, Hartung St, Mundaring on Sat 15th or 22nd Feb from 9.00-12.30 for more info or email tonywittcomb@bigpond.com

It’s a great club for the whole family.

Perth Hills Utd is a Kidsport Club.
Our Lady of Grace
2014
Annual fruit harvest festival
in honour of

Madonna delle Grazie
at
Catholic Church grounds
Merrivale Road, Pickering Brook
to be celebrated by
Archbishop Emeritus Barry James Hickey

Sunday 2nd March 2014
Procession - 4:30pm
Open-air Mass - 5:00pm
with St Mary’s Leederville Choir
followed by
Barbecue, dancing and entertainment

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Meat packs, beer, soft drinks and fruit for sale

ALL WELCOME