NEWSLETTER NO. 31
17th October 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new term. In the next few weeks we celebrate many highpoints in the life of the College:

**Friday 24th October** – Breakfast & Farewell Assembly for Year 12s (parents are most welcome to attend the assembly).

**Saturday 25th October** – Valedictory Mass and Dinner

**Monday 27th October** – Speech Night

**Friday 31st October** – Sportsman’s Dinner

As much preparation goes into the organizing of these events, I ask that boys present themselves well and that the RSVPs are given due attention.

Mr Payne, thankfully, is back at school after sustaining injuries whilst on a visit to China which was to include a visit to the Oblate communities. We are considering sending some of our students to Beijing and Hong Kong as a Mission experience.

We have finished the process for the selection of the Prefects for 2015. I would like to congratulate the 32 young men who participated in the Leadership Camp. They showed their enthusiasm for the College and although only some will be named Prefects, each of these young men, with all in Year 12, are the Student Leaders of the College. I am pleased to announce the following positions and congratulate these young men:

- **Matthew Alexander** – College Captain
- **Matthew van Eck** and **Tom Amos** – College Vice-Captains
- **Clayton Yeats** – Head Boarder
- **Alessandro Paduano**, **Nick Reithmuller**, **Harrison Gerhardy** and **Sean Ford** – Prefects

House Captains will be announced later in the term.

I thank Mr Payne who conducted the final interviews for these positions and Mrs Scanlan and Mr Scarfone who were also on the final selection committee.

The next stages of the landscaping works in the College have begun, with the area between the Canteen and the Chapel now a construction site. Some works on the third stage (bus pick-up area) are also fenced off. The first stage is nearing completion in the next few weeks. I thank the staff and boys for their patience. I am sure that the variety of circuitous routes in accessing different parts of the College can only be a help for their health and fitness.

*A final thought:*

“Lord, help me enter into that peace which consists in having put my life in your hands”

- Carlo Maria Martini SJ

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 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*

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**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.

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**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.

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**CURRENT DAY STUDENT FAMILIES RE-ENROLMENT FOR 2015**

In Term 3 re-enrolment forms were posted to families of current Year 7 – Year 11 day students. Confirmation of re-enrolment together with a $300.00 deposit per student was due by Friday, 26th September.

If this matter has not yet been attended to, please ensure that the information requested is forwarded to the College as soon as possible.

Should your son not be returning next year, we refer you to our ‘Withdrawal’ policy in the ‘Schedule of 2014 Fees and Charges’ for action required; (this may be viewed on the College website).

*Enquiries: Monica Slater, Finance Department - 9291 1414 or slater.monica@mazenod.wa.edu.au*

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**YEAR 12 IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All Year 12 students are to be dressed in full College uniform, including blazer at the following events:

- **YEAR 12 BREAKFAST** commences at 7:15 am at the back of the College Gymnasium.
- **YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY:**
  - Parents and friends of Year 12’s are invited to come along to the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on **Friday 24th October** at 9:15am for a 9:30am start and stay afterwards for morning tea.
- **VALEDICTORY MASS and DINNER – 25th October:**
  - We request you be seated by 3:45pm for a 4:00pm start (Lady of Lourdes, Lesmurdie). At the conclusion of Mass, there will be the Valedictory Dinner in the College Gymnasium commencing at 5:30pm, followed by a presentation of Year 12 students.

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**Important Message from Mazza Mums - Year 12 Special Morning Tea:**

Could mums or dads who are providing a plate of cakes, slices or something savoury for this special morning tea to farewell our Year 12’s, please leave items at the Gym.

*Please note parents of Year 11 students:* If you haven’t responded and would still like to help with the morning tea, please contact:

Jane Wallis (0438 901 689 / wallis.jane@bigpond.com) or Julie Oorschot (0439 910 426 / oorschot.julie@hotmail.com).

Thank you.
SPEECH NIGHT - Monday 27th October – 7:15pm

All families are invited for this special evening and we request that you be seated by 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start and that your son/s sits with you during the speeches and presentations.

Please note: All students are to be dressed in full College uniform, including blazer.

YEAR 12 YOUNG VINNIES
CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Christmas appeal takes place every year in the last few weeks of Term 4. As our Year 12’s will be leaving us much sooner than that, we would appreciate any contributions of non-perishable food items that can be included in our Christmas hampers before they leave. Items can be given to Form teachers this Term. Thank you for your support. The Mazenod Young Vinnies

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2015

Friday 28th November 2014

We welcome all prospective Year 7 (day) and Year 7 and 8 (boarding) parents for 2015 to afternoon tea to be held in the Gymnasium at 1:30pm. A full day of activities and classes has been organised for the boys commencing at 9:00am and concluding at 3:00pm.

Please note:
- All prospective parents will receive a letter within the next 2 weeks outlining the schedule for your son’s Orientation Day.
- The Head of Boarding will be contacting boarding parents of Years 7 and 8-10 to explain the Orientation process for you all.

Mazenod College
Sportsman’s Dinner 2014

Friday 31st October – 6:30pm Start
Mazenod Gymnasium

- Join us to celebrate the sporting achievements of the athletes of our College.
- High profile sporting personalities and previous award winners will be in attendance.
- Pre-sold tickets only – tickets will not be sold at the door.
- Tickets $35 per person - available from the front office.
- Wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase.

Please note:
- The Mazenod Young Vinnies
The Annual Sportsman’s Dinner will be held in the College Gymnasium on Friday 31st October starting at 6.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information and also the list of award winners for this year. We ask that all award winners attend on the night. Tickets are available from the front office for $35 each.

**Student Expectations:**
- Boys are expected to wear their winter uniform and be neatly presented at all times, particularly when receiving awards.
- This year, boys in Years 7-11 will be asked to sit with their families.
- Only boys in Year 12 may sit together.

“Tickets are limited so make sure you get in quickly”

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_Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Health & Physical Education_
CANTEEN ROSTER: 20th – 24th October 2014

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COMMUNITY NEWS

KALAMUNDA YOUTH SWING BAND TONIGHT!
See flyer page 6
Tickets available at the door.

$30 per person $20 concession $80 family (2 adults/2 children)

LOLIVERS TENNIS COACHING book now for TERM 4. Tennis lessons for children, age Kindy to 16 years of all abilities. Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons at Darlington or Friday afternoons at Helena Valley/Boya. Heaps of fun, small classes, fully qualified coaches and great tennis! Evening adult tennis training courses too! For more information, contact Lee or Lu at 9252 0209, email: lolivers@bigpond.com or visit www.loliverstennis.com.au

STRONGER TEENS RALLY EVENT: ‘The Gift’
Friday 24th October 6:30-8:30pm. St Francis Xavier Parish, Armadale (279 Forrest Rd, Hilbert)
See flyer page 8

Inviting all Teens and youth groups with teens to join us for the final Stronger Teens Rally in 2014. There will be fun games and activities, amazing music, inspirational talk and testimony by young people and lots of food. Teens need to bring a copy of the signed permission slip available on www.cym.com.au. Parents please drop off and pick up your children in person in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a gold coin donation for the event. Contact Catholic Youth Ministry Perth to RSVP or for more information - admin@cym.com.au 9422 7912. This event is in collaboration with YBC (Youth Building Community) of Armadale Parish.

Anita Parker
Director of Catholic Youth Ministry
Archdiocese of Perth

Dads Raising Teenage Girls
Tuesday 14th October at 27 The Crescent, Midland
6.30pm-9:00pm $25.00

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. For further information please phone 9489 6322

Bridget John
Information Officer Community Education
KALAMUNDA YOUTH SWING BAND

TONIGHT!

25th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Three KYSB Jazz Bands | Past-Members All-Star Band
Mazenod Jazz Band & Special Guests

MAZENOD COLLEGE - LESMURDIE - 7:30-10:30PM

OCTOBER 17th

1989 2014

for tickets call 0408 090 475 or
Visit - www.kysb.org for further details
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 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 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 your 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 work is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
YBC and CYM invites you to **TEENS STRONGER RALLY**

**24 OCT 2014**
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**WHERE**
St Francis Xavier
279 Forrest Road, Hilbert

**THE GIFT**
Gold coin donation
Games, music, testimony and heaps more!

Contact Genevieve Ogden 0438 295 720