Dear Parents

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

With the many functions beginning today and continuing until the end of next week, yesterday presented a "lull before the storm". Many of the Year Twelves seem somewhat distracted in a quiet way as they begin their last full day of schooling before their exams. The staff is busy getting ready for the Farewell Assembly, the Valedictory Mass and Dinner, Presentation Evening and the Sportsman’s Dinner. The Administration Staff is busy producing the booklets for each of these functions.

It takes a lot of goodwill, organization and hard work to ensure the smooth running of these events. I thank all who are involved.

Mrs Lima and I helped some of our Year 7 classes experience guided meditation during the week. It was a powerful experience for all concerned. There was some concern as to whether the boys could be silent and engaged for 20 minutes or so. Well they were and they entered the experience in a positive way. I think that in the busyness of our days we very often feel uncomfortable with silence and in the presence of the Lord. Spirituality writer Father Ron Rolheiser OMI puts it this way:

Sadply, we are too often afraid of silence, afraid of being alone, afraid of what we might meet there. Too often silence speaks to us of loneliness, of missing out on life, of being disconnected, of being a tomb of non-life. And so we cling to each other and look for conversations, amusements, and distractions that can fill in the silent spaces in our lives. Ultimately this running away from silence is founded unconsciously on the fear that, deep down, something is missing, both inside of the world and inside ourselves and we are best to cling to whatever can protect us from that painful truth.

We try to give all of boys the opportunity for meditation throughout the year. I would like to do so on a more regular basis. I encourage you to speak to them about the experience.

Over the last few years there has been much talk of a Strategic Vision and Strategy for the College. As we approach the Golden Jubilee of the College in 2016, we see that the process involved in devising the Vision and Strategy is a real process of self-renewal for the College. Strategic planning concerns making informed decisions to help the future direction of the College and what we do to provide the best educational outcomes for our boys. We have appointed a consultant to help guide the process which will begin in first term next year.

A final thought: “Nothing resembles the language of God so much as does silence.” Meister Eckhart

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)
**YR 12 VALEDICTORY MASS and DINNER**

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October*

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**SPEECH NIGHT - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2015**

*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 week 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.

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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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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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**Remembrance Mass**

We would like to invite all members of the Mazenod Community for a service to remember all the Old Boys and members of our community that have passed away.

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 5:30pm*  
*College Chapel*

Supper will be provided following the service in the Performing Arts Building.

*logan.jeremy@mazenod.wa.edu.au*

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The following items are now available from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October:

- White shirts size 16, and
- College socks all sizes.

We apologise for any inconvenience due to stock shortages.

*Robyn and Maechell*
Extra-Curricular Achievements for 2014 – Submissions for the College Annual

This year the College has decided to include a section in the Recognition of Excellence pages, acknowledging students who have achieved outside of Mazenod. I am calling on parents and students to submit a few sentences and a photo on any extra-curricular achievements. These achievements could be sporting at a state or national level, volunteer work, mission work etc.

Please email your submission to opechowski.nicole@mazenod.wa.edu.au by Friday October 31st.

Joshua Pendal 7B – Mission trip to Uganda

Steven Lowther representing Australia in the Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships last year.

Mrs Nickie Opechowski - Editor

SPORTSMAN’S DINNER
Friday 31st October 2014

The Sportsman’s Dinner is fast approaching, and all award winners have now been informed. A reminder that there are NO DOOR TICKET SALES and all tickets need to be purchased through the front office. We are near capacity so get in quickly to secure a seat for the. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Award winners are to wear FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM and be neatly presented on the evening. Any questions can be directed to Mr Tim Grabski on 9291 1518 or via email grabski.timothy@mazenod.wa.edu.au

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Health & Physical Education

YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

Year 11 mums who provided platters of food to be shared at the Farewell Assembly Morning Tea. What a fantastic response and we cannot thank you enough. We were provided with a lovely assortment of food and no-one went hungry – it was a wonderful way to end the Year 12 Assembly.

Many thanks to the ladies who stayed to help, whether for five minutes or the whole morning. Your generosity and smiling faces were appreciated.

Jane Wallis & Julie Oorschot – Mazza Mums

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

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Farewell and God Bless to the ‘Class of 2014’

The Mazenod Community wishes you well in all of your future endeavours.
Kanyana Teens - All About Birds

Five Wednesday afternoons 4-5pm
October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26
$62.50pp, afternoon tea provided from 3.30pm

What do birds do?
Where do birds live?
Why do birds come to Kanyana?
How do birds survive?

If you’re aged 12-15 years, find that out and more with Kanyana Volunteer Chris

Contact us today on 9291 3900 to book your place. Limited places available.

AMANDA YOUNG CONCERTS

Friday 21st November 2014
The Amanda Young Foundation presents;
"Tribute Show – ABBA & CLIFF"
At Romancing the Stone Amphitheatre, 3 Lilian Rd Maida Vale 6057
Concert 7.30pm –10pm; Light Supper provided. All tickets $25.
Tickets available online at www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au
or phone Tom 94544298
An outdoor venue. Chairs provided
All proceeds to Amanda Young Foundation - Fighting Meningococcal Disease

Friday 5th December 2014
The Amanda Young Foundation presents;
"That's AMORE – The Reno Bros"
At Romancing the Stone Amphitheatre, 3 Lilian Rd Maida Vale 6057
Concert 7.30pm –10pm; Light Supper provided. All tickets $25.
Tickets available online at www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au
or phone Tom 94544298 or Jan 92274237
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