Dear Parents

Tomorrow, we celebrate the inaugural Mass for Deceased Mazenodians at 5.30pm in the College Chapel. You are all welcome to join in this celebration. At this Mass we will pray for students, parents and staff who through their lives have contributed to the life of the College.

The month of November is known as the Month of the Holy Souls—a month in which we pray for the dead. November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. Spirituality writer Sr Joan Chittister describes saints as follows:

“Saints”—spiritual heroes of character and courage—are very elusive figures and not always all too comfortable ones either. They carry with them the ideals of ages often quite remote from our own, even, in some cases, psychologically suspect now. They seem to uphold a standard of perfection either unattainable to most or, at least in this day and age, undesirable to many. Their lives are often overwritten, their struggles underestimated, and their natural impulses underrated. They have become a rather quaint anachronism of an earlier church full of simpler people far more unsophisticated, we think, than ourselves and whom we think ought to be quietly ignored in these more enlightened times. I disagree.

We could use a saint or two, perhaps, to raise our sights again to the heights of human possibility and the depths of human soul. It might not even hurt to pass one or two of them on to children who are otherwise left with little to choose from as personal idols than what Hollywood, TV, and the music industry have already given them, of course.

It is always good to hear about our Old Boys. Matthew Keogh has been elected the 2015 President of the Law Society of WA. He is the youngest President ever. He is ably joined on the Law Society Council by his fellow Mazenod classmate Nathan Ebbs—who was elected for a 2 year term last year.

Friday 31 marks World Teachers’ Day. We have all been taught by some wonderful people in our lives. It does us well to remember them and where possible, to thank them for possibilities opened for us by their teaching.

Pope Francis sums up the role of a teacher in this wonderful manner; “Do not be disheartened in the face of the difficulties that the education challenge presents. Educating is not a profession but an attitude, a way of being; in order to educate it is necessary to step out of ourselves and be among young people, to accompany them in the stages of their growth and to set ourselves beside them. Give them hope and optimism for their journey in the world. Teach them to see the beauty and goodness of creation and of man who always retains the Creator’s hallmark. But above all with your life be witnesses of what you communicate. Educators pass on knowledge and values with their words, but their words will have an incisive effect on children and young people if they are accompanied by their witness, their consistent way of life. Without consistency, it is impossible to educate! You are all educators, there are no delegates in this field”.

A final thought: How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.

George Elliston

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)

“Learn what you are in the eyes of God.”
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 1st November 5:30pm
Mazenod College Chapel

Following the Mass, supper will be served in the Performing Arts Building.

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YEAR 11 THANKSGIVING MASS

Year 11 Thanksgiving Mass will be held Friday 15th November commencing at 9:00am in the College Chapel. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Mr Damien Wallis – Head of RE

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 should all have received a letter outlining the schedule for your son’s Orientation Day.

DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

INDUSTRY and ENTERPRISE NEWS

A defining feature of the Industry and Enterprise programme is to provide students with as much exposure to different trades and career opportunities in the field of construction.

Students gain hands on experience in many areas of construction, developing skills they can use later in life. It also enables the students to make more informed decisions about where they would like to begin their working careers.

During week 2 of this Term, the Industry and Enterprise students participated in a full day of brick paving. With the help of Mr David Vallis and myself, the students were able to repave an area around the school pool. Throughout the day the students learnt each step required to complete a professional paving job. These skills include compacting, screeding and the laying of the pavers.

A special thank you to Mr David Vallis for his help throughout the day. Students were very grateful for the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mr Daniel Thompson – Team Leader Industry and Enterprise

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The following items are now available:

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

We apologise for any inconvenience due to stock shortages.

Robyn and Maechell
Mazenod College is cataloguing its archive collection to ensure the history of the College is preserved. We are seeking past copies of Mazenod College Annuals for our collection. If a past student, staff member or friend of the College has any College Annuals which they would be willing to donate to the archives, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Below is a list of years where some issues have gone missing or we have a very limited number of copies. The College is happy to reimburse postage or can arrange to have Annuals collected. We appreciate any assistance that can be given in this regard.


Thank you.

*Mrs Penny Worthington - Head of McCarthy Library*

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**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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**COLLEGE SPORT NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Hugh McCormack, Ben Heyward, Alistair Ryan, Jack and Thomas Amos who recently competed in the **Blackwood Marathon Relay** which included running, canoeing, swimming, equestrian and cycling. They came second in school aged teams that competed and 31st overall against 200 teams. Well done boys!

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**MAZENOD COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**AGM**

*Followed by an Ordinary Meeting*

Tuesday 11th November 2014

7:30pm

Boardroom in Administration Block

- All parents welcome to join us in viewing Stage 1 of the College enhancement.
- Wine and cheese will be served.
- We would love to meet some new parents.
**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-booked tickets only - tickets will not be sold at the door.
- Tickets $35 per head available from the front office.

_Wine, soft drinks and other drinks available for purchase._

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**Canteen Roster: 3rd – 7th November 2014**

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You can support the Oblate Mission in China and Indonesia by purchasing a card from Mrs Lil Disisto at the College Reception or call on 9291 6500.

Give someone a gift of hope this Christmas.

Are you wondering what to give as a gift for Christmas this year?

An ideal meaningful gift for someone special this Christmas is the NAMI Christmas Gift Cards; a gift that keeps on giving for the entire year and beyond.

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. In the true spirit of Christmas, your gift can be a gift to those less fortunate – a gift of love, of life and of hope.

The concept is simple; make a recommended tax deductible donation to one of our six programs and you will receive a Christmas Gift Card, which explains that you have purchased a gift card in place of a gift, and give it to a loved one.

Make a donation to one of the following important projects in the Missions supported by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

- **Sponsor a Toolbox ($20)**
  A donation to purchase books and educational equipment ($20) for a student at a remote school in one of our programs. Your gift will benefit not only at Christmas but throughout the year and for many years to come as they learn the ABC’s in their studies.

- **Sponsor a Desk ($40)**
  A donation to provide a desk for students in an Oblate school. This donation will help a young person in India to continue his education.

- **Support our Chook ($10)**
  A donation to support our chooks. This donation will help the young person in India to continue his education.

- **Purchase a Bike ($25)**
  A donation to purchase a bike for a young person in India to go to school and back home again. The bicycle helps to enable them to save time and money, as they can take food home to their families each day.

- **To find out more about the projects supported by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate go to [www.oblates.com.au/mami](http://www.oblates.com.au/mami)**
ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 15th OF NOVEMBER
FROM BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 PM, AND WILL BE LOCATED
ON THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH GROUNDS

- WHITE ELEPHANT STALL -
- CAR BOOT SALE -
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE -

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH GROUP