Dear Parents

Today, October 30, we celebrate the invaluable contribution that teachers make to the faith formation and education of students and our broader society, through World Teachers’ Day. Pope Francis has thanked teachers on many occasions, whilst also challenging us to bear witness to our faith on a daily basis.

“Education is an important mission which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true. Never, ever close the door, open all of them wide so that students will have hope.”

I would like to commend the teachers that we have at the College. They are drawn to the profession because they want to help young people reach their potential. They are human and they each bring their own gifts to the classroom. I thank them for sharing their gifts with us.

I would like to thank all those who celebrated with us at the Valedictory Dinner and Presentation Night. I also thank the staff who prepared for these evenings. The Sportsman’s Dinner this evening is the last of our end-of-year celebrations. I also thank those responsible for the organization of this event.

The above is a representation of the refurbishment of the Year 7/8 building. Hopefully the works will commence in the New Year. The busy task of relocating the I.T. office has begun.

**A final thought:**

“Seek God in all things and we shall find God by our side.”

St Peter Claver SJ.

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)
2016 RE-ENROLMENTS and SCHOOL FEES

YEAR 7 – 11 DAY STUDENTS: 2016 RE-ENROLMENT

Signed confirmations of student re-enrolment, together with a $300.00 deposit per student, were due by Friday, 9 October, however many are still outstanding.

Please provide confirmation of your son’s re-enrolment or withdrawal as soon as possible.

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

TERM 4 – SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fee instalments for students in Years 7 – 11 are due and payable no later than 31 October 2015.

Families unable to meet their payment commitment or needing to negotiate an alternative arrangement, please contact Monica Slater at slater.monica@mazenod.wa.edu.au or on 9291 1414.

YOUNG VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

It is once again that wonderful time of year when we become filled with excitement as Christmas and its festivities approach. We know that we can count on the Mazenod community to embrace the Christmas Spirit and remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves at this time. Over the next few weeks the boys will be asked to bring in an item of food to fill our hampers, and a gold coin donation, so that we can make Christmas Day special for others in our Lesmurdie parish. A big thank you from the Young Vinnies for your generosity.

Mazenod Young Vinnies

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2016
Friday 27 November 2015

We welcome all prospective Year 7 (day) and Year 7 and 8 (boarding) parents for 2016 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 have received a letter outlining the schedule for your son’s Orientation Day.

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 who have passed away.

Saturday 7 November 5:30pm
College Chapel

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

For more information contact info@mobwa.com.au

YEAR 11 THANKSGIVING MASS

Year 11 Thanksgiving Mass will be held Friday 13 November commencing at 11:00am in the College Chapel. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lorraine Lima – Youth Campus Ministry

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS

Sporting team photos were taken by Academy last term. If any parents or students would like to order a copy of any of the photos this can be done online at:

www.academyphoto.com.au using the Secure shoot key is: FR98YZ4U

Mr Jeff Ronan – Deputy Principal (Admin & Yr 7-9 Student Welfare)
Throughout Term 3, a collection of Year 7, 8 and 9 boys have been involved in an exciting opportunity to work with a novelist to read and provide feedback on his latest work before it goes to publication. The novel was written by Denis Knight and is called *Devil’s Cave*. It is the second novel in Mr Knight’s ‘Hunter Black’ alien conspiracy series (more details can be found at denisknight.com).

The students volunteered to read the new novel in their own time and assist Mr Knight with written feedback. They were also very lucky to meet the author in person for a discussion about his inspiration and writing process. The boys also took the opportunity to share their thoughts on his work.

Aside from enjoying a great read, this was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to gain insight into and participate in the publication and creative process. The students involved were, from left to right in the image, Michael Stead, Hugo Quinn, Zachary Henderson, James Stanwix, Samuel Fiolo, Nicholas Limnios, Jeremiah Webb and Joel Jose (absent). They are commended for their enthusiasm and earnestness in undertaking the project as well as the thoughtful feedback they provided.

On behalf of the Mazenod College and the students involved, I would like to thank Mr Knight for offering us this opportunity and wish him all the best in his upcoming publications… which come highly recommended from the boys involved in the reading group.

*Mrs Michael Anderson – Deputy Head of Boarding (Junior)*

**LIBRARY CHAT……………..**

**THE POWER OF READING:** On Saturday I attended a seminar conducted by Professor Stephen Krashen titled *The Power of Reading*. I feel sure that all who attended Stephen Krashen’s session were inspired, awed and excited by this 74 year old hero who champions reading “as a life-changing future for our students”. Over the next few weeks I will provide brief points relating to Krashen’s research.

- Reading aloud benefits secondary school students and opens up the world of books to non-readers who are struggling.
- Free reading benefits students in the following ways:
  - Increases their vocabulary
  - Helps students appreciate the beauty and rhythm of language
  - Enhances imagination and observation skills
  - Improves critical and creative thinking skills
  - Expands general knowledge and understanding of the world
  - Develops positive attitudes toward books as a source of pleasure and information and helps to create life-long readers
  - Builds community and a sense of belonging through shared literary experience.

**BOOK FAIR – FOOT PATH LIBRARY**

Mazenod College is involved with the *Foot Path Library* - a not for profit organisation which donates near-new books and new books to homeless people. To assist the *Foot Path Library*, McCarthy Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on the 19 and 20 November. Any profit made from our book fair will be donated in the form of books to the *Foot Path Library*. Our aim is to make Christmas a little brighter for children of families who are homeless or under financial stress. We are asking Mazenod families for your support. Please encourage your son(s) to purchase books and know that all profit generated by their purchase will help the *Foot Path Library*. More information will be provided in next week’s Newsletter.

*Mrs Penny Worthington – Head of Library and Information Services*
Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful recipes you have sent us. They sound DELICIOUS!

Now we need your help to make the cookbook a true reflection of our wonderful Mazenod Community. We would like your “stories” or “anecdotes” or “reminiscences” - tall tales, but true, about life at Mazenod..... that we can sprinkle through the cookbook.

Does your son live in his Mazenod sport shorts.... even years after he has graduated? Did your son excuse himself from his Religion class because he thought he knew more than his teacher - the College Rector!!

“Soon after a mini willy-willy went through our neighbourhood early one morning, a ‘knight in shining armour’ came down the street with a chain saw helping people clear their driveways etc. of fallen trees and debris. And later we discovered he was a Mazenod Old Boy... and we are not surprised. The Mazenod Spirit is alive and well beyond the College walls.”

Please send your “stories” to me at hkeogh@westnet.com.au by 13 November 2015.

Mrs Helen Keogh – President, P & F Association

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The year is almost done. The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 10 November, 7:30 pm in the College boardroom and it is the last meeting for the year. If attending a P&F committee meeting was on your to-do list, this is your last chance. You don’t have to worry about reserving a seat, there are always plenty spare at the Annual General Meeting. The meeting will reflect on the year past, and look to the year coming. The fun part of the evening is electing members for vacating committee positions. If you want your voice heard, if you want to make changes, come along. Hope to see you there.

Tony Checker – Vice President (m: 0432 114 042 e: checker4@me.com)

MAZENOD COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM

Followed by an Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 10 November 2015 - 7:30pm

Boardroom in Administration Block

📅 All parents welcome to join us.
jspx Wine and cheese will be served.
etzt We would love to meet some new parents.

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Julie Oorschot
Michel Hosking | Ann Bond
Fiona Passmore |
St Brigid’s College has 2 wonderful events coming up to which we’d like to extend an invitation to all families.

**FRIDAY November 13th 7pm**

**Official Opening of the Art Exhibition and Sale.**
Tickets $20 Enjoy works from over 100 of WA’s most prominent artists, fine wines and canapés. Bookings essential on 9290 4245.

**SUNDAY November 15th**

**SBC Community Fair** on the Grounds of the Junior Oval. Over 50 stalls and amusements for all ages. 10am-3pm, all welcome.

*All enquiries to Annamaria Cream 9290 4205*

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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 9291 1500.

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**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 a MAMI Christmas Gift Card, 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 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 Tool box** $20
- **Make a Donation for the purchase of educational equipment & books** $25
- **Support our Chooks** $10
- **Purchase a bike** $30
- **Purchase a desk** $40

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Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate

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Mazenod College
Sportsman's Dinner
2015

Friday 30 October – 6:30pm Start
Mazenod Gymnasium

- MC is WEST COAST EAGLES PREMIERSHIP PLAYER “KARL LANGDON”
- 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
BUILDING PLANS OF THE NEW YEAR 7/8 AND ICT AREA

Yr 7/8 & ICT Centre Ground Floor Plan

Yr 7/8 Area – view from the Oval
Yr 7/8 Area - view from the Library

ICT / Yr 7/8 Area – view from the quadrangle