Dear Parents and Students

Mazenod College was recently given the great honour of being awarded a Gold Plate Award in recognition of employers who support the Volunteer Fire Services. The ceremony was held at The Governor’s Residence and the award was presented to the College by the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon. Joe Francis. Mr Andy Briggs (Design and Technology teacher) is a volunteer fire fighter with the Roleystone Branch and was responsible for the College’s nomination.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services Volunteer Employer Recognition Programme acknowledges the important contribution employers and self-employed volunteers provide to the community. Employers of emergency service volunteers play a critical role in protecting the community during natural disasters and emergencies. At their own cost, businesses release qualified staff to help communities impacted by fires, severe storms or other emergencies requiring the attendance of volunteer fire fighters.

Emergency service volunteers are also assisted by their employers by releasing volunteers to attend special training held during working hours and promoting emergency service volunteering.

On the theme of volunteer fire services, we congratulate the Roleystone/Mazenod Fire Brigade Running Team for their outstanding efforts in the recent Merredin Competition. Throughout the year, the Fire Brigade Running Team has been training twice a week after school. The culmination of this hard work was the Merredin Competition where teams from all over the State competed.

Our team of ‘Runners’ are all students of Mazenod College, and members of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade, as cadet members. The boys represented Mazenod with great pride. A number of second and third places were achieved by the junior team in the “Dry Events”. The sub-juniors also performed admirably particularly given their lack of experience in these activities. Of particular note was the outstanding performance of Ennio Folini and Jacob Dal Busco winning first place in a “dry” two man event, beating their main rivals, Bassendean in the process. In the “wet events” the most outstanding performance came from the junior team who achieved first place in the single disc wet event. Congratulations and thank you to Mr Andy Briggs for all of his time and effort in providing this excellent extra curricula activity which provides many students a unique opportunity to learn about volunteer fire services.

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“Learn what you are in the eyes of God.”
Mazenod had further success in the most recent ASX Schools Sharemarket game. All Year 9 students participated in the game as part of their Society and Environment studies, in particular the Introduction to Economics topic. Students from all years were encouraged to enter with the aim of fostering financial literacy. They were given a virtual $50,000 to invest in Australian shares using an internet account. In Game One this year, Michael Sabbadini from the Year 10 Business class came 2nd in WA out of over 17,000 syndicates. Michael traded actively and grew his $50,000 play money into $58,017 in the 10 weeks of the competition. In Game Two, Ryan McFadyen (Year 9) came 2nd in WA. In both games it was a very close finish with only a few hundred dollars separating 1st and 2nd places. The achievement of Mazenod students over the years has been simply astounding, with great credit due to the organiser and Business Studies teacher, Mr David Hiatt.

In Design and Technology, student work was recently submitted into the Darlington Art Show. Tony Panizza of Year 11 took out first prize in the woodwork category for his jewellery/trinket box. Tony was also the winner of the Woodwork Prize at the Presentation Evening. Also in the woodwork category, Zac Patten received a Certificate of Commendation for achieving second place with his jarrah coffee table. John Curtin (Old Boy 2012 and an apprentice carpenter) is in the finals of the World Skills Australia Competition which sees the best young skilled apprentices across Australia competing for the chance to represent Australia in an international competition. If John wins he will compete in the world games to be held in Japan.

Students in the Performing Arts Department have been busy lately with Year 10 Drama students performing plays at lunchtime during last week while on Wednesday night; there were many outstanding musical performances as part of the Tutors’ Choice Concert. This week sees the commencement of the Battle of the Bands. This competition sees students with an interest in being a “rock star” form bands and compete against one another for the honour of winning the Battle of the Bands shield.

And finally a prayer for young people;

Lord, open our young hearts so that we may listen to your call. Put true and good people on our way to accompany us, people who know how to smile and touch us with their joy. May their hope inspire us. Give us the hope that tomorrow will be better. Give us the courage and the joy to risk for the love of others. Give us the strength to commit ourselves without being afraid of uncertain tomorrows. Amen. (Fr. Baudoin Mubesala OMI)

Mr John Payne (Principal)
BOOKLISTS and COURSE SELECTIONS 2014

Booklists have been distributed and are also available on the College website (here). Please note that the cut-off date for free delivery and ensuring that resources arrive before the start of the school year is Sunday, December 8th. Campion has kindly amended the due date from that published on the booklist.

For many students, booklist ordering won’t be possible until their courses are confirmed for next year. We are in the process of doing this. For Year 9s going into Year 10, a letter confirming option selections and streamed classes in English Maths and Science will be posted home during Week 7. For Year 8s going into Year 9 and Year 7s going into Year 8, a letter confirming option selections for next year will be posted home during Week 7.

We apologise for any confusion caused by sending home booklists early. Our intention was to give families as much time as possible to prepare in the lead up to the busy Christmas period.

Mr Bruce Derby (Deputy Principal)

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2014

Friday 29th November 2013

We welcome all prospective Year 7 (day) and Year 7 and 8 (boarding) parents for 2014 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.

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

Thursday 5th December 3:00pm-4:00pm

YEARS 7-10: This year the book sale will be held on the last day of school for Years 7–10, Thursday 5th December between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. As most books in lower school are in e-book form there will be few second-hand books for sale that are a part of the book lists.

YEARS 11 & 12: In 2014, Year 11 and 12 students will be using laptops and where possible textbooks will be in e-book form. The transition to e-books from publishers remains a slow process, meaning that some courses will still have hard-copy texts. In some of these cases, the text comes with a CD with an electronic version of the book on it.

Mr Jeff Ronan – Deputy Principal

SOCIETY and ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

MAZENOD COLLEGE ASIAN FOOD HALL 2013

On Wednesday, the Mazenod College gymnasium was briefly transformed into an Asian marketplace with just over 40 stalls featuring the food and culture of countries of the Asian continent. This was an extra curricula activity as part of the Society and Environment Year 9 curriculum at the college. The stalls represented a wide array of countries such as Japan, India, China, Turkey, Indonesia, The Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand and many more. The Year 9 students chose an Asian country and built a traditional food stall. This was fully stocked with dishes where many of the boys took to cooking themselves.

The food hall engaged the students in a hands-on learning experience to cap off their written reports. They researched Asia which includes the Middle East, to discover and appreciate the cultural diversity, geography, economies, perceptions and links with Australia. Society and Environment teacher Mr Stallard said, “They enjoy the opportunity to share their learning experiences; seeing the stalls of other groups and of course, eating the wide variety of tasty foods that their friends have made.”

The Asia Food Hall event has been run for many years at Mazenod and its importance is highlighted in the Australian National curriculum where it is noted as a cross curricula priority. The priority ensures that students learn about and recognise the diversity within and between the countries of the Asia region so students can communicate and engage with the peoples of Asia in order to live, work and learn in the region.

The Asia Food Hall day would not have been a success without the help of a number of people. These include the S&E teachers Mr Stallard, Mr Hiatt and Ms Wynn. Ground manager Mr Vallis, the Physical Education faculty for using their gym and the year 9 parents who came and helped in the kitchen to disseminate and prepare up to 90 meals. That help was much appreciated.

Mr Richard Kostecki – Head of Society & Environment

YOUNG VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A BIG THANK YOU to all the families who have already donated to the Christmas Appeal this year. Monday 2nd December is the final day for collection and please don’t forget your gold coin donation too.

A big thank you from the Young Vinnies for your generosity and we look forward to making Christmas Day extra special for those in our Lesmurdie Parish who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Ms Susanne Biffin and the Mazenod Young Vinnies
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

2014 INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS
Enrolment information booklets are now available from the PAC office or Administration and need to be returned to the PAC office by Thursday 5th December.

New students to Mazenod in 2014 will receive this information in their ORIENTATION PACK next week and should return the enrolment form by Friday 13th December by email, fax or post.
If you have any queries please contact Anne Greenley on 9291 1535.

DRAMA CLUB NEWS
The Drama Club will be performing their end of year showcase next Tuesday evening in the PAC. Come along and see a range of work by these talented students. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. Tea/coffee available. Entry is $2/person.

The Upper-School Music Scholarship is a financial bursary for students in Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 and will cover the cost of private peripatetic tuition for one year. Aimed at students who are committed and enthusiastic about developing their musical skills, the 15 scholarships available will be awarded to those students whom have consistently demonstrated this commitment whilst being involved with the College Concert Band, Jazz Band or Choir. Application forms will be available at the Performing Arts Office and are due in by Monday 25th November 2013. For queries please see Mr Graham or Mr Allen.

COLLEGE SPORT NEWS

MAZZA MUMS

ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2014:
- Afternoon Tea – 29th November, 1:30pm in Gym
  Mazza Mums have always organised the afternoon tea on this day for all the new parents coming into the school.
- We need – lots of cakes, slices, sandwiches, biscuits, etc. - please be generous as we need large amounts of food to cater for this.
- Year 7 Mums – we thought it would be nice if you could help on either of these days as well as welcoming our new Year 7 parents.
- Set-up people will be needed from approx. 12noon and clean-up group from about 2:30pm (finish 3:20pm).
- Phone/email – we would appreciate parents contacting Jane 0438 901 689 / wallis.jane00@gmail.com or Julie 0439 910 426 / oorschot.julie@hotmail.com to let us know what you are sending along and if you can help and when.

Thank you for the generous response we have received from families to come in and help with set-up for the Orientation Day on Friday 29th November. We still need some more helpers for clean-up and lots more food. Please contact Jane Wallis or Julie Oorschot.

Jane Wallis & Julie Oorschot

CANTEEN ROSTER: 25th – 29th November 2013

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YEAR 8 CHESS COMPETITION

Throughout Term 3 and 4 the Year 8’s have been involved in the Year 8 Chess Competition. The games were held at lunchtime in the Year 8 area in a knockout format, with participants earning a point for their form class in the Year 8 Form Competition. The competition was a tremendous success and it was great to see so many students participate and support each other. The final was held last Friday in the PAC between James Ralston and Benjamin Gregory. It was a close game but James Ralston eventually won the match and won the medal.

Well done to all the boys who participated in the tournament and I look forward to further success in the years to come.

L-R: James Ralston and Benjamin Gregory

Mr Chris Mason – Head of Year 8

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

TRACK SUITS: Increase in price as from January 2014.

BLAZERS 2014: From 2014 we will be offering an improved sizing service for Blazers. For tall slim boys there will be half sizing (longer in the sleeve and body) and for short stocky boys there will be quarter sizing (shorter in the sleeve and body). However, we are unable to hold these sizes in stock. If you think your son would benefit from either of these fittings he will need to be fitted during fourth term 2013 and a deposit will be required before the blazer is ordered.

COLLEGE SOCKS / ANKLE SPORT SOCKS are now in stock at the Uniform Shop.

GREY SHORTS: The supplier has advised the Uniform Shop that the grey shorts will be delivered mid-January 2014. We apologise for this inconvenience.

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES FOR 2014

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As from Thursday 6th February 2014, the Uniform Shop will be open for normal trading 8am-4pm.

Maechel and Robyn – Uniform Shop Managers

MONTH OF ‘MOVEMBER’

If you have walked around the school lately you may have noticed a number of your son’s teachers growing moustaches. Don’t worry; you have not been transported back to the 1980’s! Rather, over 20 staff members are growing moustaches during the month of November for ‘Movember’. Movember is an event designed to bring awareness to and raise money for men’s health, in particular prostate cancer and male depression. Prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in Australia after lung cancer with around 20 000 men affected each year. Suicide resulting from male depression is the single biggest killer of young men (under 25) in this country. Being an all-boys school, we feel it suitable that a charity such as this be supported. If you would like to support the Mazenod staff’s participation in Movember and help raise funds for men’s health please go to the following link - https://www.movember.com/au/donate/payment/team_id/1180505. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Liam Mallon
In 2014 the Western Australian football Commission (WAFC), Swan District and Clubs within the Swan District’s competition have agreed to promote a “Conference” style football competition.

The Mazenod Junior football Club will be part of the Eastern Conference and will be composed of the Swans, East Perth and Perth districts. This means that potentially games could be played against teams from Victoria Park, Mt Hawthorn, Belmont, South Perth, Thornlie, Coolbinia, as well as teams from the Swan District area.

To aid the planning of this move, over the next couple of months the MJFC club is asking that all players who intend to play in the Year 11/12 competition in 2014 register with the club using the registration form on the Mazenod College web site or forms available from the main office at Mazenod College. Payment of club fees attached to the registration form will not be required until 2014.

Please ensure that all registration forms are received by no later than Friday the 13th December 2013.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me.

Eric Paini – President 9291 6500 / paini.eric@mazenod.wa.edu.au

Support the Oblate Mission in China and Indonesia and purchase a card from Mrs Lil Disisto at the College Reception or call on 9291 6500.

(Donations are tax deductible)
No doubt you are very aware of the unfolding crisis in the Philippines. The Caritas network is responding to the disaster, quickly mobilising to address emergency needs such as shelter, clean water, sanitation, hygiene and household relief.

We have opened a Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. Details can be found at our website below:


If you follow the link below you will also find a prayer resource that can be used with your community.


Thank you for your help and support.

Janeen Murphy. 0439395657

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December Soccer School

Forrestfield United Soccer Club are hosting the Perth Glory Soccer School at:

Hartfield Park, Forrestfield from 8.30am – 11.30am on Saturday the 14th of December

The two day course promotes participation, fun, inclusion and improving and is for children aged 4 - 14 yrs old of all skill levels. Cost is $60.00 and includes:

- 3 hours of professional coaching, Soccer Schools
- Shirt
- General admission voucher to a Perth Glory home game
- PGFC Backsack
- PGFC Skill Football, and
- Sponsors giveaways

Enrolments are now open!! Discounts Apply. Enrol online at www.perthglory.com.au/perthglorysoccerschools

Laura Di Toro
Forrestfield United Soccer Club

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“UNDERSTANDING STEPFAMILY RELATIONSHIPS” - Saturday 7th December 9.30-1 $35 per person or $50 per couple

Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen.

For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

MUMS RAISING BOYS - UP TO THE AGE OF 12 YEARS” - Monday 9th December 6.30pm-9pm $25 per person

However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, ‘Wow! This is unknown territory.’ It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn affects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women.

For further information and to enrol, please phone 9489 6322

“MUMS RAISING TEENAGE BOYS” - Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm-9pm $25 PERSON.

However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, ‘Wow! This is unknown territory.’ It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carried its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. For teenage boys in particular, this on-going relationship with their mothers has long term implications. This in turn effects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women.

For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.