Dear Parents

On Wednesday evening we held the Prospective Parents Night for the cohort of 2017. It was well attended and I feel that the people went away with a good idea of what we offer as a school community. At Mazenod we are a Catholic College. We are not exclusive in terms of religion, academic ability or sporting prowess. We want families who embrace the whole of what Mazenod has to offer. I would like to thank all who helped prepare for the evening.

One of the things mentioned last night was the need to develop resiliency in our boys. So many of them find it too easy to just give up if it gets too hard. Of a morning from my office I see parents dropping their boys to school. It surprises me to see the number of parents who stop, get out of the car and give the school bags to their sons. “Why is it so?” as Professor Julius Sumner Miller, used to say. (Showing my age I know – Google it!). While being supportive of parents and their important role in parenting, it is worthwhile, in the context of resiliency building, to consider some clichés.

We have all heard of the helicopter parents (who never leave their sons’ sides to allow them to grow and learn the consequences of their decisions) and the bulldozer parents (they forge ahead before their sons, removing all obstacles, ensuring success at every turn.) Has anyone found that is how life works when you get out there in the real world? Smooth sailing all the way?

Then there are the glider parents - those who support, give direction and know when to let go to allow them to fly, trusting that because of the love and support they have invested in their sons, that they will be alright, and that you, the parents will always be there.

I shudder when thinking of similar clichés applied to Rectors and teachers!

Next Friday, 28th November, we have the Orientation Day for Year 7 and 8 students coming into the College in 2015. Spare a thought for the incoming boarders of the year. There will be a sleep-over for them on Thursday night. I don’t think we should ever underestimate the sacrifice that Boarding Parents make to send their boys to Boarding, not only financially, but more importantly, emotionally. Many of these parents have said to me “that it is a real wrench to send their boys away for Grade Seven – it just seems so young”. Boarding is not the norm but it is a necessity for the boys to gain a good education and build on what their parents have given them to enter the world as young men.

A final thought: The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried. G.K. Chesterton

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)
YEAR 7-10 THANKSGIVING MASS

Year 7-10 Thanksgiving Mass will be held Thursday 4th December commencing at 9:30am in the College Gymnasium.

All parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lorraine Lima – Coordinator of Campus Ministry

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November, staff and students of Mazenod College commemorated Remembrance Day with special guests including former Royal Marine Mr William Snashall, a World War II and D-Day veteran representing the Kalamunda RSL, (who read the Ode of Remembrance) and Mazenod Old Boy, Petty Officer Adam Bamford RAN (who read the Prayer of Remembrance). College Rector, Father Peter Daly OMI and PO Bamford RAN laid a wreath with the colours of the United Nations, blue for democracy and white for peace. Mr Snashall and Year 9 student Archie Williams laid a wreath together. Archie Williams is the great grandson of Stanley Maunder Williams who was in the 11th Battalion that landed at Gallipoli on April 25th 1915. The wreath was coloured red for blood and sacrifice and white for peace.

The ceremony was led by College Captain elect Matthew Alexander with Vice Captains elect Matthew van Eck and Thomas Amos. The College band conducted by Mr Sam Graham played the national anthem and buglers played the Last Post and Reveille. The National anthem singing was led by Jordan Bonomi. The Remembrance Day ceremony is an important event where students learn that the peace and freedom Australians enjoy today was hard won and must be defended. Students should understand that they owe an enormous debt of gratitude to those who have served and now serve their country in war, conflicts, peace keeping and community service organisations. Staff and students raised $902 for the RSL’s poppy appeal. Thank you to all the staff (in particular Mr David Hiatt and Sam Graham), students and the Kalamunda RSL for their support and assistance with this event.

Mr Richard Kostecki - Head of Society and Environment

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

This year’s second book sale will take place on the last day of school (Thursday, December 4) at 3pm. The sale will work in the style of a swap meet and tables will be made available in the College gym for students to sell and purchase books.

It is essential that parents and students check their booklists before attending the sale. There are significant changes in the Year 11 list for 2015 with the introduction of a number of electronic books.

Students are not to offer texts for sale that are no longer on the booklist.

Activity books should not be offered for sale as these will have been written in.

Mr Bruce Derby - Deputy Principal (Teaching & Learning)
UNSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Each year the Mathematics Department enters their top students in the UNSW Mathematics Competition. To achieve a distinction in this international competition students have to score a mark in the top 10% of all competitors. We would like to congratulate the following students on each receiving a distinction:

Year 7: William Collins
Year 8: Matthew Unicomb and Cameron Fowler
Year 9: Fraser Clarke, Michael Bzdyl, Matthew Spanjers, Zachary Cave, Callan Wood, Matthew Bishop, Kyle Sermon and William Leyland
Year 10: Noah Roderick-Smith, Lochlan Durie and Benjamin Skinner.

The Mathematics Department would also like to recognise Harry Edwards from the Year 8 Enrichment programme for his outstanding achievement in the Mathematics Olympiad competition. Across the five rounds of competition Harry lost only two marks and he is the Mazenod champion for 2014.

Mrs Lynda Godfrey – Head of Maths

YEAR 9 ASIAN FOOD HALL

The Mazenod school Gymnasium was transformed from a sporting venue into an Asian marketplace on Friday 14th November as part of their regional study of Asia. Approximately 150 Year 9 students divided up into 45 groups, each set up a food stall which represented countries throughout the Asia region – including Turkey, Vietnam, Malaysia, Afghanistan and China. The boys did their best to convey the diversity of culture not only through food, but also through clothing, music and language.

The investigation also examined links between countries of the Asian continent and Australia. Society and Environment teacher, Mr Geoff Stallard said it was important that the topic of Asia remained an important part of the Society and Environment curriculum as the education of such a topic broke down negative and narrow stereotypes of the people and cultures of the region.

Staff outside of the Society and Environment faculty also joined in the day’s event and were appreciative of one of the perks of the job – trying out the variety of culinary dishes available. The annual Asia Food Hall event also raised some funds for the school’s St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal, another annual service event held at the College.

A thank you to the Society and Environment staff for their help on the day – Mr Stallard, Ms Wynn, Mr Hiatt and also Mr Vallis and ground crew making sure that all of the resources were in place to set up the food stalls.

Mr Richard Kostecki – Head of Society & Environment

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.
MESSAGE FROM MAZA MUMS

ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2015

- **Afternoon Tea – 28th November, 1:30pm in the College Gymnasium**
  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.

- **Also** – a team of Mums to clean-up.

- **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.

So, FOOD, HELP, FRIENDLY FACES, CONVERSATION, LOTS OF LAUGHS – ALL NEEDED!!!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Jane Wallis & Julie Oorschot

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

**LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!**

This Monday, November 24th marks the beginning of **BATTLE OF THE BANDS, 2014**. In the most highly anticipated battle yet fought, students from all years will compete for the right to raise the legendary, Spartan Shield. Lunch time heats will be held in the PAC on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in front of a panel of staff judges. The bands that make it through the heats will prepare for the final battle to be held at lunchtime on Friday, near the gym steps. Family and friends are invited to attend the heats and final and to lend support to their charges. The staff band, who last year were disqualified in embarrassing circumstances have been practising all year to exact their revenge on the competition. See them in action on Monday! The timetable for bands is on the noticeboard outside the PAC.

**After last year’s disastrous campaign, Mr Keogh is casually confident in leading the staff band, Class Act to victory!**

In other music news, last week’s Tutor’s Choice entertainment evening was once again a huge success. The students who performed provided the capacity audience with a fantastic display of talent and confidence. The evening was also marked by the return of the Tutor Superband, which performed a couple of Jazz and Funk numbers, showing off their scintillating style. Congratulations to all who were a part of this fantastic evening.

Mr Sam Graham - Music Teacher
### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Thursday 4th December is the last day we will open until 2015.**

**COLLEGE TIES:** DUE TO A MANUFACTURING ERROR COLLEGE TIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL JANUARY

**HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES FOR 2015**

- Thursday January 22nd: 10am-6pm
- Wednesday January 28th: 10am-6pm
- Monday February 2nd: 2pm-6pm
- Tuesday February 3rd: 7.30am-10am
- Wednesday February 4th: 12.30pm-6pm
- Thursday February 5th: 8am-4pm

*During 1st term 2015 the uniform shop will be open: Wednesdays from 12.30pm until 6pm and Thursdays from 8am until 4pm.*

Robyn, Maechell and Helen wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

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### SCHOOL FEE INSTALMENTS – TERM 4

Term 4 fee instalments are **due and payable by the 30th November 2014.**

Please refer to the Schedule of 2014 Fees and Charges for payment methods.

Families requiring a variation to current payment arrangements are requested to contact Monica Slater, Finance Department on 9291 1414 or at slater.monica@mazenod.wa.edu.au

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### McCARTHY LIBRARY NEWS

**A LIBRARY PLEA TO MUMS AND DADS**

The library is undertaking a stocktake next week and is seeking the return of many missing items. If any library books appear to be lurking in the corner of your son(s) bedroom, can they please be returned to Mazenod College. All books can be dropped off at the front office and library staff will collect them from there. We greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us in this regard.

*Penny Worthington – Head of Library*

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### MAZENOD OLD BOYS NEWS

At this year’s AGM all offices have been filled by a mix of old and young members. We thank all past committee member, including **Michael Openshaw** (‘98) who has been an inaugural committee member and secretary of the association for 5 years and with a young family and new home being built has his hands full. Also **Harry Fernando** (‘83) another inaugural committee member who has volunteered many hours.

The association is very proud to name **Class of 1982** member, Leo Conti as the new President of the Mazenod Old Boys Association for the next two years.

The new board consists of the below members.

**Executive:**
- **President:** Leo Conti, 1982
- **Vice President:** Basil Conti, 1983
- **Treasurer:** Sean Cameron, 1982
- **Secretary:** Bob Huston, 1978

**General Committee positions:**
- Mark Yaksich, 1974
- Liam Mallon, 2008
- John Keogh, 2004
- Scott Cummings, 1991
- Iggy Moro, 1987
- Damien Allen, 1983
- Jeremy Logan, 1987
- Frank Bosa, 1983
- Adrian Conti, 1987

**Nominees:**
- Giuseppe Caltanissetta, 1989
- Sebastian Fiolo, 1989
- Sean Marriot, 1983

Once we have voted on changing the constitution to allowing 17 committee members from 13, the nominees will be full committee members. All correspondence to info @mobwa.com.au.

Thank you.

*Mr Jeremy Logan - Old Boys Liaison Officer*
Sport at Mazenod has once again been put into the headlines with another fabulous display of prowess from a Mazenod student. **Matthew Russo (Y9)** was able to score **166 not out** in a recent game playing for Midland-Guildford CC against Subiaco-Fioreat. An awesome achievement and please read the article below for further details. **Joel Curtis (Y9)** is also given mention and what a delight it is to see Mazenod students working so well together! Great stuff!

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Health & Physical Education
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

2015 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 4th December.

New students to Mazenod in 2015 will receive this information in their ORIENTATION PACK next week and should return the enrolment form by Friday 12th December by email, fax or post.
If you have any queries please contact Anne Greenley on 9291 1535.

YEAR 7 ICE SKATING SOCIAL

Joshua McNee, Dylan Scaffidi, William Collins
Austin Gerhardy and Thomas Johnson
Liam Jones, Michael Murray and Colby Norrie
Ben Hambly, Ethan Walkerden, Ashton Zuin, Matthew Sala-Tenna and Patrick Hollis
Samuel Bulich, Buster Shelley and Mark Featherstone
Oliver Coulthard, Ryan Schrader and Blake Applanalp
CANTEEN ROSTER: 24th – 28th November 2014

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Would you please support Cody on his quest to help sick kids. It is his Carboot Sale on Saturday 6th December. We would love you to have a stall or come for a drive and see him!! If you can’t make it and would like to help... please go to the everyday hero link and donate.

Thank you from the McCreedy Family.

Cody’s PMH Carboot Sale

Saturday 6th December 2014

@ Tammin Roadhouse Carpark

Supporters 9am – 1pm
Sellers from 7:30

PLEASE contact
0896371075 or info@chatfields.com.au to book your bay

$15 per bay all funds going to PMH

Donations, for those who can’t attend.....can be made to

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