Dear Parents

Following the horrors of the events in Paris this last week, I would like to begin this Newsletter with the message from our Catholic Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB:

As the full extent of those horrors begins to emerge more clearly, and as deep concern begins to be expressed around the world concerning the implications of these attacks for all of us, I would ask that you continue to invite your people to pray for the victims and their families and friends, and also for the gift of peace and harmony which we need so much but which proves to be so elusive, both here in our own country and all around the world. We will soon celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King: may his kingdom come – “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace” (Preface of Christ the King).

It is fitting that Pope Francis has called for a holy year. Announcing the Jubilee of Mercy, which begins on December 8, the Pontiff said: “Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always.” He goes on to say:

“It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.

“My thought first of all goes to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee. I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God’s mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed.”

I would like to thank the staff for organizing the Year 7 social on Wednesday evening. All the boys were quite excited and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I also thank the staff who organized the Year 8 boat trip. This was a great evening and again the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I thank families for helping to contribute to the annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal through donating goods for the Christmas hampers. It does us all some good to think of others as we approach the Feast of Christmas. I also recommend the Cards for Christmas that helps provide for poor people in third world countries. These can be bought from Mrs Disisto in the College Reception.

Next Friday we welcome the Year 7 boys for 2016 at our Orientation Day. This is always a special day for the boys and for the College. I realize that for some it can be a little overwhelming but there is always a real air of excitement in the College. Many of the parents are also hopeful that they have made the right choice of a College for the boys. It is wonderful to see parents and sons reunited at the end of the day and to hear of the stories being told as they return home.

A final thought: – Today –
Not Yesterday
Not Tomorrow
– Today –

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)

“Learn what you are in the eyes of God.”
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

The last day of school will see Year 10 students sit their final exam and Year 7-9 students involved in structured lessons for periods 1 and 2. This is then followed by a Thanksgiving Mass, a whole school assembly and a Year Assembly. All students are expected to be at school for the duration of Thursday 3 December and we request that parents do not make arrangements to pick their sons up before the scheduled 3:10pm finish. Parents are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass commencing at 11:20am.

Mr John Payne - Deputy Principal (Academic and Year 10-12 Student Welfare)

YEAR 7-10 THANKSGIVING MASS

Year 7-10 Thanksgiving Mass will be held Thursday 3 December commencing at 11:20am in the College Gymnasium. All parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lorraine Lima – Coordinator of Campus Ministry

CONFIRMATION OF SUBJECTS, BOOKLISTS and YEAR 9 LAPTOPS

A Confirmation of Options letter and the 2016 Booklist will be posted home to parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students at the end of next week. For Year 9 students, the letter will also include the streamed course in English, Maths and Science your son will be placed in for next year. For Year 8 students, the letter will also include the Maths stream your son has been placed in for next year.

A letter has been emailed home today regarding the process for changing over Year 9’s laptops, which will occur on Monday 30 November. A copy of the letter has also been given to Year 9 students.

Mr Peter Douthie - Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

MEMORIAL FOR MAZENODIANS

This annual event was once again a beautiful and moving event that was very much appreciated by the families and old boys who had lost a member of the Mazenod community.

It was the second time the mass had been held and this year it began with the blessing of the new memorial wall. The wall and the area surrounding it is yet to be fully completed and will be a lovely addition to the area around the chapel. Father Daly is to be thanked for this wonderful initiative. The placing of flowers in the plaques of deceased Old Boys by families was very moving and a powerful moment.

Father McMahon lead the mass gracefully and respectfully. Enda Condron with his acoustic guitar completed the mass that was well organised by Lorraine Lima.

At the completion of mass we all moved to the foyer in the Performing Arts building where supper was enjoyed by all and stories were shared about the sons and brothers who have passed away.

A lovely gentle evening that will become a major event on the College Calendar. It was made special by the families and friends that attended and the likes of the Kostanski family who came from Melbourne to attend. Thank you also to President of the Mazenod Old Boys association Leo Conti and Dave Vallis for their assistance in running the event.

Mr Jeremy Logan – Old Boys Liaison Officer

50th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK PRIZE!!

Offering a $20 JB HiFi Gift Voucher for a name for the cookbook.

Please email entries to Helen Keogh hkeogh@westnet.com.au – Closing Date: 27 November 2015.
UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS 2016

Thursday    January 14 and 21    10am – 4pm
Monday      February 1          3pm – 6pm
Tuesday     February 2          8am – 10am
Thursday    February 4          8am – 4pm (as per normal)

1st Term only (as well as the normal Thursday):

Wednesday February 10    Midday to 6pm through to end of term.

Maechell and Helen – Uniform Shop Coordinators

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 and Information

A big thank you to all the families who have already donated to the Christmas Appeal this year.

Thursday 27 November 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 & the Young Vinnies

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2016
Next Friday 27 November 2015

Please park on the College Oval.

There will be signs and students strategically placed directing you to the Oval.

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.

MESSAGE FROM MAZZA MUMS

ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2016

- Afternoon Tea – 27 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 set-up and another team 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
TUTOR’S CHOICE MUSIC EVENING

Last Wednesday night was our annual Tutor’s Choice Concert. Our top musicians performed to a packed house on a night where the atmosphere was electric! One of the highlights was the Tutor Superband whose members demonstrated the value of practice to the astonished crowd. They performed two pieces, and took turns improvising on the chord progressions or “changes” as they are known in the jazz world.

Of particular encouragement was the number of exceptional lower school performances. Year 7s, Dion Manni, Jordyn Coote and Owain Bundock demonstrated musical and performance excellence beyond their years in their vocal solos.

Congratulations to all performers for presenting an excellent and diverse programme. Thanks to Joshua McMahon who entertained the crowd as compere in his first official role as Performing Arts Captain for 2016. Thanks to the tutors for their patient motivation throughout the year, bringing the best out of Mazenod’s musicians.

As always, thanks to the parents, friends and staff who attended and supported what was a truly special night.

2016 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 3 December.

New students to Mazenod in 2016 will receive this information in their ORIENTATION PACK next week and should return the enrolment form by Friday 11 December by email, fax or post.

If you have any queries please contact Anne Greenley on 9291 1535.

Mr Bresland and Mr McEvoy carving up the changes to “Spain” with Mr Gryl keeping happy time.

The Year 9 Band (and an undercover Performing Arts Captain) in their final concert as a group, performing “Music from Wicked.”

Dion Manni of Year 7 performs Bruno Mars’ “Count on Me” accompanied by Year 11 students Samson Tangney and Michael Verran.

Mr Sam Graham – Music Teacher
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Mr Jonkov and Mr Akmens will be among the guest judges for this year’s Battle, and by the looks of these photos, they are taking the task very seriously!

Students appear to be going to any lengths to get their hands on the coveted Spartan Shield.
YEAR 7 SOCIAL – Wednesday 18 November 2015

Charles Rowe, Zachary Henderson, Joel Jose, Arun Alex & Dylan Saciuk

Lachlan Pavlinovich & Connor Haines

Luke Baker & Jackson Throssell

Mitchell Massam & Jake Smirk

Nicholas Piccioni, Sam Duncan-Plummer & Christopher Verran

James Stanwix
HOLIDAY READING

This week several students have asked whether they can borrow books to read during the summer holidays. YES!! We are happy to loan books to our students for the summer break and if requested, will allow students to borrow a complete series as there is nothing more frustrating than finishing a great book and then not having the sequel to continue with. The school year is such a busy time for students and the summer break is an ideal opportunity for our boys to kick back, relax and settle into reading. There’s nothing like the feeling that you can’t wait to turn the page or find the time to get back to your book. Whether it is action, adventure or crime; mixing fact and fiction; fantastic worlds; classic literature or life, love and loss – we have it all in McCarthy Library and are happy to assist boys discover their next favourite author or memorable read.

BOOK FAIR FOR THE FOOT PATH LIBRARY

Our Scholastic book fair is now set up and we heartily thank all parents and students who have supported us. Scholastic has provided a terrific array of books, puzzles and gadgets and we are extending our fair into next week. Please drop in and browse and maybe consider books as Christmas presents for family and friends. Most books on sale would suit primary and lower secondary aged children. Our students are enjoying browsing through the books and our fair has generated a lot of interest. We look forward to meeting you and your support of the Footpath Library.

Mrs Penny Worthington – Head of Library and Information Services

“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie Family Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation-confession.

Tuesday 22 December at 7:00pm

You may not have been to Confession or Mass for a long time, for various reasons. You may have become disillusioned with the Church, you may not have been lucky in your relationships, you are hassled with children’s sporting commitments on the weekend. Maybe now is the time to have a look at things again. Whatever the reason we invite you “home for Christmas”.

There will be a large number of priests available. The format is simple. Confess your sins and receive forgiveness. Your privacy will be respected.

This is a powerful healing Sacrament. We can carry around old grudges, hatred and guilt for years. Now is the time to “empty your bucket!!”. Set yourself free again!

Regardless of your spiritual state, no one is excluded. We can’t open the door any wider!

Fr Jim Corcoran
Retired Parish Priest, Assistant to Fr Michael

P.S. There will also be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at ALL Masses on the weekend of the 19 and 20 December.
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.

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 | Sponsor a desk $40 | or Goats $50 |

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