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IMPORTANT DATES

2014

NEW BOARDERS RETURN

Sunday 2 February

EXISTING BOARDERS RETURN

Monday 3 February

SCHOOL REOPENS

Tuesday 4 February

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 6 February

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY

Monday 10 February

P & F WELCOME BBQ

Saturday 15 February

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Y7/8/9)

Monday 17 February

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Y10/11/12)

Tuesday 18 February

CAMP WEEK

Wed-Fri 19-21 February

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Friday 28 February

LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)

Monday 3 March

ASH WEDNESDAY

YR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 5 March – 7:00pm

TERM DATES

Term 1	4 Feb – 10 April
Term 2	29 April – 3 July
Term 3	22 July – 25 Sept
Term 4	14 Oct – 4 Dec



Dear Parents and Students

As this is the last Newsletter of the year, it is appropriate to reflect on the year and be grateful for the many successes achieved this year. We are very proud of Mazenod College's reputation for the pursuit of excellence whether that is academic, pastoral, sporting, performing arts or community service. Underpinning the pursuit of excellence in all that we do are the values of St Eugene de Mazenod. These values direct our spirit and mission. As a College community we are blessed to have such a supportive and cooperative environment where staff, students, parents, Old Boys and friends of the College unite together to promote a welcoming, learning community, following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St Eugene de Mazenod.

As proud as we are of all the achievements and developments that have occurred during the year, we acknowledge that we have also experienced our share of challenges and upheavals this year. In the early stages of Semester Two our Rector, Fr Brian Maher returned to his home in Ireland. Fr Brian gave 12 years of service to Mazenod College with 9 of those as Rector of the College. Every organisation needs to stand for something – pillars to refer to and to grow from. The members of each community need to be united in a common cause and support the values of that organisation for it to grow and thrive.

Fr Brian's legacy to Mazenod is that he brought to life the values and teachings of St Eugene de Mazenod; he made St Eugene's actions and beliefs relevant to our day to day activities. We were challenged when introducing new policies or structures to ask ourselves: is that what Eugene would do? Is that in the best interest of our students?

The focus on respect for the dignity of all, the pursuit of personal excellence, the focus on the teachings of the Gospel and living the prophetic values of the Church, leaving nothing *undared* for the sake of the kingdom, and learning from others, are values which have become central to how we work as a community. We have become known as a warm, welcoming and friendly environment - this is the legacy left by Fr Brian Maher.

This is what Mazenod College stands for. These are our pillars. We acknowledge and thank Fr Brian Maher for his guidance and leadership. We keep Fr Brian in our thoughts and prayers, and hope that he is well, happy and at peace with the new stage of his journey.

We now need to move onward and look forward to the return of Fr Peter Daly as Rector. Fr Daly is no stranger to Mazenod. He first arrived at Mazenod in 1987 as a very young priest and was responsible for the Boarding Community and the Religious Education Department. He was then appointed as the Rector of the College in 1993 and served 9 years in this role. He then spent 9 years as the Rector of our brother College, Iona in Queensland.

Fr Daly brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom on his return to Mazenod Perth. Fr Daly has already met with staff individually, parents, old boys and groups of students and from these meetings he has gained an understanding of the wonderful educational environment that is Mazenod and also of the challenges that we face going into the future.

What Fr Daly wants for a Mazenod boy is for him to know and love Jesus, to form sound relationships and to know that he is charged with making a difference in his world. Fr Daly believes that education includes not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the ability to apply that knowledge and to be able to share it with others. It should also support personal wellbeing and is an essential part of personal development.

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"Learn what you are in the eyes of God."

I wish all members of the community a safe and merry Christmas. I hope that the festive season is one of joy, happiness, renewal and a time where the love of family and friends is cherished.

Finally a prayer for Christmas;

We prayer, gracious God, that all members of the Mazenod Community have a happy Christmas, that they experience the gift of happiness with family, friends and all we meet. May the message of Christmas be a sign in our land and in our world of justice, joy, love and the friendship of God among us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr John Payne (Principal)

ADMINISTRATION HOURS AND HOLIDAY DATES



OFFICE CLOSES: Thursday 19th December 2013
OFFICE REOPENS: Monday 6th January 2014

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**OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS:** 9:00am to 3:00pm

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BOARDERS RETURN: NEW BOARDERS Sunday 2nd February
EXISTING BOARDERS Monday 3rd February

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**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014

## LAPTOP INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 (2014)

Students entering Year 10 in 2014 are scheduled for a roll-out of a new machine in the second half of 2014. The IT team is in the process of investigating what the new device will be with the aim of finding the best machine to suit the needs of the students. Further information will be given next year.

*Mr Bruce Derby - Deputy Principal (Teaching & Learning)*

## 2014 BOOKLISTS

### Important Year 8 Booklist Information

Please note that the Year 8 booklist has a subject called Material Design and Technology but no listing for Woodwork or Metalwork. The text for Materials Design (Nelson Technology Activity Manual) is the correct text for both Woodwork and Metalwork. If your son is doing both subjects, you only need to order one copy of the text. We apologise for any confusion.

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 8<sup>th</sup>**. Campion has kindly amended the due date from that published on the booklist.

*Mr Bruce Derby (Deputy Principal)*

## THE 2013 COLLEGE ANNUAL HAS ARRIVED!

Families of Year 11 and Year 12 students, who do not have younger siblings at the College, please collect their Annual from the College office. Thank you.

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

### 2014 INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS

Enrolment information booklets are now available from the PAC office or Administration and should have been returned to the PAC office **before the end of this Term**.

New students to Mazenod in 2014 who received this information in their ORIENTATION PACK, should return the enrolment form by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** by email, fax or post.

## YOUNG VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU!



A very big thank you for all the wonderful donations from our Mazenod Community. Once again we are humbled by your generosity of spirit, and I am sure that these donations will help to bring a little cheer to those in the community who are struggling at this time. Merry Christmas to you all and we hope you have a wonderful summer vacation.

*Young Vinnies*

### “200 CLUB” RUNNING GROUP

#### *Congratulations*

to all the dedicated members of the “200 Club”. It was great to see the continual improvement amongst the group over the course of the year. A special mention to the following boys who tallied up **over 200km** for the year: **Callum Smith, Connor Powell-Casey, Jack Amos and Thomas Amos.**

In 2014, the “200 Club” will start in week 2 and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.15am. Please meet on the gym steps. We cater for all levels of fitness and it will be a great way to get fit for the winter sports seasons, or just have a morning run with your mates. A permission slip can be downloaded from the Mazenod Sports Wiki page on the HPE page.

**Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport**

## CANTEEN THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all volunteer staff and students for a great year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2013.

**Canteen Team**

## P & F ASSOCIATION NEWS

2013 has been another successful year for the Mazenod P & F. This success could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the many parents, friends and staff here at Mazenod. Thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way this year, contributing to the smooth running of the P & F.

With continued support and endeavour we can achieve even greater success in 2014 and beyond.



I encourage each and every one of you to consider joining the Mazenod P & F next year. Our first P & F meeting of the 2014 year will be held in the College boardroom on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

At this meeting we will be discussing a range of issues for the new school year. We will also be voting on the decision whether or not join the Parents and Friends Federation WA (PFFWA) for the 2014 school year.

The PFFWA is the peak parent representative body for parents of children in Catholic schools throughout the state. Through their affiliation with Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) and the Australian Parents Council (APC), parents in Catholic schools also have representation at the Federal level of government. To find out more information about the PFFWA and to view the recent CSPA media release regarding funding for 2014 and beyond, please visit their website at <http://pff.wa.edu.au> For a more detailed update of the work completed in 2013 and their focus for 2014 please go to <http://pff.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/>

The Mazenod P & F committee has made the decision over the past several years to not be affiliated with the PFFWA.

If you would like to take part in the discussion regarding our possible affiliation for 2014, please come along to the next P & F meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

### BHPBILLITON ‘MATCHED GIVING’

The Mazenod College P & F Association is a registered body eligible to receive ‘*Matched Giving*’ donations from BHPBilliton. Employees of BHPBilliton can participate and lodge a claim for dollars raised as part of fundraising for the P & F as well as for any volunteer hours given. The annual P & F voluntary contribution can be claimed as well as raffle ticket sales etc. Examples of volunteer hours might include events such as our Welcome BBQ, the Annual Art Show, sporting coach or in the canteen. BHPBilliton will match funds raised or donated at a rate of “2 for 1” and pay \$20.00 per hour to the P & F for volunteer hours given. If you are a BHPBilliton employee please contact me for further details relating to how you can utilise this very generous program to benefit the Mazenod P&F.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled holiday period and Seasons Greetings for a very Happy and Holy Christmas. See you all in the New Year!

**Janine Fisher – President** [fishnets@westnet.com.au](mailto:fishnets@westnet.com.au) Ph: 9291 0258

## MAZENOD BASKETBALL – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2014

- We are now registering basketball players for February 2014
- Registration forms are available online, at the school office or at the P.E. department.
- Completed registration forms and full payment of **\$70 as well as signed Code of Conduct** will be required on or before **Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. NO PAY = NO PLAY
- Uniforms are now compulsory for Years 9-12 at a cost of \$80 (personalised jerseys and shorts that are yours to keep).
- Uniform order forms are available online.
- Order form and payment are due by **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**
- Basketball singlets are provided to Years 7 and 8 only.
- A \$50 refundable bond is required.



**Mazenod Basketball Committee**

## UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES FOR 2014

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| Thursday January 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8am-4pm  |
| Thursday January 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8am-4pm  |
| Monday February 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 2pm-7pm  |
| Tuesday February 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8am-10am |

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

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

## SEMESTER TWO YEAR NINE OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXCURSION

Students in the Semester Two Year Nine Outdoor Education classes travelled to Cottesloe Beach on Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> for a day of fishing and cycling along the coastal cyclepath.



Nikolas Edmonds (facing) & Scott Bishop discuss their catch – blowfish.



Dyllan Shaw shows off his catch.



L-R: Bevan Van Der Merwe, Michael Ashworth, Lachlan Beeken & Callum Smith

*On behalf of all at Mazenod, we wish you a very safe,  
Happy and Holy Christmas.*



*May the Love and Peace which is Christmas  
be with you throughout the year.*



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



Darlington & Helena Valley  
p 9252 0209  
e lolivers@bigpond.com  
www.loliverstennis.com.au

**School Holiday  
Tennis Clinic!!!**

**2-4 or 4-6pm  
for the week  
13-17 January**

**For ages  
6-16**

**Heaps of Fun  
Games  
&  
Prizes!**

**Classes for  
all levels.  
Beginners  
welcome!**

**Enrol  
Now!**

**Afternoons  
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Darlington  
Tennis  
Club**

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**The Jane Brook Community Association**  
Proudly Presents  
**Carols in the Park**  
**Saturday December 7-from 5pm**

St Brigid's/Mazenod Combined Choir  
Santa  
Great Food

Free Kids Entertainment:  
Bouncy Castle  
Face Painting  
Balloon Artist  
The Choir begins at sunset (7.15pm)

**Fantastic Raffle Prizes and Members Draw**  
Huntsman Park—Cnr Huntsman Tce & Clifford Way,  
Jane Brook



## Carols in the Park Jane Brook

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The Jane Brook Community Association has teamed up with The *St Brigid's Musical Combined Choir* to present *Carols in the Park - Saturday, December 7*. In its third year, the carols offer something for all ages. ¶

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Kids Entertainment begins at 5pm and includes face painting, balloon artist, bouncy castle and a visit from SANTA. There will also be a sausage sizzle, coffee vendor, ice cream van and more to keep hungry tummies away. Or if you prefer, bring along your picnic and enjoy the sunset on your rug or chair. ¶

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Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket (or two) to be in the draw to win a great prize. When the Choir begins at sunset turn on your LED Candle, open up your carols booklet and settle down for a great night of traditional and new Christmas songs. The songs are performed by the wonderful *St Brigid's Musical Combined Choir* and local soloists; and will guarantee to get you all singing (or humming) along. ¶

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The Jane Brook *Carols in the Park* a fantastic way to kick off the festive season. ¶

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We hope to see you all there! ¶

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Details: ¶

Jane Brook Carols in the Park ¶

Saturday December 7 ¶

Kids entertainment from 5pm ¶

Choir begins at sunset (approx. 7.15pm) ¶

Huntsman Park - Off Huntsman Tce and Clifford Way, Jane Brook ¶

For more information please email [nicole.opechowski@janebrookcommunity.com.au](mailto:nicole.opechowski@janebrookcommunity.com.au) ¶

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