



MAZENOD COLLEGE

55 GLADYS ROAD, LESMURDIE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6076

COLLEGE CONTACTS

College Office: (08) 9291 6500

Facsimile: (08) 9291 6711

Email: oblate@mazenod.wa.edu.au

Website: www.mazenod.wa.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

NEW BOARDERS (Y7 & 8) RETURN
Sunday 1 February

EXISTING BOARDERS RETURN
Monday 2 February

SCHOOL REOPENS
Tuesday 3 February

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday 6 February

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY
Monday 9 February

P & F MEETING
Tuesday 10 February

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday 12 February

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Y7/8/9)
Monday 16 February

OPENING WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
Tuesday 17 February

SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Y10/11/12)
Wednesday 18 February

P & F WELCOME BBQ
Saturday 21 February

CAMP WEEK
Mon-Wed 23-24 February

LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)
Monday 2 March

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday 5 March

YR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 5 March – 7:00pm



NEWSLETTER NO. 38

4th December 2014

Dear Parents

As we finish the school year I would like to thank you for your support of the College and what we are doing with you and your sons. Being my first year back here I am pleased to say that this is a strong community dedicated to the support and education of our boys.

I like the way the staff, both teaching and support, goes out of its way to be there for the boys, challenging them, befriending them and helping them reach their potential.

We farewell two staff members – Mrs Fiona Hassell and Mr Nik Martinskis – who are furthering their personal and professional careers. I would like to thank them for their years of generous service to our community.

The following appointments have been made for next year – Mr Daniel Jonkov (Drama, one year maternity leave replacement) Mrs Karen Griffiths (English, ongoing), Ms Michelle Otway-Melvin (Science, ongoing), Mr Tyrone Touhy (Maths/Science, ongoing), Mr Ross Websdale Health and Physical Education, ongoing), and Mrs Janet Murphy (Religious Education, ongoing).

Congratulations are in order for Mr Mal Johnson who has been awarded the John de Laeter Award by STAWA at the Future Science Conference to be held at Curtin University on Friday 5th December. This is the premier science teacher's award in WA and is only awarded in years when there is an applicant who meets the rigid criteria as assessed by an outside panel. The de Laeter Medal is one that formally recognises teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to science teaching in this State. This prestigious medal specifically recognises excellence in WA science teaching through outstanding classroom practice.

Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts as we undertake our first Mission Immersion in India. We leave for the experience on Sunday morning.

From now until after Christmas, we'll see extra lights just about everywhere—strung over trees, shrubbery, posts and poles, rooflines, and so on. I recently read the following, "Here's the prayer: when your attention is attracted to Christmas lights, pray something like, "God, may your light be present in me today." Or "Jesus, may your love in my life create light for others." Make up whatever short prayer you want. Allow that light-related phrase to be triggered whenever lights shine on you."

I wish you every blessing of the Christ-child this Christmas and hope for a peaceful New Year.

A final Christmas thought from Thomas Merton:

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than low candlelight under the rafters of a barn:

Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay, and Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.

Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)

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

ADMINISTRATION HOURS AND HOLIDAY DATES



OFFICE CLOSURES: Thursday 18th December 2014
OFFICE REOPENS: Monday 5th January 2015

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

~~~~~  
BOARDERS RETURN: NEW BOARDERS Sunday 1st February
EXISTING BOARDERS Monday 2nd February

~~~~~  
**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

## THE 2014 COLLEGE ANNUAL HAS ARRIVED!

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

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

### 2015 INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS



Enrolment forms for lessons next year need to be returned to the College by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** please. An indication of student numbers is needed now so our tutors can arrange their teaching days. If your son has not brought the paperwork home, or if you have any queries please email [greenley.anne@mazenod.wa.edu.au](mailto:greenley.anne@mazenod.wa.edu.au) or call 9291 1535.

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOTICE

### STONE COLD

If any students have an unwanted copy of the book Stone Cold by Robert Swindell, please consider donating it to English Support. Books can be left at the front office and will be gratefully received.

*Jenny Moulton and Jo McNally*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

### HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES FOR 2015

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Thursday January 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10am-6pm    |
| Wednesday January 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10am-6pm    |
| Monday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 2pm-6pm     |
| Tuesday February 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 7.30am-10am |
| Wednesday February 4 <sup>th</sup> | 12.30pm-6pm |
| Thursday February 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8am-4pm     |

**During 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## 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 2014.

*Canteen Team*

## MAZZA MUMS NOTICE

**Julie Oorschot** and **Jane Wallis** would like to thank everyone who helped in any way towards catering for the various Mazenod events during the year. Without your support, regardless how small or big, we couldn't achieve the successful results.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year and hope to have your continuing support for next year.

## LOST PROPERTY!

**TO ALL PARENTS:** There are a number of unclaimed items of school uniform, track tops, sport shirts and many pairs of runners - some near new - in Student Services to be claimed. There are also items that have been left over from previously held camps, ie beach towels, drink bottles, etc.

If you think any of these items may be your son's, please visit Student Services as soon as possible as these will be donated over the school holidays to St Vinnies.

Please note holiday office hours on page 2 of this Newsletter if you wish to go through lost property.

## COLLEGE SPORT

### SPORTING EXCELLENCE



Duncan Jones

**Duncan Jones (Y9)** has been selected to represent Western Australia at the upcoming **Australian Junior Triathlon Nationals** to be held in Queensland and Tasmania. Congratulations on a fine achievement Duncan and Good Luck!

*Mr Jake Akmens – Head of Sport*

## MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB

### HOCKEY REGISTRATION 2015

Registrations for the 2015 winter hockey season will open in early January. Please ensure that completed forms and payment are returned as soon as possible and no later than registration day on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. Forms will be on the Mazenod website.

The annual Mazenod College Hockey Club Day will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 3-6pm at Perth Hockey Stadium in Bentley. More details to follow in the February Newsletters.

Any queries, please contact the Club President, Peter Bewick on [peter@bewick.org](mailto:peter@bewick.org)

You can support the Oblate Mission in China and Indonesia by purchasing a card from Mrs Lil Disisto at the College Reception or call on 9291 6500.

# 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 the MAMI Christmas Gift Cards; 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 six 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.



go to  
[www.oblates.com.au/mami](http://www.oblates.com.au/mami)  
to order

*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)**  
for a student at a technical school in Java, Indonesia. The students who receive your gift will benefit not only at Christmas but throughout the year and for many years to come as they will be given the 20-piece tool box to take with them when graduating to help them in their trade.



**Make a donation to purchase books and educational equipment (\$25)**  
for students in an Oblate school. This will help to purchase a desk to create a comfortable environment and a positive learning experience for many students in India.



**Support our Chooks (\$10) or Goats (\$35)**  
scholarship program. This donation will help to purchase either a goat or four chickens to assist a poor family in Java. The family that receives your gift will benefit not only at Christmas but throughout the year, and for many years. It will enable them to grow food for themselves and for sale, so they can raise funds to educate their children.



**Purchase a Bike (\$30)**  
Your gift will purchase a bicycle to assist a young person in India to get to School and home again. The Oblates care for 1000 children in several different schools in some of the poorest areas of India.



**Sponsor a Desk (\$40)**  
for students in an Oblate school. This will help to purchase a desk to create a comfortable environment and a positive learning experience for many students in India.



To find out more about the projects supported by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate go to [www.oblates.com.au/mami](http://www.oblates.com.au/mami)

*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.*