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 Martinakis – 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 Griffths (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)
ADMINISTRATION HOURS AND HOLIDAY DATES

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

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

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

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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 12th 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 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

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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.
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

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

Mr Jake Akmens – Head of Sport

MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB

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 14th February 2015. Forms will be on the Mazenod website.

The annual Mazenod College Hockey Club Day will be held on Sunday 22nd 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
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.