Dear Parents

We have now entered the Holy Season of Advent, that time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. I came across the following in the Iona College, Brisbane, Newsletter:

*The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can or should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us, as one of us, gives us reason to live in hope, that light can shatter the darkness and that we are never alone or abandoned in the sight of God.*

As we finish school this week, I would like to thank you for your support of the College and for volunteering your help in so many areas of the College. A community such as ours relies on everyone playing their part and contributing where possible. I thank you for this.

At this stage two members of staff are finishing at the College – Ms Angela Reale will be moving to Aquinas College and Mr Daniel Jonkov will be moving into theatre. I wish them well and thank them for their contribution to the College.

I am pleased to say that the College Strategic Vision and Plan will be launched early next year. As well we have begun the development of a Masterplan for the College which will help guide us for the future development of the College. Work will begin on the renovation of the Year 7/8 building and relocation of the I.T. office in January next year. Although that part of the College will be a building site for much of the year, the development is most welcomed.

This is also my final Newsletter. After 32 years ministry in schools, and 20 of those as Rector, I have many mixed feelings as I move into the ministry of being Provincial of the Oblates. I have always enjoyed working in schools, meeting so many people and helping young men grow. I have been inspired by the colleagues I have worked with, especially those who have seen teaching as more than just a job. I would like to thank Mrs Lyn McDonald my assistant, and the College Leadership Team for their loyalty, professionalism and friendship. I look forward to visiting the College in the next few years. I know that you will support Mr John Payne as he leads the College in its Jubilee year.

On Monday we welcomed Fr Jude Angelo Amirthanayagam OMI to the College community. Fr Jude, born in 1965 is from the province of Colombo. He has been an Oblate for 22 years and a Priest for 17 years. Apart from his priestly studies, Fr Jude is qualified in education (teaching English). Fr Jude is here for some years to work and study and will live at the College.

A final thought:

*In* *A Way to Love,* Anthony de Mello states that to love “means to see a person, a thing, a situation, as it really is and not as you imagine it to be, and to give it the response it deserves. You cannot love what you do not even see. … And what prevents you from seeing? Your concepts, your categories, your prejudices and projections, your needs and attachments, the labels you have drawn from your conditioning and from past experiences. Seeing is the most arduous thing that a human being can undertake. For it calls for a disciplined, alert mind, whereas most people would much rather lapse into mental laziness than take the trouble to see each person and thing anew in present-moment freshness.”

*Fr Peter Daly OMI (Rector)*

"Learn what you are in the eyes of God."
THE 2015 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.

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 2015.

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.

McCarthy Library extends its sincere thanks to the students, parents and teachers who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. Over a period of 4 days we sold approximately $2,000 worth of books and other items. Profit from the Book Fair has enabled McCarthy Library to donate many books to the Footpath Library which will gift them to homeless children. The raffle was drawn by a Mrs Slater and we congratulate Mrs. Maria Pagotto who received $60 worth of complimentary books from Scholastic. We also thank Scholastic for their support of the Fair and their generous donation to the Footpath Library.

Mrs Penny Worthington - Head of Library
Mazenod College has been fundraising for The Footpath Library since 2014. Today’s journey to deliver books and bookcases, just in time for Christmas, began at the start of the year. Ms Knox, HOD of English, initiated a house competition with points allocated for books donated. Bookcases, built by Mazenod students, were placed in 20 classrooms and the Mazenod spirit did the rest.

"Heartfelt thanks to Mazenod College for your wonderful support of the Footpath Library. Your dedication over the past 12 months has enabled us to continue to help the homeless and those in need. Your fundraising donation of cash helps support the work we do. Your donation of 12 cartons of books will go to the homeless and less fortunate in our society, including children, many of who will be spending this Christmas holiday season in shelters. Your very generous donation of 20 bookcases will be placed with agencies who distribute the books directly to those in need. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of spirit shown by the Mazenod College community and appreciate the wonderful work done by the students and staff this year. Thank you."

Mrs Kris Williams – Footpath Library

BOOKCASES BUILT BY YEAR 10 WOODWORK STUDENTS

The Year 10 Woodwork students at Mazenod College built 20 bookcases this year. Mr Scarfone and Mr Hemley’s students made a contemporary design that allows for different sized books. As part of their construction certificate Mr Thompson’s students built bookcases in a traditional style using carcase construction. All of the bookcases are made using pine, with some students choosing to stain their final product and laser engrave the Mazenod and Footpath Library’s logos on the side panels. The student’s attitude to using their workshop time to construct the bookcases to help those less fortunate was amazing and they should be proud of what they have achieved.

Mr Beau Hemley – Head of Year 11/ Design & Technology

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

From November 20–27, three Mazenod students went to Adelaide to compete at the Pacific School Games, as part of the School Sports WA team. The Pacific Games had approximately 4000 competitors from the other Australian states as well as Fiji, India and China. The students involved were Michael Verran (Y11), Kyle Murray (Y10) and Christopher Verran (Y7). All students represented the College fantastically well with all boys achieving personal bests in the majority of their races. Congratulations and well done!
The 2016 MAZENOD HOCKEY REGISTRATION will be on Saturday 20 February. All current families will have forms emailed to them in January.
We wish you all a very, Merry Christmas and a hockey New Year.

Peter Bewick - President.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES FOR 2016

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Maechell and Helen – Uniform Shop Coordinators

LOST PROPERTY!

TO ALL PARENTS: There are a number of unclaimed items of school uniform – jumpers, track tops, sport shirts, school shoes, footy boots and runners - some near new - in Student Services to be claimed.

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 in the Newsletter above if you wish to go through lost property.

PARENTS and FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you!

As the year races ahead at its frenzied festival pace, on behalf of the Mazenod community, I would like to thank the hard work, dedication and great attitude of all the volunteers, coaches, managers, art hangers, raffle sellers, raffle organizers, committee members, helpers, assistants, and every parent and friend for making 2015 a great year. We are indebted to Helen Keogh for her tireless effort as president of the Parents and Friends Committee. Through her leadership we have enriched the College experience for our boys, we have built a community, and made friends.

Thank you for a great year, and look forward to working with you in 2016.

Tony Checker – President

Thank you!
2016 INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS

Enrolment forms for lessons next year need to be returned to the College by **Friday 11 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.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The new undercroft was given a sonic workout last Friday as combatants came together for the final of Battle of the Bands. The event opened with a guest performance from Year 11s, **Zachary Robinson** (from last year’s winners, Legendary Gents) and **Lan Johansen**. The crowd were treated to an unprecedented level of variety and skill level and all performers should be extremely proud of their efforts. In the end there could be only 1 winner, and the 2015 Battle of the Bands champion is Year 9 band, **No Signal** led by front man, **Jacob Donovan-Sinclair**. A big thank you to all who assisted in the running of the event.

*Mr Sam Graham – Music Teacher*
Zachary Robinson and Lan Johannsen warm up the crowd

Jordan Boase and Anthony Bulich from Year 10 Band Out of Stock perform the INXS classic, “Never Tear Us Apart”

Eventual winners No Signal nailed the Elvis classic, “Hound Dog”

MC Pabst was a crowd favourite with his unique rap/scratching style
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.
Mazenod College 50\textsuperscript{th} Jubilee

During 2016 Mazenod College will be celebrating its 50\textsuperscript{th} Jubilee with many events being held throughout the year to mark this special milestone.

\textit{Dinner under the Stars} will be held on \textbf{March 19} and this special evening will mark the beginning of a year filled with many memorable occasions.

On \textbf{Saturday, 7 May}, the \textit{Mazenod Old Boys Jubilee Dinner} will take place and we ask that you pass the word around so that many Old Boys from across the 50 years of the College are in attendance.

Notice of all 50\textsuperscript{th} Jubilee events will be published in the Newsletter and on the College website.

We look forward to having past and present members of the College community come together to celebrate the Mazenod College Jubilee.

\textbf{Mazenod Under the Stars}

\textit{Join us in celebrating Mazenod College's 50\textsuperscript{th} Jubilee}

\textbf{On Saturday, the 19th of March 2016 for a formal dinner at Mazenod College}

This event will be a very special occasion in the history of the College, so please mark this date in your calendar.

Formal invitations for the purchase of tickets will be circulated to the Mazenod Community in January.