Dear Parents

As this is final newsletter for 2016, I wish to acknowledge that this has been a very special year in the life of the College, celebrating our Jubilee year or 50 years of Oblate education here at Mazenod College. 2016 has been a year of celebration, a year of reflection on our history and heritage, a year of thanks giving for the community that we belong to and remembering the charism of Eugene de Mazenod that has brought us together to share in this great Mazenod community.

2016 has also represented the bicentennial celebrations of the Oblates. 200 years ago, Eugene de Mazenod formed the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We are most fortunate to have three Oblates as part of our College community and we have also benefitted from visits by Australian based Oblates as well welcoming Oblates from missions in China and Sri Lanka. The presence of the Oblates is extremely important so we may more fully understand the life of St Eugene de Mazenod and the reasons for the formation of the Oblates 200 years ago.

There have been many wonderful events this year including the Gala dinner, the Old Boys reunion dinner, the music festival where we were joined by staff and students from our brother schools, the community Mass and finally the 50th anniversary photograph. Not that we should need special occasions to remember our heritage, but it has been a pertinent time to reflect on the blessings that we share by having the opportunity to be educated and to work at Mazenod.

As we have held anniversary events this year, we have taken time to reflect and imagine the difficulties that the founding fathers must have experienced in establishing the College 50 years ago. The lack of resources, the back breaking work to clear the land and to develop infrastructure, the struggles to acquire the finances for development and the energy needed to attract students to build a school. When we reflect on those struggles and pay respect to the pioneers of the College in some way, the fundamentals for a good school are the same. Students willing to learn, excellent teachers in the classroom, supportive parents and values that encompass the community. It is these fundamentals that connect us today to the beginnings of the College in 1966. From those early days, from those humble days, we are now a flourishing community of 850 students including 118 boarders, 68 teaching staff and 48 non-teaching staff.

We are a thriving community known for academic excellence, for excellence in sport and the arts and, importantly, known as a College that fosters the growth of boys into fine Christian men living the values of Eugene de Mazenod of respect, dignity, charity, community and excellence. Built around these values is the encouragement to ‘leave nothing undared’ for the Kingdom of God. We remember that Mazenod College is not only a place of excellence, it is a place of service to others, a place of compassion. It must be a place where every member of the community feels welcome and respected.

As we move forward, and launch into the next 50 years of the College we welcome to Mazenod, Mr Andrew Watson who has been appointed as the ongoing Principal. He brings with him a wealth of experience from a variety of schools and educational settings. He has a love for boys’ education and experience of working in a Boarding community. The future is certainly exciting with Mr Watson’s appointment. As a community, our challenge together is to go from a great school to an even greater school. What an exciting quest! It will require a lot of work, collaboration, communication, transparency, accountability and professional excellence. And while we do this, we keep at the forefront Eugene de Mazenod’s core values of dignity, excellence, courage and passion, community and charity.

We pray that each person of the Mazenod community has a happy Christmas and brings that happiness to family, friends and all we meet. May the message of Christmas be a sign in our world of justice, joy, love and the friendship of God among us.

Finally, a reflection; At Eugene de Mazenod’s canonisation in December 1995, Pope John Paul II said of him: “His influence is not limited to the age in which he lived but continues its effect on our time… What Saint Eugene wanted to achieve was that, in Christ, each individual could become a fully complete person, an authentic Christian, a credible saint. The Church gives us this great Bishop and Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as an example of heroic faith, hope and charity.”

Mr John Payne (Principal)

“Learn what you are in the eyes of God.”
STAFF MOVEMENTS

As the year draws to a close, we farewell staff who are leaving the College and welcome new staff who will join us in 2017.

Two staff are retiring at the end of the year, Mrs Karen Griffiths and Mr Geoff Lewis. Mrs Griffiths came to Mazenod in 2014 as a very experienced teacher and has had a profound impact on the College through her wisdom, passion for English and unwavering belief in her students’ ability to achieve their potential. Mr Geoff Lewis has made many valuable contributions to the College in his twenty years here in the role of Head of Boarding and as a teacher of Mathematics and Science. He will leave a lasting legacy in the Boarding community and in Mazenod as a whole. We wish them both all the best in their retirement and thank them sincerely for all they have done for the College.

Mrs Cahill and Mr Perrin are taking extended leave in 2017 and Mrs Wellman will be taking maternity leave. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them return in 2018. We farewell Miss Leah Stone who has been at Mazenod for the past semester as long service leave replacement. Miss Stone will take up an appointment at Bunbury Catholic College and we wish her well in her future endeavours. We also farewell Fr Jude who has been with us for the year and will move to the Fremantle Parish where he will be able to complete his Master of Education. Thank you to Fr Jude for everything that you have done for the Mazenod and Oblate community.

We also welcome several new staff in 2017. Fr Asad Gill from Mazenod Victoria has been appointed as Chaplain to the Boarding community. Mr Rylan Cannell will be a new Maths and Science teacher, Mr Tom Voakes will teach Religious Education and Ms Jessica Hewett will teach English. In addition to these staff, we also have temporary appointments for Mr Luke Reilly in HASS, Mr Grant Black in D&T and Mrs Erin O’Neill in IT. We are sure that these staff will be valuable additions to the College and hope they feel very welcome.

ADMINISTRATION HOURS

**OFFICE CLOSED:**  Friday 9 December from 12:00pm

**REOPENS:**  Monday 12 December

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**OFFICE CLOSED:**  Thursday 22 December 2016

**OFFICE REOPENS:**  Monday 9 January 2017

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**OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS:**  8:30am to 3:30pm

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50th ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

As part of the College’s golden jubilee celebrations a time capsule has been created to be opened on the 75th anniversary in 2041. Founding Rector Father Don Hughes OMI blessed and sealed the time capsule at the last school assembly on Friday 2nd of December.

The capsule is an aluminum box with an engraved commemorative plaque 50th Anniversary logo and it will be stored in the College archive in the main administration building.

Students were invited to personally contribute by writing about a memorable moment during the year, or what they want to be when they grow up, and how they plan to make the world a better place, or to write a legacy letter or a message to future students. Artwork was also welcome. Other items included were hard copy and digital copies of College Annual 2016, photographs of school events, signed class photographs, programmes, tickets and menus from the 50th anniversary and performing arts events, a newspaper from the 14th February 2016, 2016 coin and stamp sets and uniform items. There are also some surprises.

Thank you to all the students and teachers who contributed. It should be a thrill when it is opened in 2041.

David Hiatt (class of 1975) Teacher, Humanities and Social Sciences
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 2017. **Canteen Team**

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**MAZZA MUMS NOTICE**

Julie Oorschot, Jane Wallis and Ann Bond 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.

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**MAZENOD COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**THANK – YOU**

Wow, what an amazing year we have had during 2016. As we prepare for Christmas and the summer break, on behalf of the Mazenod community, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication of all our volunteers, coaches, managers, raffle sellers, everyone in involved in the art exhibition and every parent and friend for ensuring 2016 was another great year. Thank you to John and the school leadership team for their inclusiveness and support of the P&F during the year, it was truly appreciated. Thank you to Tony Checker for his great leadership as our President during 2016. Through Tony’s enthusiasm we have continued to enrich the College experience for our boys, increased our community and made new friends. Thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to working with you all in 2017. We wish everyone a safe and Holy Christmas.

Joel Nevin - President

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**NEWS FROM THE McCarthy LIBRARY**

McCarthy Library is pleased to announce the launch of its Wheelers eBook Platform in time for the summer holidays. All staff and students have access to over 1,000 digital books from school and home. Access is easy and logon is as follows:

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Titles will automatically be returned to the library after 14 days. Maximum loans at any one time = 2 titles.

**Enjoy your summer reading and we look forward to feedback in 2017!!!**

Penny Worthington, Head of Library
UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop’s last day for sales is **1 December 2016, 8am to 4pm.** Beat the January rush and be prepared for 2017. Please come and visit us in the Uniform Shop for all your uniform needs.

*Holiday Opening Date and Times:*
  - Monday 30 January 8am - 4pm
  - Tuesday 31 January 8am – 4pm

*Maechell, Helen and Jackie – Uniform Shop Coordinators*

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

2017 INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS

Enrolment forms for lessons next year need to be returned to the College by **Friday 9 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 undercroft was given a sonic workout last Friday as combatants came together for the final of Battle of the Bands. The crowd was 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 2016 Battle of the Bands champion is Bresdog (their commitment to 7.30am Thursday rehearsals paid off!) led by front man Zac Cave.

A big thank you to all the bands who took part in the battle and to those who assisted in the running of the event.

*Mr Sam Graham – Music Teacher*
Mazenod Basketball Club News

The Mazenod Basketball Club Committee would like to thank Mazenod College Staff and Parents for your generous support this year. We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all for the new basketball season in February 2017!

2017 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION & UNIFORM ORDERS.

REGISTER NOW for the Semester 1, 2017 basketball season.
PAYMENTS may be made at a later date, but no later than Week 1, Term 1.
All 2017 Year 8 and 9 students require the new reversible uniform.
Registration and uniform order FORMS can be found on the college webpage, or simply follow this link:

Please Help Build our Basketball Club for our Boys!
22 teams, 178 players and growing fast!
The Mazenod Basketball Club Committee are in need of a Secretary & Uniform/Property Manager. We are a great group of fun parents who are doing our best to build the Club for all of our boys!
We need your support. If you can fill one of these positions or can help out in any way, please contact the President, Michael Davey at bball.president@mazenod.wa.edu.au

FINALS CAMPAIGNS
Congratulations to the 10 teams who made it into Finals and a big call out to those four teams who played in Grand Finals:
Year 7 Bullets; Year 8 Alley Cats; Year 8 Pacers; Year 11 Celtics

Our next Committee meeting will be held in the College Boardroom (Admin Building) on Tuesday 6 December, at 7pm.

Please come along!

Judy Houlihan – Communications Manager
Registrations for 2017 Football Season have officially opened. If you are a returning member of MJFC or you have never played football before please logon 2017 Registrations and complete the online registration form. If you are a new member having played football previously for another club please email our Club Registrar, Jody Ebsary on mjfc200@gmail.com and she will email you the Transfer Form with further instructions. Alternatively, the Transfer form can be found at the end of this Newsletter for your convenience.

Membership fees for 2017 are:
- $200.00 for the first player per family.
- $150.00 for the second player per family
- $100.00 for the third and fourth player per family

If you have any registration concerns please contact Jody Ebsary on: mjfc200@gmail.com .

The MJFC committee will endeavour to provide teams with adequate squad numbers to ensure players are able to participate each week in a competitive environment. Decisions on squad numbers will be the responsibility of the committee based on the rules and guidelines determined by the WAFC Centrals Conference Competition.

Coaches for the Year 7 teams and Year 11 team are still required. If you wish to nominate or discuss the role, please contact me on the below listed number.

Looking forward to a successful 2017 season.  

Chris Hannan, President
Finding a Place: A Christmas Reflection in Word and Music
Thursday 15 December, 7pm
The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle

Join us for a beautiful evening of sacred music, readings and congregational carols to highlight the meaning of the Christmas gospel in our world today.
Come a little early to enjoy the organ recital from 6.30pm.
Catholic Mission presents this inaugural event to mark the beginning of the Christmas season in partnership with the Basilica of St Patrick and the University of Notre Dame.
Held in support of Catholic Mission’s work overseas with refugee communities and children who are affected by conflict.
Tickets: Adults $30 / Concessions $20 / 12 and under FREE
www.trybooking.com/NRVQ / Catholic Mission 9422 7933 / on the door
St Brigid’s College

Twilight Carols on the Green

Thursday December 8th

All families are invited this year’s Twilight Carols on the Green Event on Thursday December 8 on the Junior Oval, St Brigid’s College, 200 Lesmurdie Road.

Featuring

- All Junior School Classes
- Middle and Senior Choir and performers
- Special guest performer (tbc)

Food Vans serving from 5pm will be available on the oval. Concert commences 6pm. Invite along your friends and family and join us for what promises to be a beautiful evening.

Advent Reflections

Presented by: Fr Greg Donovan

Wednesday evenings during Advent
7:30pm – 8:30pm followed by a cuppa
30th Nov, 7th Dec, 14th Dec & 21st Dec 2016

Parish Hall - Holy Family Church
2 Burt St Kalamunda
Our 50th Anniversary Cookbook is available for purchase. The cookbook contains not only recipes, but photos and history of the College.

What a great cookbook to have for anybody that has attended Mazenod or been involved with the College.

Christmas is 5 weeks away, why not buy a few cookbooks for gifts at our discount price of $32.

Purchase one for a Year 12 student as a momento of the 50th Anniversary and their leaving year.

These are available through the Office at Mazenod or any enquiries please contact, Maria Panetta on 92715593/92713353 or mpanetta.mazenod.wa.edu.au

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The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in Term 1 2017!

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CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND
SDFC
Player Clearance Form

Player must complete the below section in order for the transfer to proceed. Please send the completed form to the Mazenod Junior Football Club Registrar Jody Ebsary at mailto:mjfc200@gmail.com or hand deliver to the Front Administration desk at the college.

A clearance is request for:

Name:________________________________________________________

Date of Birth:_________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________

**Transfer Details:**
Have you played football in the Perth metropolitan region?

Auskick: Yes / No
Junior / Youth: Yes / No
Transfer Required: Yes / No

FROM:____________________________Junior / Youth Football Club in the __________________District.

TO:____________________________Junior / Youth Football Club.

Financial with Current Club: Yes / No

Signature of
Player:________________________Date:________________________

Signature of
Parent:________________________Date:________________________

Parents current phone and email:________________________________________

Club Registrar Use Only:

**Player Clearance Completed On-Line**
A player clearance for________________________________________ has been granted/refused. Should the player’s clearance be refused, please attach the details of the reason/s.

Signature Club Registrar ___________________________Date__________