NEWSLETTER NO. 5

7th March 2014

Dear Parents

With the half way mark of the term already reached, it is now a good time to sit down with your son and discuss how the year has started and is he on track to achieve his goals. Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the Year 7 Information Evening on Wednesday. I encourage you to contact the teachers of your sons should you have any queries or concerns regarding his learning at the College. I know that it has been impressed upon the Year 11 and 12 students that it is too easy to let the days drift by without doing much work. They need to be on task and engaged from day one.

As we have now started Lent. One religious practice closely associated with this Holy Season is praying the Stations of the Cross. We have such stations around the walls of the Chapel and the boys will learn more about this prayerful action during their Religion classes. This type of prayer uses Scripture, reflection, movement and the imagination. It is prayer, not an intellectual exercise. It is in the context of my relationship with God.

From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. These sites became important holy connections with Jesus. Eventually, following in the footsteps of the Lord, along the way of the cross, each became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. In the 1500’s, villages all over Europe started creating “replicas” of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 stations we now know and were placed in almost every Catholic Church in the world.

Congratulations to Steve Ricci and Thomas O’Brien (Year 12) who have been selected to play for the ACC Representative Cricket Team against a Combined Government Schools Team. The game will be played at the WACA next Monday. Selection in this team is quite prestigious, as only the best cricketers from the ACC Schools try out for the team. Steve Ricci has been named as captain of the ACC team.

We have been in discussions with our architect with regard to some projects around the school which will provide shade and shelter. The first of these projects is the remodelling of the bus pick up area. Work should commence in the next few weeks. We will then provide gardens and shelter between the oval and the canteen/year 7/8 block. We will be stopping vehicles from encroaching upon gathering spaces for the boys. Both of these projects are attempts to provide a safer environment for the boys. I shudder when I see vehicles driving through the grounds, seemingly almost unaware of the surrounds.

A final thought: With time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown.

Chinese proverb

Fr Peter Daly OMI
Rector

“Learn what you are in the eyes of God.”
ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

As previously published to parents, the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) takes place on **Monday 10th March (Writing), Tuesday 11th (Reading) and Wednesday 12th (Numeracy)**. Individual letters were posted home indicating which tests students are required to sit. Please contact me with any enquiries regarding the OLNA.

**Mr John Payne - Deputy Principal**

NEW PAYMENT FACILITY

**“BPOINT”**

School fees may now be paid by using your credit card and visiting the College website and clicking on the link provided:-

www.mazenod.wa.edu.au

Go to “Enrolments” then to “BPoint” where you will need to enter your Customer Reference Number as stated on your annual statement.

All enquiries to Monica Slater on 9291 1414.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

**YEAR 8 -12 ONLY**

You may be eligible for up to $350 towards school expenses.

Do you hold a:

- Centrelink Family Healthcare Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Card, OR
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Card?

**Applications close - Friday 11th April 2014**

**SEE SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

To promote interest in Geography at Mazenod College, students from Years 7–11 will be participating in The National Geography Competition on **Thursday March 27th**. This competition is by invitation only and selected students will receive a letter in the mail congratulating them for their hard work and excellent results in S&E.

There will be a junior and senior competition which will contribute points towards the Mazenod House Trophy. Mr Kostecki will provide resources for the boys to help prepare them for the competition. Junior and senior winners will receive a prize and certificate at a whole school assembly. Hopefully our best winners, may top the state, in which case they will be rewarded with a free trip to the Geography Big Week Out – to be held later this year at a capital city yet to be determined. The best students from the Big Week out get to go on an all-expenses paid trip to the International Geography Olympiad to be held in Russia in 2015. We wish the boys fortunate enough to be involved best of luck.

The US Tour is currently being organised by our Travel Agents Ralph and Genevieve Gurr. They have just returned from a reconnaissance tour of the sites we intend to visit in the USA and preliminary reports are very positive indeed. The proposed journey will be slightly different to that we experienced in 2012 but will be exciting nevertheless. We are awaiting a response on dates to begin our next step in terms of fund raising. Once these have been finalised, we will forward a letter to parents to begin organising the logistics of the event. Many thanks to parents who contributed to fundraising via the chocolate drive late last year – it was very successful. If you have any money owing to the chocolate drive, please forward the money to the front office as soon as you can.

Finally, both lower and upper school students will by now be either completing in-class assessments or preparing written assignment work for S&E. Can parents please encourage their sons to prepare for their assessments either through study, or by working at their investigations a little at a time. Often, the boys will receive more than one assignment from the array of subjects and due dates for these can often congregate around similar dates. The students can mitigate very late nights by working at these a bit at a time.

**S&E joke of the week:**

Q. What is smarter, longitude or latitude?    A. Longitude, because it has 360 degrees.

**Mr Richard Kostecki - Head of Society & Environment**

YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING for PARENTS and STUDENTS

**Monday 17th March at 7:00pm – PAC**

All Year 12 parents and students are invited and encouraged to attend an important part of the process of preparing students for achieving success at the Year 12 level. The Year 12 parent and student information evening on **Monday 17th March** is to provide you and your son with information relevant to maximizing his chances of obtaining his preferred post schooling option.

Year 12 teachers have been asked to be present, providing the opportunity for informal interviews and up to date academic results. The main presentation will commence at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre followed by ample opportunity to discuss your son’s progress with his teachers.

There will also be a University, TAFE and careers display with representatives available to answer questions. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Mrs Anna Scanlan - Head of Year 12**
Tickets are now on sale for this Gala Variety event featuring the creative genius of our performing arts students in Art, Drama and Music. This showcase brings together the whole department in a visual and sound extravaganza that has been extremely successful since opening in 2010. As a “Cabaret” style evening with a ‘silent auction’ we are hoping to raise funds for the purchase of stage equipment for the Department.

Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend the performance, which starts at 7pm in the Mazenod College Gym. There will be a $10 entry fee for adults and $5 for students, or there is a $25 family pass (for 2 adults and 2 children). Tables are set in groups of ten so get a group together, or join another table and make some new friends!!!!

For more information please contact Performing Arts Department on 9291 1535.

INSTRUMENTAL and VOCAL LESSON ROSTERS are now on SharePoint. Please go to Performing Arts and click in Music Roster.

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Greenley on 9291 1535 or greenley.anne@mazenod.wa.edu.au

Mr Nick Allen - Head of the Visual and Performing Arts Department

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Students who wish to take part in the Sacramental Programme for Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation please give your name to Sister Frances Wilson or the front office for enrolment by:

Friday 7th March for lessons to commence on Monday, 10th March.

PLEASE NOTE: Dates when the Sacraments will be administered are:

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The times for the Sacrament of Baptism will be arranged according to students and their class.

Sister Frances Wilson – Chaplain

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

It is a requirement that all clothing offered to the Uniform Shop for re-sale must be laundered and in good condition. Blazers are to be drycleaned. Unfortunately clothing that is stained, faded and in need of repair cannot be accepted. Thank you

Maechell & Robin – Uniform Managers

JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event is on this weekend (Saturday 8th March) at Mazenod. The preliminary round robin matches commence at 12.00pm (if you would like a hit beforehand you are welcome from 11.30 onwards). These preliminary matches are tiebreak format for 15 minutes. The top 2 players from each group go through to the knockout round of the competition. Players must wear suitable tennis attire (school sports uniform is appropriate), including a hat and water bottle. Spectators are welcome. Any queries can be directed to Mr Douthie at douthie.peter@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB NEWS

Hockey training begins for all Year groups next week on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th.

- Y11/12 will train on Mondays.
- Y9/10 will train on Tuesdays, and
- Y7/8 will be training on Wednesdays.

The club training and grading day will be held on Sunday 23rd March from 4 to 6pm at Perth Hockey Stadium in Bentley. The cost is $5 per player which is to be paid on the day. Can players please arrive at 3.30pm for warm up. A sausage sizzle will follow. Please RSVP to Jane Wallis on her email: wallis.jane@bigpond.com for catering purposes by Friday 14th March.

Peter Bewick – President
LESMURDIE-MAZENOD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB NEWS

CRICKET WINDUP 2013/14

Sunday 30th March 2014
11:30am – 3pm in the Mazenod Gym
Lunch provided

Check your email for full details
Please contact Melissa Secretary.LMJCC@hotmail.com to RSVP (a must for catering purposes) or if you have any queries.

Wesley Sutton – President (Mobile: 0417 935 198)
email: President.LMJCC@hotmail.com

MAZENOD FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Please find amended TRAINING SCHEDULES below:

| Year 7 | Tuesdays & Fridays | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Mazenod College |
| Year 8 | Wednesday & Friday | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Ray Owen |
| Year 9 | Tuesday & Friday | 3:30pm – 5:15pm | Mazenod College |
| Year 10 | Tuesday & Thursday | 4:00pm – 5:30pm | Ray Owen |
| Year 11 | Friday only (1)** | 4:00pm – 5:30pm | Ray Owen |
| Year 12 | Friday only (1)** | 4:00pm – 5:30pm | Ray Owen |

** (1) As advised by coaches (in conjunction with College training)
The first games are scheduled for the weekend beginning the 4th April.

Eric Paini – President (0417 170 896)

MAZENOD P & F NEWS

MAZZA FOOTY TIPPING 2014 – DON’T DELAY…..JOIN TODAY!!!

With over 50 participants already signed up and only a week to go until the first game of the new AFL season on March 14th, it's time to join the fun and excitement of 2014 Mazza Footy Tipping

New Tippers can connect directly to our competition webpage at
http://www.footytipping.net.au/mazenod/

To join please click on the red “join” icon in the top left hand corner on the footy tipping webpage and enter the joining password of mazza14

Please then follow the prompts and enter your details as requested. The process is very straight-forward but if you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me for assistance.

The format this year remains unchanged from last season including a bonus point for a clean sweep, double points when using a wildcard and a separate free Knockout competition. A full list of the competition rules can be found on the tipping homepage

You have until the start of round three to pay the $50 joining fee which can be lodged at the front office or via direct deposit into the Mazenod bank account as listed below:

Account Name: Mazenod College
BSB: 066 112
Account Number: 00900369
Please also include your name or alias in the reference line.

*** At the time of writing this I only have five $10.00 canteen vouchers remaining from the original twenty that were on offer to the first 20 current Mazenod students who join the footy tipping competition online. Be quick if you want to secure one of these.

I look forward to welcoming you aboard. Go Pies!!

Janine Fisher - Mazza Footy Tipping Coordinator
fishnets@westnet.com.au

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MAZENOD COLLEGE
HOCKEY CLUB
COACHING AND GRADING DAY

Sunday 23rd March
3.30pm arrival
4pm to 6pm
Perth Hockey Stadium Turf (PHS),
Curtin University, Bentley
$5 per player
RSVP Friday 14 March
wallis.jane@bigpond.com

Followed by Sausage Sizzle all welcome.
Players are to bring full hockey gear.
Family Day at the Parkerville Tavern

The Mazenod Old Boys Association would like to invite all members of the Mazenod Community to the Parkerville Tavern on this Sunday 9th March 2014 from 2.00pm. Mazenod Staff Band “Class Act” will be on the outside stage.

Wear your MOB polo shirt to receive discounts on beverages.
Polo Shirts available for sale before and at the event.

info@mobwa.com.au

Jeremy Logan (87) - Mazenod Old Boys Assoc
Phone:(08) 9291 6500

www.mobwa.com.au

Mary’s Mount Primary School P&F Association

PRESENTS:

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 16 MARCH
STIRK PARK, KALAMUNDA
8AM—11AM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY:
$12 adults, $5 children or
$30 per family (2 adults & 2 children)

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:
Bacon, eggs, tomatoes, sausages, mushrooms, beans, toast, cereal and juices.

Bouncy Castles, Face painting, Tattoos, Fairy Garlands, Ice cream, Cakes and lots more...
It’s not okay to be away … nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.