Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks I have been interviewing prospective families for the entry of their sons to our College in 2016. It is always a privilege to meet people in such interviews, though of course the young men are often so nervous. My first suggestion to them is that they are allowed to breathe, and then let them know that there are no trick questions. Eventually comes the smile and at least a lessening of the nerves. We have a situation now that for this intake and those of successive years, we have more people applying than there are positions available. In past years, most applicants were accepted. Of necessity we are working through a different way of discerning who can be accepted into the College.

At this stage, interviews will be held and then a selection panel will discern those to be accepted into the College. There will be two rounds of offers for positions at the College. Please do not be put off by this. I believe that most of those applying should be given an opportunity for an interview before such an offer can take place. Unfortunately not all those applying will be offered an interview in the first instance. We will be guided by the selection criteria that have been published over the last years. While these criteria will be taken into account, they also mention that the discretion of the Rector (and now with that of the selection panel) will be final. I remind you that attendance at a Catholic school will not guarantee an interview or offer of a place, nor will attendance at a non-Catholic school mean exclusion from an interview or offer of a place.

I am more than happy to discuss this with you at any time.

I would like to remind you of a policy and practice that has been in existence since the College started – “All boys are expected to make themselves available for College functions, events and teams. This takes priority over outside functions, events and teams.”

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick, patron of the Irish. There are many wonderful stories about this saint, some of which seem to be true. What is important about this man is that he was a man of conviction and faith. His passion enabled him to witness to his faith and many came to a belief through his words and example.

Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honours responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

A final thought: “Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me” (from “The Breastplate of St. Patrick”).

Father Peter Daly OMI (Rector)
SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS
TERM 1
Fee instalments for Term 1 are due and payable by the 31st March.
Please refer to the Schedule of 2014 Fees and Charges for preferred payment methods.
If you have not yet forwarded a payment or advised us of your payment intention please contact Monica Slater, Finance Department, on 9291 1414 or slater.monica@mazenod.wa.edu.au
If genuine financial hardship is being experienced, please contact the Finance Department to arrange a confidential fee review application.

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

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

YEAR 7 NEWS
FATHERS’ AND FRIENDS’ BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2014 - 7:45am – 8:45am

The aim of the breakfast is to give fathers or significant males an opportunity to become even more involved in their son’s education.

While it is preferable for each boy’s father to attend, we appreciate that there are circumstances that may prevent this from happening. If a student’s father is unable to attend then we would suggest that a grandfather, uncle, family friend or significantly older brother attend.

The boys were given a letter to take home outlining the arrangements for the day, so please ask to see it.
I look forward to meeting everyone.

Mr Tom Floyd - Head of Year 7

2014 PERFORMING ARTS GALA VARIETY NIGHT
Next Friday, March 21st – 7:00pm

Tickets are 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
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

BLAZERS: Unfortunately we have been informed delivery of the blazers will be delayed possibly as late as the second week of the April school holidays owing to the incorrect coloured fabric being sent from Italy.

We apologise for this inconvenience. However it is essential that boys are fitted for the correct size in the next three (3) weeks. We will then be able to ask the manufacturer to give priority to making the required sizes.

Robyn and Maechell – Uniform Managers

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

DEBATING

The Western Australian Debating League competition kicked off at Aquinas this week with all Mazenod teams competing against each other in Round 1. The students representing Mazenod in this competition are:

**Novice 1:** Elliott Fourie, Gregor Tooth and Josh Harris  
**Novice 2:** Kael Fisher, Lewis Leyland, Jake Logan and Michael Murray  
**Junior 1:** Will Conti, Ben Gregory and Luke Checker  
**Junior 2:** Morgan Wade, Jess Cunnold, Josh Watson and Will Leyland

Year 10 student, Morgan Wade, has been appointed *Debating Captain* for the season. Morgan has debated in every competition we have been involved in for the past three years, showing skill, commitment and dedication to the sport.

In Round 1, the novice teams debated the proposition *that learning a second language should be required at high school*. Both teams did remarkably well, especially as it was their first time debating. The Year 8’s narrowly beat the Year 7’s.

The junior teams were arguing *that single sex schools should be banned* – a topic the boys were quite passionate about! This was a very entertaining debate with the affirmative team scoring a victory and first time speaker, Luke Checker putting his stamp firmly on the debate.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mazenod is once again entering the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition. All expressions of interest for this national competition must be submitted to Ms Moulton by next Monday, 17th March.

SPELLING BEE

Who is the BEST SPELLER IN MAZENOD? This term, all students and teachers are invited to compete against one another in the Mazenod Spelling Bee. This is a House competition running in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. Check the notices for more details.

Ms Jenny Moulton - Head of English

BOYS READ because READING MATTERS!!!!

This week begins a regular column to rally the cause for reading and to keep you up to date with what's happening in and about McCarthy Library. With a recent study indicating that approximately *44% of Australian adults have a literacy level below the minimum required for everyday life*, parents will be pleased to know that McCarthy Library and the English team have a keen interest in developing literacy skills and promoting reading.

As a teacher librarian, I know that when interesting and comprehensible books are available, young people read them, and that self-selected reading results in an increased development of literacy, including vocabulary. So.... what are we doing about it?? Our Year 7 Reading Programme has now commenced and our Year 7’s arrive into the library brimming with enthusiasm. How can boys with this attitude not learn and develop? Our reading programme it is structured in such a way that it encourages quality reading but also allows enough ‘space’ for pleasure reading. Our boys’ voluntary reading choices may not always include “the right stuff” but we feel that dedicated pleasure readers will acquire thousands of words each year through reading, far more than they could from direct instruction programmes and word games.

Here at McCarthy Library we encourage our students with all forms of reading as we feel positive that self-selected reading is the bridge between conversational and academic language. I will keep you posted with our reading challenges, programmes and events throughout the year. Currently we are planning a long table lunch with one of our favourite booksellers and our Term 2 *Friday Read*. The library is constructing a reading blog and we will alert parents when it is up and running. In the meantime, you may find the following link with hints on how to encourage reading of interest: *Books2Boys*.

Mrs Penny Worthington - Head of McCarthy Library
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the ACC Swimming Team for 2014. For many, their selection is a result of hard work at training and top performances in the House Carnival and School Swimming Championships. Congratulations also to Justin Van Nieuwburg and Liam Ashworth for their selection as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. There were a number of students who just missed out on selection, I a congratulate them for their efforts and encourage them to again push for selection next year.

The boys have all received an information letter and permission slip that needs to be returned to the gym foyer returns box ASAP. Copies can also be found on the Mazenod Sports SharePoint Page. A full program for the ACC Carnival on Wednesday 26th March can be found on the ACC Website via the following link: http://www.accsport.asn.au/carnivals/swimming

We also have a compulsory meet at St Brigid’s College on Friday 21st March after school; details of this meet are also on the information letter.

**THE TEAM:**

**Year 7**  
Joshua Pendal  
Benjamin Smith  
Giacomo Paduano  
Lleyton Jose  
Brodie Hart  
Thomas Munyard  
Jonah Hunter  
Jayden Wood  
Ashley Brockbernd  
Harrison Allan

**Year 8**  
Luke English  
Luke Della Posta  
Joseph Gilenko  
Harry Edwards  
Ryan Stevens  
Chase Manfield  
Daniel McGuckin  
Camryn Thomason  
Matthew Unicombe  
Harrison Berghuber

**Year 9**  
Reilly Kennedy  
Sydney Scholes  
Duncan Jones  
Blake Mansfield  
Samuel West  
Kyle Sermon  
Lachlan Giles  
Jordan Boase  
James Raiston

**Year 10**  
Michael Verran  
William Robinson  
Dominic Bodily  
Anthony Paini  
Arca Oxley  
Cody Eva  
Noah Roderick Smith  
Joshua Spittal  
Grant Kozma  
Scott Bishop

**Year 11**  
Jackson Govers  
Jayden Watson  
Sean Ford  
Xavier West  
Jake Vaughan  
Kayne Williams  
Joshua Brown  
Lachlan Holyoak-Roberts  
Corey Flavel  
Open

Liam Ashworth  
Justin Van Nieuwberg  
Angus Scrimgeour  
Thomas Amos  
Aidan Reed  
Blake Norrie  
Thomas O’Brien  
Mitchell Smoothy  
Blake Pearce

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**YEAR 11/12 RUGBY 7s CARNIVAL – JOHN WELBORN CUP**

The sun was shining, 36 degrees, sea breeze gently blowing and our gallant lads fighting for honor and glory. This was the setting for the Year 11/12, 7’s a side rugby competition at Cottesloe last Thursday. To win was always a tough ask with school based clubs dominating the day. However the 13 young men were well led by experienced players such as Jaydn England, Jack Weir and Angus Scrimgeour. With one win of 40 points, two losses, by 2 and 10 points, we still performed with great pride and dignity. Other coaches and umpires were all impressed with our attitude, manners and spirit, a positive outcome by all involved. Even Mr Stallard and Pavlinovich stayed calm on the side line.

Mr Tim Grabski - Head of Sport

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**CANTEEN ROSTER: 17th – 21st March 2014**

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**Problem:**
Find the smallest number that when it is divided by 5 or 7 or 8, the remainder each time is 1.

First correct entry drawn wins a prize. All entries earn points for their House.
Place your answer with your Name/Form/House in the Gold box in the student foyer

*Mr Phil Keddie – Maths Teacher*

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**JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Over the weekend saw 21 boys from Year 7 – Year 9 compete for the Junior Tennis Championships. There was lots of great tennis and all competitors are to be congratulated on the sportsmanship they showed.

The semi-finals saw Tom Oliver versus Cameron Fowler and Ashley Brockbernd versus Sam Denham-White, with Tom and Sam prevailing. Tom Oliver went onto win the final making him the Junior Champion 2 years in row. Well done Tom – a very classy performance. Thanks to all players and to all spectators for helping to make the event such a success.

The final training session for those boys wishing to make the Herbert Edwards Cup team is Tuesday 18th March, 3.30 – 4.30 pm. The Herbert Edwards Cup interschool competition is on Thursday 20th March.

**SENIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Senior tennis Championships (Yr 10, 11 and 12) will be held on the 22nd March. Registration forms are available from the office or from the PE Department. Registrations close on Wednesday 19th March. Following the championships, teams will be selected to represent the College at the interschool Slazenger Cup competition on Thursday 27th March. Any queries can be directed to Mr Douthie or Mr Grabski.

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**MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB NEWS**

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*

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**LESMURDIE-MAZENOD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

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 website: http://lmjcc.wa.cricket.com.au/*

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**MAZENOD FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

Please find attached amended Training schedules #

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(1) As advised by coaches (in conjunction with College training)

The first games are scheduled for the weekend beginning the 4th of April.

All students who are new to MJFC for 2014 are to ensure that they have completed a “Player Clearance Form” which can be found on the Mazenod College web site at <community><sporting clubs><AFL> in the downloads area.

*Eric Paini – President 0417 170 896*
On Wednesday 12th March, Year 7/8 students who were elected as student leaders for Semester One attended the annual Leadership Programme. The day is designed to provide an opportunity to develop middle school links, confidence, as well as social, team building and leadership skills.

The boys participated in a number of activities at the College followed by lunch and then we proceeded to “RockFace”, an indoor climbing centre for the afternoon.

Mr Chris Mason – Head of Year 8
Hoping to boost our numbers from the 77 tippers who have already registered for this season's competition it's not too late to join in the fun and excitement of Mazza Footy Tipping.

As the 2014 AFL season kicks off this weekend, you have until 4.40pm WST today (Fri 14/03) to join and lodge tips for round one. If you do miss the round one cut-off time we are taking late registrations right up until Friday 4th April, with late entrants allocated the average score for the rounds that they have missed.

New Tippers can connect directly to our competition webpage at http://www.footytipping.net.au/mazenod/ the joining password is mazza14

A full list of the competition rules can be found on the website.

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.

** We also have a small number remaining of the $10.00 canteen vouchers on offer to the first 20 current Mazenod students who join online, but be quick to secure one of these.

Looking 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.
Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children’s) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children’s resilience.

**Robber #1:**
Fight all their battles for them.
Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

**Resilience notion #1:** Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

**Robber #2:**
Make their problem, your problem.
Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

**Resilience notion #2:** Make their problem, their problem.

**Robber #3:**
Give kids too much voice.
In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

**Resilience notion #3:** Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

**Robber #4:**
Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform.
Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

**Resilience notion #4:** Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.

**Robber #5:**
Let kids give in too easily.
Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

**Resilience notion #5:** Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

**Robber #6:**
Neglect to develop independence.
Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

**Resilience notion #6:** Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

**Robber #7:**
Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations.
There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

**Resilience notion #7:** Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.
Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities. They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.

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SAVE THE DATE: Perth Seminar on the Role of Parents

Dr Conor Gilligan from Newcastle University will visit Perth in April and present at a public event about young people’s initiation to and consumption of alcohol, and the role of parents. This is a public event and everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr Gilligan’s work is at the forefront of research into the role of parents in delaying and reducing adolescent alcohol consumption in Australia and internationally. Her research has investigated factors that influence parental behaviours, including parental supply of alcohol to adolescents; parental perceptions of social norms and family factors influencing adolescent alcohol use. She has identified promising approaches to intervening with parents which overcome some of the limitations of current programs such as limited parental reach.

Event details: Adolescent alcohol initiation and consumption: The role of parents

Date: Wednesday 9 April, 10am-11am
Venue: Edith Cowan University,
Mt Lawley Campus
Building 18, Room 101
RSVP: Daniela Christou: d.christou@ecu.edu.au; 9370 6350.
Come on down to the Sacred Heart Community Fair on Sunday 23rd March 2014. From 11am - 3pm there will be rides, a Kidz Zone, local wares, creative stalls, a variety of entertainment, an international food court and sausage sizzle, plus much more for the family to enjoy. The Fair is located at 40 Ovens Road, Thornlie.

We hope to see you there.

Kind regards

Emma Seaman
P & F President - Sacred Heart School Thornlie