Dear Parents

During the week, the Mazenod College Literature Festival “More than Words” was held. The two days saw a series of professional writers, publishers, photographers and illustrators conduct workshops and seminars with students from all year levels. I thank Head of Department, Miss Julia Farinaccio and her English team for the organisation of such an outstanding event. I also thank the P&F for their financial support to secure some of the writers.

One of the College priorities for 2016 as part of our School Improvement Plan is to improve literacy standards of our students, specifically in the area of writing. All eight learning areas of the College were required to develop a departmental plan setting their goals for this year based on the College priorities and therefore needed to address writing as a priority. We see the improvement of literacy standards as the responsibility of the College as a whole and not just the domain of the English Department

Even though writing has been established as a priority it does not diminish our emphasis to encourage boys to read. The National Literacy Trust notes that girls continue to outpace boys in their enthusiasm for reading for pleasure. Their latest study found that nearly twice as many boys as girls said they do not enjoy reading at all. Unfortunately, too many boys seem disinterested in reading, and far too many simply never become readers at all. So through the Literature Festival and engaging our students with writers, illustrators, storytellers, publishers and booksellers, we hope to foster and promote a climate where boys engage in reading for pleasure.

Through the leadership of the English Department and our Librarian, Mrs Penny Worthington, we encourage a positive attitude of our boys towards reading non-fiction. We also promote non-traditional forms of reading that appeal to teenage boys – non-fiction books about science, how-to topics, magazines, lifelike novels, newspapers and autobiographies. Research encourages the men in teenage boys’ lives – fathers, older brothers, uncles and cousins – to share what they are reading, whether it be books, magazines or newspapers. Teenage boys need to see that men read too. Teenage boys easily lose interest in reading if the required reading topics in school do not appeal to them so the choice of texts to study as part of the English curriculum is vital.

The importance of literacy has seen state and national testing focus on student standards. Students from Years 10-12 have just recently completed the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). Students must meet the required benchmark to be eligible for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) recognising secondary graduation. Year 7 and 9 students will soon sit the NAPLAN assessments. With respect to NAPLAN data, we can often look simply at a school’s average score or the score of one student, but the focus that is most important is growth. At Mazenod, we value personal best over raw achievement and we can see this through the growth that our students achieve from Year 7 to Year 9.

For all the problems with websites such as MySchool, we understand that our community includes this in their judgement of our students’ achievement. A key measure in this data is ‘student gain’. What we have seen is that the current Year 10 students grew in their NAPLAN achievement at a level greater than the nation and greater than schools that the site considers to be similar to ours according to socioeconomic factors.

Nationally, writing achievement and growth for boys is well below that of girls and this has often been covered in the media. At Mazenod, we are pleased to report that our growth in writing has exceeded both boys and girls in every year since we admitted our first cohort of Year 7 students. This reinforces our commitment to supporting our students’ achievement of their personal best.

Tomorrow night represents one of the most significant events in the College history as we celebrate our 50th anniversary with a gala dinner. Of course the evening is even more significant as 2016 represents the bicentennial anniversary of the formation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. There will be approximately 300 attending, people including Oblates, current staff and parents, past staff and parents and friends of the College. Our sincere thanks to the numerous people who have been involved in the many hours of preparation to make the night a success. I shall provide a detailed report in the next Newsletter.
Finally a reflection on why Eugene de Mazenod become a priest -

"The sight of the cross" gave him the motivation to look at his own life and to embrace the direction and meaning that only Jesus could give him. Through the eyes of the crucified Saviour he understood the oblation of Jesus, which the cross represented. It led him to respond with the gift of his own life in oblation as a follower of Jesus. (Fr Frank Santucci OMI. Dec 1, 2015)

Mr John Payne (Principal)

Mazenod
Under the Stars
March 19, 7pm

MAZENOD UNDER THE STARS DINNER – PARKING

Please be advised parking is now available on the oval.

We thank the Mazenod Community for your wonderful support and look forward to seeing you all on the tomorrow evening.

MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS

HAVE SUM FUN COMPETITION

Last Friday night the Senior Mathematics Team attended the Have Sum Fun Competition. The team consisted of three Year 12 students: Lochlan Durie, Benjamin Skinner and Connor Simpson and three Year 11 students: Michael Bzdyl, Timothy Daines and Matthew Spanjers. The boys achieved a fantastic result, placing joint tenth out of 36 teams. I would like to thank all six students for representing the College with great distinction and their families for supporting their sons in attending this event.

This Friday we see our team of Year 7 and Year 8 students head out with Mr Donaghy and our team of Year 9 and Year 10 students with Mrs Nelson. They will each compete in the Junior Have Sum Fun Competitions. We wish them well with the confidence of knowing that they will achieve their very best.

Mrs Lynda Godfrey – Head of Mathematics

SOCIETY and ENVIRONMENT NEWS

ASX Schools Sharemarket Competition 2016 – Game One

This is a 10 week national competition run by the ASX where students are given $50,000 to invest in Australian shares using an internet account. It is a House competition but mostly Business and Society and Environment students participate. It is early days but after two weeks of trading Mazenod is off to a great start. SuperNova360, Luke Baker on $52,975 is first in Australia out of 11,973 syndicates. Mazenod has 11 syndicates in the Australian top 100 and 22 in the top 100 in Western Australia including all top 7 places.

Ranking for: WA

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Well done gentlemen but don’t count your chickens before they hatch! Good luck!

Mr David Hiatt - Business and SOSE Teacher
The second Mazenod Literature Festival took place this week and what a wonderful way it was to focus on the power of language in our world. It really is a fantastic opportunity to connect our students to the genuine stories of real-life authors and artists.

The guests at this year’s festival certainly connected with our theme, More Than Words, and encouraged both students and staff to broaden their interpretation of literature.

Carina Hoang spoke of her harrowing and powerful story of survival as a refugee from Vietnam. Her ability to speak of her experience with such bravery was not only moving, but her resilience and subsequent success after a traumatic experience was inspiring.

James Foley, a charismatic and entertaining illustrator, spoke to the Year 7s and 8s about illustration and in particular, his picture book My Dead Bunny (a disturbing tale of a zombie pet rabbit!). He also ran an illustration workshop with some lucky Year 8 students who learnt how to create emotions in their drawings of characters.

Ken Spillman, acclaimed author, spoke of the way to craft narratives into powerful stories. He read his picture book The Circle which demonstrated how seemingly simple stories can be interpreted in many complex ways.

Matsu, a local photographer, spoke about the importance of constructing powerful images in music photography, music video and landscape photography. He shared some inspirational ideas on the ways to construct powerful images through the use of lighting and composition and he showed how much care, detail and passion it takes to create a powerful image.

Vivienne Glance, who worked with the 10 Extended English and Literature students, workshopped the ways that we can adapt a text from the page to the stage. She explored the differences between play scripts and film scripts and the way that dialogue can be used to move action.

The lower school Book Treasure hunt was a huge success! There were over 40 books hidden in sneaky spots around the school with the Mazenod Literature Festival Logo on them. Congratulations to the senior school. Extremely Short Story Competition closes today.

I would like to thank the English staff for assisting in creating and running this school-wide event. It is fantastic to work with a group of professionals who are truly passionate about engaging boys in English education.

Miss Julia Farinaccio – Head of English
UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS
Address, Phone and Email Address
Please ensure all contact details are kept updated with the College, especially email addresses as this is our main source of communication. If you are not receiving emails, please inform us immediately.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION
URGENT REMINDERS:
- Only three weeks until the end of term, beat the crowds, come in now for your winter uniform. Blazer and trousers are compulsory for Terms 2 and 3.
- Football season is now here! Football socks and shorts are now in stock.
- Holiday Hours: Thursday 21 April 8am to 4pm and Tuesday 26 April 10am to 6pm.

Helen and Maechell – Uniform Shop Coordinators (9291 1560)

MAZENOD PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS
MAZENOD COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

After 6 months of hard work, the Mazenod College 50th Anniversary Cookbook has finally gone to print. The cookbook is full of fantastic recipes (sample below), such as Nonna Nina’s Granita, Irish Soda Bread, No Fail Sponge Cake, Spinach & Feta Slice, Dust on the Road Slice, Roast Vegetable Salad, Darwin Dip, Brinjal Pickle and many more. The cookbook also has wonderful photos from the across the 50 years as we celebrate this milestone. The book will be available early April and if you are interested in ordering one, two or more copies, please fill in the attached order form on page 7 and send to pagotto.maria@mazenod.wa.edu.au or the College front office.

Shannon Wasmann Family
Tristan graduated in 2015. We are from Kalgoorlie. This is our favourite recipe for authentic Canadian pancakes. I am from Canada and this recipe is the most requested food in our house, breakfast, lunch or dinner. Enjoy this Canadian recipe from Tristan’s heritage.

Tony Checker – P & F President
MAZENOD THROUGH TO SEMI FINALS OF 20/20 COMPETITION

The quarter final of the Graeme Wood Shield 20/20 cricket competition saw Mazenod take on regular foe Kent Street SHS. The same fixture was lost by Mazenod in 2015, so the team were keen to square the ledger.

Batting first, it was again Adam Disisto (52 runs from 42 balls) who got the team off to a great start. He was well supported by Grant Kozma (28) and Liam Hindle (15), who battled hard against a strong attack. Mazenod finished with a respectable but not outstanding total of 5 for 120 from their 20 overs.

The team has bowled well throughout the competition, and again it was Daniel Clare (1 for 12) and Jaxon Butler (1 for 18) who took crucial early wickets. Kent Street was 2 for 1 after 2 overs! Lane Sedgwick (2 for 11), Ethan Carrington (1 for 7), Adam Disisto (2 for 8) and Thomas Bennier (2 for 6) all chipped in and bowled to the team plan. Kent Street was dismissed for 90 runs and Mazenod claimed victory! Another highlight was the fielding, with Daniel Clare taking 3 catches in the deep.

The team now plays in the semi-final on Wednesday 23 March at Peet Park in Kewdale starting at 9am. If they are successful, the Grand Final will also be played on the 23 March in the afternoon starting at approximately 1:00pm.

Well done to all the players and good luck in the finals!

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Department (Health & Physical Education)

SPORTING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Stervaggi (Y8) who performed really well at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships (Nationals). He won Gold in the U14 boys 400m and won Gold in the U14 boys 800m.

Paul also came 5th in the 1500m and 6th in Javelin. An amazing effort, well done Paul!

Mr Jake Akmens – Sports Coordinator

MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 11 boys “Mazza Magic” team – Anthony Bulich, Alex Glover, Lachlan Willix, Luke Checker, Isaac Charles, Daniel Heyward, Timothy Wallis, Joe Charles (Y10) and Tom Hargreaves (Lumen Christi student) for winning their U17 night hockey grand final (6-0) on Wednesday night in Mundaring.

MORE PLAYERS NEEDED!

The club is still seeking more players as we have two teams for each age group to fill. We will accept any boy interested in playing even if they have never picked up a stick before. For more information contact Peter Bewick or go see Mr Worth or Mr Pavlinovich at the College.

If you have forgotten to send in your registration form, would you please get them in this week. For those who registered but not paid, could you do so ASAP.

Training has begun for all age groups:

- **Year 7/8**
  - Currently Tuesday afternoon 3.30 to 4.30pm.
  - **Please Note:** As from March 23, this group will train on a Wednesday 3:30 to 4:30pm.

- **Year 9/10**
  - Mr Worth is running the training on Tuesday afternoons 3:30 to 4:30pm.

- **Year 11/12**
  - Wednesday afternoons 3:30 to 4:30pm

Our annual club day at Perth Hockey stadium is this Sunday March 20. For catering purposes, we need numbers of all those attending (not just players). [See flyer over page](#). We will be having a couple of top level players assist with skills training on the day.

Any queries may be directed to me: [peter@bewick.org](mailto:peter@bewick.org)

Peter Bewick – President
MAZENOD COLLEGE
HOCKEY CLUB
COACHING
AND
GRADING DAY

SUNDAY, 20 MARCH
2:30pm arrival
3pm to 5pm
Perth Hockey Stadium Turf (PHS)
Curtin University, Bentley
$10 per player
RSVP Friday 11 March
wallis.jane@bigpond.com

MAZENOD OLD BOYS FOOTY TIPPING NEWS

The start of the 2016 AFL Season is only 6 days away and this is your last chance to participate in the 2016 Mazenod Old Boys Association Footy Tipping Competition.

- The season starts with the traditional Easter Thursday clash between Carlton and Richmond, hard to see anything other than a Richmond win here.
- Melbourne v GWS is the first of four games on Saturday. While Melbourne was undefeated in the pre-season they’ll find GWS a much tougher proposition.
- Gold Coast v Essendon – Essendon might win a couple of games this year, but this won’t be one of them.
- Sydney v Collingwood – Two sides going into the season with high hopes, home ground advantage might prove decisive.
- North Melbourne v Adelaide – Again not much separating the sides here, how much will the Crows miss Patrick Dangerfield?
- Western Bulldogs v Fremantle – A tough first up game for the Dockers, but hopefully they will get the four points.
- Port Adelaide v Saint Kilda – Hard to go past Port in this one;
- Eagles v Brisbane – The Eagles should get their 2016 season off to a winning start;
- Geelong v Hawthorn on Easter Monday finishes off the first round. Should be a classic encounter but Hawthorn’s class should get them through.

For further information see and payment details.

Sean Cameron – Mazenod Old Boys Committee

END OF SEASON PRIZES:
1st Prize - $1,000.00
2nd Prize - $400.00
3rd Prize - $200.00

WEEKLY PRIZES
Rounds 1 - 23: Weekly Prize - $50.00

If you participated in 2015, please log on www.footytips.com.au as you did last year.
- If you have forgotten your Username, please email help@tippingsupport.com; or
- If you have forgotten your Password, please click on the Forgotten Password Link.

If you are not registered yet, please email Sean Cameron sean.cameron@treasury.wa.gov.au or Basil Conti basilconti@finance.wa.gov.au for instructions.

***SPECIAL OFFER TO CURRENT MAZENOD STUDENTS!!!!***

All CURRENT Mazenod students who join online will earn a $10 canteen voucher, sponsored by the Mazenod Old Boys.

It would be appreciated if payment could occur before the start of the season – Thursday 24 March

Payment can be made by:
1. Direct credit to: Mazenod Old Boys Association - Commonwealth Bank
   BSB: 066112, Acc: 10394346 with your surname and first initial as reference or
2. Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) to the Mazenod front Office 9291 6500 or
3. Cheque payable to Mazenod Old Boys - Gladys Road, Lesmurdie WA 6076

Good Luck and thanks for the support.

Mazenod Old Boys Committee

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**Proud to be part of the MOB**

Entry Fee is still the same price ---- $50! Please join and pass onto your family & friends. All Welcome!!

***END OF SEASON***
MAZENOD COLLEGE
ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK
Order Form

Our 50th Anniversary Cookbook will be available for purchase soon. The cookbook contains, not only recipes, but photos & history of the College.

Only $35

Any enquiries please contact Maria Pagotto on 0430215472/92911515 or pagotto.maria@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

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Mazenod College Community Celebrating 50 years
The senior drama boys are busily rehearsing for their production of Lord of the Flies to be held in the Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 30 March to Saturday 2 April. Tickets are only $10 so book early to avoid missing these great performances.

See flyer below.

Anne Greenley - Performing Arts Administration

William Golding’s
LORD OF THE FLIES
Adapted by Nigel Williams

30th March - 2nd April, 7:00pm
Fr. Don Hughes Performing Arts Centre Mazenod College, Lesmurdie
Tickets Available from trybooking.com/KRCM
or College Administration Phone: 9291 6500
BE PART OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING.....
Mazenod Old Boys Association
presents the

MOB REUNION DINNER
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MAZENOD
1966 – 2016
BIGGEST MAZENOD OLD BOYS’ REUNION EVER HELD AT MAZENOD
Date: Saturday 7 May
Venue: Mazenod College Gymnasium
Cost: $65.00
Dress Code: Formal
Time: Event begins at 7pm
***Optional: For those interested a Mass will be held at 6pm in the Chapel and this will be followed by a tour of the College at 6.30pm

Contact person: Jeremy Logan logan.jeremy@mazenod.wa.edu.au
➢ Event is for old boys and past/present staff. Due to liquor licensing the event is 18+ only.
➢ A complimentary bus will be leaving for Burswood at 11.55pm.
➢ Refreshments & drinks will be on sale. If a special diet is required, please state this when booking your ticket.
➢ Please book early as this event will sell out. Booking close 22nd April 2016.

Tickets on sale soon!