Parents & Friends

As parents, we are involved in our sons’ College life in so many ways, ensuring they are up in the mornings to go to school, taking them to and from the sporting practices, matches, drama and music activities are just some of the areas. Where we can, we lend a hand to the Mazza Mums, canteen, uniform shop, the Chapel flowers and sporting clubs. In addition, parents and friends assist in a variety of specific events, which are more public and showcase Mazenod to the wider community. To name a few, the Welcoming BBQ, Open Day, Art Exhibition, the Mass teas. This sense of community and friendship adds to the strong foundation that has built Mazenod.

To everyone who helped during 2012 in any way, we sincerely thank you. On behalf of all of us who have at any time enjoyed this hospitality we thank our two marvels, Mazza Mums co-ordinators Jane Wallis and Julie Oorschot. Words are insufficient in acknowledging their efforts, for more years than we can remember co-ordinating the catering for these events. Their hard work is the sense of community and friendship Mazenod is renowned for.

The Welcoming BBQ was a wonderful opportunity for new families to meet and students to play – for many it will be the start of a long and happy friendship.

We held it overlooking the tennis courts, providing food, light refreshments, some sporting equipment, a jumping castle and, in true Mazenod style, the event took on an energy of its own. Some rather tired hockey-playing dads went home that evening!

Our thanks to the staff who gave up their Saturday evening to attend and to our older students who spent time organising and “supervising” the younger students.

Ellita De Nardi kindly co-ordinated the Chapel Flowers and has organised a great group of parents to take on this rather lovely task. Our thanks to Ellita and those parents, your contribution is so valuable and is very much appreciated by all who use the Chapel.

Janine Fisher has done a tremendous job with the football tipping again this year and has run an excellent competition. Her dedication was shown by those last minute reminders that the footy tips weren’t in. Janine thank you, we had lots of fun.

The Art Exhibition is a fixture on the Mazenod College calendar and this year’s 19th Exhibition again showcased not only wonderful art but also a very well patronised student exhibition. This event is also a very good opportunity to present the parents, students, staff and hospitality of the College. The P & F were very happy to assist Anne Greenley and Maria Pagotto who once again, with their committee, organised a very successful weekend.

The raffle requires a great amount of organisation and I would like to thank Louise Burton, Dee Bretnall, Katharine Outten for their assistance and our thanks to the families who sold tickets and made it a success, we sold just over $24000 of tickets.

Funds raised through the raffle, phone recycling program, football tipping and Art Exhibition have been used across the school this year. Your boys may have already benefited from the new equipment in the Science, Design & Technology, Maths, Sporting and Arts Departments. These are just some of the items funded by the P & F, made possible by the wonderful generosity of the parents who have assisted us through out the year.

Many thanks to Louise Burton and Helen Keogh for their roles on the main committee and to our other committee members who have helped us with their time and their advice. Our thanks also to the wonderful ladies of the ‘front office’, Lyn, Judy, Lil, Monica, Maechell, Sandy, Margaret and also Dave Vallis for being so obliging when we have asked for assistance. Once again Father Brian, Eric Paini and Jeff Ronan have been supportive with P & F matters and their doors have always been open.

On a personal note I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be the P & F president for 2012, I have thoroughly enjoyed the year. For the boys and families for whom this year is their last at Mazenod, we all hope that your high-school days have been full of fun and friendships and our best wishes for your future.

Sue Collins
P & F President 2012