



# MAZENOD COLLEGE

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Thursday 18 April 3:00pm

### OPEN DAY

Thursday 18 April 3:30-6:00pm

### BOARDERS RETURN

Monday 6 May

### SCHOOL REOPENS

Tuesday 7 May

### NAPLAN TESTING

Tues/Wed/Thurs 14-16 May

### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Friday 17 May

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 21 May

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 30 May

### WA DAY (Public Holiday)

Boarders return

Monday 3 June

### SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 4 June

### P & F MEETING

Tuesday 18 June – Boardroom 7:30pm

### YEAR 10 PARENT EVENING

Wednesday 26 June

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 26 June

### YEAR 12 BALL (Yr 12's finish 12:45pm)

SCHOOL CLOSURES 3:15pm

Thursday 4 July



## NEWSLETTER NO.11

18<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### Dear Parents and Students

As I begin this Newsletter – our last of Term 1 – I find that my mind is a veritable maelstrom of thoughts, ideas, wishes and things to be said.

I'm sure some of my more discerning readers will whisper to themselves, "When, in the name of all that is holy in this world, was this man's mind not a maelstrom of idiotic thoughts, very strange ideas, lunatic wishes and things probably best left unsaid?"

Playing with words often reminds me of a child playing in a sand-pit or on a beach. The child is confined by the amount of sand available but within these confines anything is possible and imagination can run riot.

Words (even sounds) are the same. We are restricted only by the number of words we have at our disposal and these I think are almost infinite to an imaginative person.

The only prerequisite is to come into contact with 'words'. We do this through READING.

Just like a child cannot play with sand unless his/her parents drives to the sand-pit or beach, so, another person cannot play with words unless he/she is introduced, as early as possible, to the place where words are found – books!

Imagine a child playing and having great fun building castles and alien worlds in a sand-pit? Now imagine that same child being introduced to a huge sand-dune and told, "Off you go – explore, create, imagine, build, wish, dream of empires in the sun; worlds with twenty-seven moons of different colours; cities which exist in the sky, on the earth and deep underground; even a world where war is a thing of the past, terrorism is a forgotten word and pressure-cookers are used to create tender and loving meals rather than suck the life from eight-year-olds, destroy families and make a mockery of community celebration.

In this context all readers will know that I refer to the horror of the Boston Marathon and the madness or blindness of people who – may even believe – that what they do is justified for political reasons or is desired or condoned by some God.

**We can only pray for such people, and I do pray that our ever loving, patient and gentle God will open their eyes to appreciate the meaning of real love and true spirituality.**

**As a Mazenod Community, we also pray for, and think of, those who have been killed and bereaved while they celebrated a day of joy and happy achievement.**

**Those who were injured and their families will suffer long into the future. The prayers of the Mazenod Community are with them and we pray, particularly, that the strength of friends and family will support them during this time of confusion and distress.**

**Our God told us, through the Prophet Isaiah, that, "God has carved our names in the palms of his hands."**

**This is a powerful and painful image to conjure to mind. Perhaps both the power and the pain remind us of the reality of true and real love.**

**We pray now that God will hold all of those who suffered and died in Boston in the palms of his hands.**

I am delighted to report that **LYN** (my right arm, left arm and brain) has successfully come through her shoulder operation and is now at home recovering from her ordeal.

For the next weeks she will be unable to drive, lift anything and will need to rest her shoulder apart from the exercises given to her by her doctor.

Lyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Get well soon.

As far as I know, Lyn has now withdrawn deep into her dark and dank lair somewhere in Kalamunda. Like all wild creatures Lyn is quite deadly when injured or in pain.

My best advice is to let her recover alone, to the screams of demented devils and the acrid, ammonia-laden odour of Dante's *Inferno*.

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My maelstrom of ideas continues to cascade around me like a sand-dune of words, ideas and language. I consider myself lucky! I bet you don't?

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Last Saturday I was truly blessed to witness Declan, Grady and Vincent perform the "Complete works of Shakespeare (abridged)" in the Mazenod Pac.

I say I was 'blessed' for several reasons:

- a) I have never witnessed three equally good actors perform with such enthusiasm, energy and sheer professionalism before.
- b) I have never come across an amateur show – and such a difficult one – which flowed flawlessly from start to finish with no noticeable gaps or errors.
- c) I have never seen an audience of all ages (aged 6 to six years after death) respond to a production with such enthusiasm, laughter and total involvement.

Lastly, I left the theatre feeling that Declan, Grady and Vincent had truly done Shakespeare proud. I think this is the highest accolade I can give them.

So many people think that Shakespeare was all about being serious, talking in strange words and trying to understand long and boring speeches.

In truth, Shakespeare understood what the makers of the James Bond movies understood. Lots of action, violence and sex sell tickets.

In Shakespeare's day, lots of action was OK. Lots of violence, murder and death was also OK except that special effects did not allow for blood, etc.. Sex was a taboo subject and even women were not allowed to be actors (female parts were played by 'boy actors' before their voices broke.)

Sexuality was therefore portrayed in Shakespeare's plays by way of "double-meanings", bawdy jokes, and innuendo.

At the end of the show I felt that our performance had honoured the traditions of Shakespeare (as we know them) in a genuine and sincere way.

IF you missed out on this production you have missed a wonderful evening of entertainment and a real insight into the writings of Shakespeare.

My sincere congratulations to three really fine actors – Declan, Grady and Vincent – and to their teacher and Director, Mrs. Jessica Wellman.

A modern show cannot go to stage without the professional support of a Stage crew, Lighting crew, and Front-of-House crew. This production had all three who performed invisibly but perfectly.

It was a WONDERFUL production in every possible way. My thanks.

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I simply must say thanks to the many parents and friends who took time to support the Newsletter as we have it. I am not going to publish these responses but I truly do appreciate them.

This is not to say that I do not also appreciate criticism.

Those of us who play with 'sand' (words) may, at times, lose sight of the bigger world outside the sand-pit!

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While the maelstrom of ideas continues I simply must share a few words written by a present student of Mazenod.

I share these words with you only because they touched me so much and I think it would be unfair to simply ignore them.

(I share them WITH PERMISSION from the student.)

***"There is something about this place and the way people treat one another. I mean everyone, the kids and the teachers. No one is angry in their eyes.***

***It might just be the rules but I don't think so. I don't know, it's just the way we are here. I feel safe here. No one treats me like I am bad. People are kind and I feel kinder too when I am here."***

If anyone asked me to write what I wished for Mazenod this is what I would write. The fact that it was written by a student both stuns me and humbles me.

I won't even try to reply or respond.

The only correct response here is, "Thank you."

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T..H..E.....Maelstrom..... CoNTiNuEs to control my mind.

## OPEN DAY. (April 18<sup>th</sup> 2013)

The day when we truly do open ourselves to all who visit us.

We offer no pretense, no ideal pictures of what Mazenod education might be like, no wonderful words of any kind.

Our Open Day is a Mazenod Day.

- a) Our boys will be your tour guides (day and boarding) without teachers tagging along!  
Our students are honest and genuine. Ask them about Mazenod and they will tell you the truth.
- b) Visit our Departments and talk to our teachers and student helpers. Discover the range of subjects we offer and, more importantly, Mazenod's reasons for offering our options in this manner.
- c) Above all, we invite you to experience and savour the "WAY WE LIVE TOGETHER".  
We are a friendly, helpful and honest College.

I sincerely hope you experience this as you visit our school.

If you don't, it is my fault!!

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MAELSTROM!!!!.....maelstrom.....maelstrom.....

As I relax and allow the maelstrom of sand (words, ideas) to recede I welcome the holidays and I wish all of our Community a wonderful and "quality-time" break with your cherubs.

In particular I wish our 'new' Boarders a wonderful time. This is their first long break since starting and I truly pray that they will have a wonderful time at home. Both student and parents deserve it.

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Finally,

Next term Mr. Jeff Ronan will be taking a break and Long Service Leave.

Mr. Ronan has dedicated his working life to Mazenod and there is NO ONE who deserves a break more than Jeff does.

I am absolutely certain that I speak for all in the Mazenod Community when I say that, "We will miss you, Jeff, but enjoy your break."

In Term 3 I will let Jeff write the Newsletters so that he can tell us of his exploits.

Mr. Mal Johnson (Head of Science) takes over as acting Deputy Principal for Jeff while he is away.

Ms. Fiona Lorkiewicz takes over as acting Head of Science for Term 2.

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The maelstrom..... continues.....

However, life is more valuable!

I will announce other changes and Long Service absences at the start of next term.

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Have a wonderful holiday.....

Fr. Brian Maher OMI. (Rector)

## PARENT/STUDENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

As indicated in the Yearly Planner, there is a **Parent/Student - Teacher consultation day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Interview times will be available from **8.30am to 5.30pm** and the length of interviews is **10 minutes**.

*Consultation times are booked by parents through the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).*

Using this system, you will be able to book interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. You will receive a letter with the Term One report providing full details of how to book interviews and you will also receive your PIN to access the system. This is the web link to the site <https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=13633>

The consultation day is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your son's teachers, to discuss his Interim Report and to examine strategies for maximising his achievement. **Your son is expected to attend the interviews**. Parking will be available on the main oval and all interviews will be held in the gymnasium.

**Mr Jeff Ronan – Deputy Principal**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES and IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

9:00am to 3:00pm

*Boarders return:* Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

*Parent Teacher & Student Consultation Day:* Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

*School commences:* Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Winter uniform (including Blazer) must be worn.**



## OPEN DAY

*Thank you*

*to our wonderful Mazza Mums and Dads  
who provided and helped towards the  
afternoon tea for Open Day.*

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

*SEE SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE  
INFORMATION*



The Mazenod Staff Players Present

# Murdered to Death

by Peter Gordon

Mazenod College Staff Play

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Performing Arts Centre at 7.30pm

Doors open at 7pm for Pre-performance Refreshments

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and pensioners. Tickets available from Mazenod College Administration on 9291 6500

Starring: Mr Keddie, Mr Keoch, Miss Settelmaier, Miss Betts, Miss Farinaccio, Mr Allen, Mr Mallon, Mr Graham, Miss Biffin and Miss Bell

By permission of The Edwardian Theatre

## YOUNG BLOODS CHALLENGE

During week 10 twenty Year 12 boys attended the Midland Red Cross Centre to donate blood. This is a very worthwhile cause and I thank each one of them for donating blood and starting what will hopefully become a lifetime habit. Each donation can save up to three lives and the Red Cross are always looking for blood donors, especially coming into the winter months. A blood donor needs to be 16yrs or over and if under 18 needs to have a signed parental consent form.

Patrick Wallis, Callum McCarthy and Michael Swallow are the Young Bloods Ambassadors at Mazenod and they have been doing an amazing job getting the message out to students about donating. In fact they have a list of 68 students who have expressed a desire to donate blood.

If your son has expressed an interest and would like to donate blood during the holidays, he can download a parental consent form from [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au) and attend a Red Cross Centre. Appointments need to be made for The Red Cross Centres in Midland and Cannington but no appointment is necessary at the Centre in Wellington Street. It would be great to see a group of students getting together and attending a Centre during the holidays. All details about requirements for donating are on the [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au) website.

*Ms Jo McNally*

## VISUAL and PERFORMING ARTS

### MAZENOD ST BRIGID'S COMBINED CONCERT BAND AT THE AUSTRALASIAN BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A combined Concert Band of Mazenod and St Brigid's students took to the national stage over the Easter weekend to compete in the Australasian Band Championships, held this year at UWA's Winthrop Hall. The last time Perth hosted the Championships was in 1979, and the opportunity to take part was too good to refuse for our talented students.

The prestigious new ensemble, which this year boasts over 50 students, is directed by Mr Sam Graham (Mazenod College) and Mrs Melissa Argus (St. Brigid's College).

In the competition, each band performed 4 pieces and was adjudicated by Dr. Rob McWilliams, an internationally accomplished musician, conductor, and educator. The eventual winners, the New South Wales Combined Wind Orchestra look to have the title sewn up for at least the next couple of years, given that their pool of musicians is the entire NSW public school system! Our combined band eventually scored 376 out of a possible 500 points. It is a testament to the commitment of our students, and the hard work they put in during Term 1, that our band finished just a few points off third place. Being the youngest band in the competition (the combined band has been together for less than a year), it is with great anticipation that we look ahead to the coming years. The potential of our young musicians, together with the fantastic support from both schools, gives us a solid platform to continue to improve, and become a shining light for music in the hills.

*Mr Sam Graham - Music Department*

## PARENTS and FRIENDS NEWS

At our recent P&F meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April a wish list of items requested by various departments across the school was submitted for our consideration. It was approved that we would allocate funds raised by the Mazenod P&F to the following projects over the coming year:

- metal work extraction – air systems
- 50% contribution to the cost of patios for bus shelter, tennis court & football oval
- refrigerated drink bubbler
- senior microscopes – 6 units full class sets
- table tennis tables for the Boarding House
- aluminium benches for the new bus shelter area
- goal post padding for football oval
- trophies for Sportsman's Dinner
- hockey goals

**Many thanks to our fabulous school community for supporting our fundraising efforts throughout the school year.**

Please keep a look out for our annual raffle ticket books which will be distributed early in Term 2. This is a regular and successful fundraiser for the P&F with the raffle to be drawn on 27<sup>th</sup> June at the whole school assembly.

I would also like to take a moment to thank two local businesses which are actively supporting our P&F. Sanderson Road IGA are participating in a loyalty program for local schools including Mazenod College. By shopping at Sanderson Road IGA and placing your shopping docket in the Mazenod College box at the entrance to the store, the P&F receive a percentage of total groceries purchased by our students/families in the form of a generous regular donation from new owners Karen & Stephen at Sanderson Road IGA.

Another local business which is actively supporting our P&F is Lesmurdie Florist & Gift Centre which is also situated at the Lesmurdie Village Shopping Centre on Sanderson Road. Lucinda from Lesmurdie Florist & Gift Centre has very generously offered to provide a \$10.00 donation to the Mazenod P&F for every corsage ordered by our Year 12 students for their upcoming Mazenod Ball. Mrs Scanlan has the order forms for those students who wish to order a corsage for their Ball partners.

Please support both of these very generous local family businesses whose support of the Mazenod P&F is greatly appreciated. Next P&F meeting - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have a safe and happy school holiday period.

*Mrs Janine Fisher - President*



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Thank you for your entries. More to come next term.

### Week10 winner:

Ennio Folini 8A, Matt Spanjers 8B, Robbie Collins 11D

### Week 10 answer:

125

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES**  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2013 – 8AM-4PM**  
**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 3PM-6PM**

Maechell & Robyn [uniform.shop@mazenod.wa.edu.au](mailto:uniform.shop@mazenod.wa.edu.au)

## COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS

### SENIOR BASEBALL TEAM

The newly formed Mazenod Baseball Team travelled to the Home of Baseball in WA—Baseball Park, to compete against Darling Range Sports College this week. In what was a great day for baseball, the Mazenod team (10 players) were competing against a squad of 30 or more players that are a part of the Darling Range Baseball Program. The aim for the team was to be competitive, and represent Mazenod to the best of their ability.

Made up of students from Year 10-12, the team got off to a slow start in game 1, trailing 6-0 by the 3rd innings. It wasn't until the 4th innings when **Liam Fields** crushed a ball to the wall between centre and right field, scoring **Brandon Arnell** from 2nd base that the team troubled the scorers. This got the team going and **Brandon Chatwin** backed Liam up with a line drive up the middle to score **Jesse Sequeira** from 3rd base. The team then found some confidence, limiting the scoring from DR and ending up with a respectable final score of 9-3 in favour of DR.

**Jesse Sequeira** led from the front, throwing 3 solid innings, and **Liam Fields** was excellent as a relief pitcher. The efforts of **Jayden Keen** catching behind the dish and **Jack Warrington** in the field also worthy of mention.

Game 2 started with a bang with **Nik Sequeira** on the mound throwing well, and the team scoring 3 early runs to lead 3-1 after 3 innings. **Jack Warrington** was working well behind the dish and **Liam Fields** was crushing the ball to all parts of the park, and finished with 4 hits for the day and was the dominant hitter for the team. **Jesse Sequeira** chipped in with a hit, but then DR depth began to show and they piled on the runs, eventually winning 10-3.

All the boys should be proud of their efforts against much stronger and more experienced opposition. Our aim was certainly achieved and the players did the College proud.



**The Team:** Nik Sequeira, Jesse Sequeira, Liam Fields, Jack Warrington, Brandon Arnell, Zack Heyes, Jayden Keen, Brandon Chatwin, Shaun Peterson, Tom Martino

*Mr Tim Grabski– Head of Sport*

## MAZENOD HOCKEY NEWS

The first round of games for the 2013 hockey season will commence on the weekend of 3-5<sup>th</sup> May. This is the last weekend of the school holidays. Can parents please email the club secretary (Jane Wallis on [wallis.jane@bigpond.com](mailto:wallis.jane@bigpond.com)) ASAP if you are unable to attend the game. We need to know if we have player numbers to go ahead with the games or make alternative arrangements.

HockeyWA have not released the game fixtures yet but please keep checking their website as they should be announced shortly. Generally, 7/8 teams play on a Saturday morning, 9/10 teams on a Sunday morning and 11/12 play either on Friday night or Sunday morning.



*Peter Bewick – President*



## MAZZA FOOTY TIPPING

With another exciting round of football and some "come from behind" finishes, the 2013 season is shaping as an exciting roller coaster ride for us dedicated fans.

We had three tippers this week, Footy Champ, Irish Chick and Moyan who each successfully tipped 8 winners, but it was Footy Champ who took out our weekly prize by also selecting the closest margin for the Friday night game. Congratulations your \$60.00 prize money is on its way to you.

Bulldog still tops our leader board on 31 points, POTLUCK has moved into second place on 25 points and we have a three way tie for third place with HawkEye, Onshore and Swansboy all on 22 points.

We also now have only seven tippers remaining in our separate KnockOut competition with the tension building for an exciting finish- who will take out the \$150.00 KnockOut prize money?? Remember that as soon as we do have an outright winner we will restart a new KnockOut competition so everyone can re-join.

With school holidays starting this weekend please remember to lodge your tips over the holidays by the weekly cut-off times (10 mins before the start of the first game each round.)

Please remember the cut-off time for round 5 is 12.30pm WST on April 25<sup>th</sup> (Anzac Day) and for round 6 it is 5.40pm WST on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Have a great break over the school holidays and happy tipping for the next two weeks.

Happy tipping and have a great weekend. Go Pies!

*Janine Fisher - Mazza Footy Tipping Coordinator*



## 2013/14 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Purchase your Entertainment™ Book(s) this week and you will receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers that you and your family can use from now, until June 1st, 2014. In fact, you only need to use your book once or twice throughout the year and it will have paid for itself.

The best part is that for only \$65 you'll be helping our fund-raising, with \$13 from every book sold contributing to our school!

**How to purchase an Entertainment™ Book(s):** Please fill out the order form and return to the front office together with payment. The Book will be sent home with your nominated child.



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDER FORM

To purchase your Entertainment™ Book, contact:

**Mazenod College** Thank you for your support, \$13 from each Book sold will contribute to our fundraising.

Address: Gladys Road, LESMURDIE WA 6076

Contact: Jeff Ronan

Phone: 9291 6500

Email: [ronan.jeff@mazenod.wa.edu.au](mailto:ronan.jeff@mazenod.wa.edu.au)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Room \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Method:  I will pick up my Book in person  \$9 per book for regular post  Or \$12 per book for registered post

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ x Entertainment Book/s at \$65 each (inc GST) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Cash  Cheque (Cheques payable to Mazenod College)  Visa  Mastercard

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_