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IMPORTANT DATES

P & F WELCOMING BBQ
Saturday 16 February – 5pm-8pm

P & F MEETING
Tuesday 19 February – Boardroom
7:30pm

YR 7, 8 & 9 CAMPS
Wednesday 20 Feb to Friday 22 Feb

YR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 27 February

WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING MASS
Friday 1 March – Gymnasium

BOARDERS' LONG WEEKEND
Saturday 2 March
- Boarding House closes at 6pm

LABOUR DAY Public Holiday
Monday 4 March
- Boarders return (3pm-8pm)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday 7 March

YR 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Monday 18 March

SCHOOL CLOSURES 3:15pm
Wednesday 27 March

EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday
Monday 1 April (Boarders Return)

SCHOOL REOPENS
Tuesday 2 April



NEWSLETTER NO. 2

15th February 2013

Dear Parents and Students

Never for a second imagine that the person who has “Rector” or “Principal” written on his door is in charge of anything. To think this would be a little bit like a husband imagining that he has any real say in the major (or possibly even minor) decisions of his marriage relationship.

My own beloved parents had a very happy marriage – with the usual ups and downs of any relationship – for 44 years and my darling Mum always joked with Dad that she had decided to marry him at least three years before he knew she even existed. She described the unequal contest as reeling in a fish and, believe me, it was not struggling with a shark she had in mind.

My sainted Dad accepted all of this as it was intended – quite seriously! – and often recounted that Mum even pretended to enjoy walking (one of my father’s hobbies) until they signed their marriage vows after which Mum informed him that she hated walking with a passion and NEVER intended to walk again. She was as good as her word. Dad took up golf and when his handicap approached zero I think even he began to enjoy ‘golf walking’.

My guess is that the vast majority of very happy marriages and relationships are based on the fallacy that the man is in charge or in a 50:50 relationship.

My own life’s experience (and I have encountered many thousands of relationships as a priest), as well as personal experience, has led me to the overwhelming conclusion that there is only one real ‘BOSS’ and the ‘BOSS’ is ALWAYS a woman.

I have further come to the conclusion that the secret of a successful, compatible, long-term and happy relationship is based on:

- The man knowing and accepting the reality of the inferior nature of his relationship.
- The woman, magnanimously, allowing ‘her man’ to believe that he does make important decisions at times.

If both parties take part in this dance together it can be very lovely to watch, with no treading on toes and both parties smiling lovingly into each other’s eyes.

The treading on toes, awkward steps and dagger-eyes only happen when one or other partner is not aware of the true relationship.

I will always remember, years ago now, getting an e-mail from a boarding Mum who told me that she read the Newsletter to her husband every Friday during dinner – whether he liked it or not and this Mum was certain that he did like it. I must admit I am fully ignorant on which this conclusion was based!

My initial response was one of despair. Surely this hard working farming man had done enough between dawn and dusk without having to endure my ramblings being thrust upon him during dinner.

Further reflection led me to conclude that this is true love – eating a passive dinner after a long hard day in the paddocks while listening to – and no doubt pretending to be interested in – a College Newsletter which doesn’t even mention the price of wool, the weather forecast, the dismal price of wheat or the bank demands getting larger on the kitchen table by the day!

I am absolutely certain the parents of our day students have similar stories to tell.

You may now be wondering what the above is all about and, while tenuous, there is a real link between the above and what comes next. Read on.....

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J do not have a wife, partner or other significant person in my life. However, I do have Lyn – a very happily married woman with three grown children – who rules my life with a very short chain. She rules my calendar and so I see who she wants me to see! She rules the phone and so I speak to those to who she wants me to speak! She is ever so nice, supportive and protective and yet, like any good male, I know exactly who is in charge in Mazenod.

You may notice, for example, that this article is now in ONE COLUMN rather than two columns.

Lyn ORDERED (apologies; 'asked politely') me to do this because she believed (based purely on a woman's intuition) that an e-mailed Newsletter is easier to read in one column because there is less scrolling needed by readers.

(Might I quote from, "The Charge of the Light Brigade.", by Alfred Lord Tennyson)

**"Mine is not to reason why,
Mine is but to do and die."**

J **always** do what Lyn "suggests" (isn't "suggests" a nice word?) but did anyone tell Lyn that the "Charge of the Light Brigade" was a suicide mission?

Sometimes, when Lyn looks at me I feel that it is not suicide she has in mind for me but murder!

My REQUEST: Would readers please e-mail Lyn and let her know if you prefer the one or two column version of our Newsletter.

There is no point in an e-mailed reply because Lyn won't believe me anyway!

We are now two weeks into Term One and I think our students – all of them – must be applauded and congratulated for the way they have settled and adjusted to a new College year.

For 'new' Boarding students in all Year levels there is so much that is strange and unusual. They are doing an absolutely wonderful job – difficult at times – adjusting to a new 'home' life and a new school life.

My very sincere thanks to all of the older Boarders who I have seen supporting, helping and encouraging our new Cebula members.

It is still early in the year and so I don't expect parents to really believe me but I can assure you that your Boarding sons are in great hands in Boarding; they are in a wonderful and caring school in Mazenod and they are part of a Community (the Mazenod Community) which will care for and nurture them.

Please do not worry.

All of our 'new' Day Boys (Year 7) seem to be settling and enjoying their experience of a little more independence associated with High School.

Mr. Tom Floyd, our wonderful Form teachers and buddies and all of the Year 7 teachers are working very hard to make the Year 7 transition as easy as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Floyd or your son's Form teacher if you are concerned in any way.

This week a number of our Student Leaders (College Captain, Vice-Captain, Head Boarder) travelled to our brother College, Iona College, Brisbane to take part in a Student Leadership Conference with our Oblate brother schools (3 of them).

The boys left Mazenod on Tuesday morning and will return on Saturday.

Perth can be a little geographically isolated and so I consider these opportunities vital for Mazenod WA.

While the boys were meeting (with Mr. Payne) to discuss their issues of Leadership, two other Leadership College groups were also meeting.

Mr. Ronan and Mr. Douthie represented us to discuss the Oblateness and Oblate Values of our Colleges and, in particular, how we introduce new staff members to our Values and Community.

Mr. Eric Paini joined with the Financial Directors of our other Colleges to discuss financial matters and developments in education which might affect us.

A school cannot develop in isolation.

We, as Oblates, are fortunate that we have Colleges in Melbourne and Queensland. Together we can plan to develop a truly Oblate vision of Community for our Colleges and our Communities.

My sincere thanks to the other three Colleges who joined us this year.

This will, I hope be an annual event so that all of us can continue to grow and develop as Oblate Colleges, sharing the Values of our Founder, St. Eugene De Mazenod.

NEXT WEEK is one of our "Special Mazenod Weeks."

We begin, Monday and Tuesday, with our House Swimming Carnival in the College pool.

It is a House (Faction) Carnival with events taking place at Year Group level to be fair to everyone.

We always welcome parents to cheer-on their angels so please check this Newsletter to be sure you get the time right for your cherub's races.

This event is competitive but also great fun, friendly and everyone is a winner.

Wednesday - Friday sees all Year Groups either on Camp or attending 'out-of-class' experiences.

Our Year 12's will share a retreat together in New Norcia and remember the joys and sorrows of their times in Mazenod. This is always a POWERFUL experience and I wish our Graduating Class of 2013 a wonderful experience.

Our Year 7's take part in a 'fun' and 'getting to know you' bush camp.

I know that some parents worry about their darling being away from home – maybe for the first time.

Please do not worry!

I know it's a waste of time saying this because you will still worry but I can assure you that our Heads of Year, Form teachers and other staff know what they are doing and your son will have a great time and return to you on Friday very tired, in need of a shower, a meal and lots of sleep. He will also have a bag of dirty laundry which will have you in awe of his energy while on camp.

My final word on Camps: The boys have the weekend to recover and as young people they recover quickly. Mazenod DOES EXPECT full attendance on Monday.

My experience of over 35 years of teaching tells me that 'tiredness', 'stomach ache', 'headache' etc., is more school related than health related.

Angels are resilient creatures and their wing-feathers are strong!

For myself, I begin my parent/child interview for 2015 next week. How quickly time flies!

I look forward to meeting our prospective students and their parents and I look forward to sharing with them the College Spirit and the Community we are building together in Mazenod.

I have so much more to say but space (and Lyn) prevents me.

Until next week.....

Fr Brian Maher OMI (Principal)

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 19th April 2013

SEE SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

MAZENOD P & F NEWS

Our main news is that we are holding the **Welcome BBQ this Saturday** and that we have a P & F meeting on **Tuesday 19th February**.



➤ **P & F MEETING:**

Our first P&F meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th February** in the **Boardroom** starting at **7.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome to attend and we are particularly keen to see some of our new parents at the meeting. These usually run for around an hour and are a great venue for you to meet other parents and staff.



➤ **WELCOME BBQ:**

The Welcome BBQ is on **Saturday 16th February** at **5.00pm**.. If you would like to play tennis, please bring your racquets.

Sue Collins – P & F President

IMPORTANT MESSAGE & REMINDERS

THE 2012 COLLEGE ANNUAL

Could Year 11 and Year 12's who do not have younger siblings, please collect their Annual from the College office. Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER

Please remember to provide us with your email address ASAP to receive the Newsletter and other important/urgent notifications. Thank you.

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT and BUSINESS – CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE



Congratulations to **Roland Sabbadini** for achieving top student in Accounting and Finance for 2012. Roland won the Bentleys' Award sponsored by Bentleys Chartered Accountants. His prize included a certificate and \$500. He also won the Institute of Chartered Accountants "Most Outstanding Accounting student" award, receiving a trophy and \$100. Many thanks to Mazenod Old Boys Treasurer **Mr Iggy Moro FCA** (Class of '87), who presented the awards on behalf of Bentleys and the Institute. Roland strove for personal excellence and achieved a raw exam mark for Accounting of 90% and his ATAR was in the 93rd percentile. Roland is studying Geology at Curtin University and plans to do postgraduate studies in Banking and Finance.

Mr David Hiatt - Business



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:

Tuesday 5th March for lessons to commence on **Monday, 11th March**.

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

First Reconciliation	May 13th
First Eucharist	Friday 17th May at 9:30am Feast of St Eugene de Mazenod Whole School Mass – Gymnasium
Confirmation	Saturday, 29th June at 6:00pm Feast of St Peter and Paul Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church Lesmurdie



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

Names of students **MUST** be handed in on time because there are only 8 or 9 weeks for preparation. We cannot accept late enrolments. Thank you.

Sister Frances Wilson – Chaplain

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

White College shirts, track suits and ankle socks are now in stock. If you have any outstanding orders, please make sure that they are collected from the shop as soon as possible.

We are open **Wednesdays from 8-9.30am** until **February 20th**, and then every Thursday 8am-4pm.

Shop hours in School Calendar – We apologise for any inconvenience regarding uniform shop hours on a Wednesday as shown in the school calendar (8am to 1pm is incorrect) for Term 1 - **8am-9:30am** is the correct time. Thursdays remain as normal 8am-4pm. Thank you.

Robyn Calpakdjian & Maechell Haast
uniform.shop@mazenod.wa.edu.au

COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING TRAINING has commenced. All students who are interested in coming along to training are to meet at the College pool by **6:45am**. Training concludes at 8:00am, with students being able to purchase breakfast from the school canteen.



Training days for the 2013 season are **Monday – Thursday**. Training is primarily for students wishing to be considered for selection in the ACC Swim Team, however, it is also a viable option for students wishing to get in some practice prior to the Interhouse swimming carnival which takes place during week 3.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Next Monday and Tuesday held at the College pool for Year 7-9 on Monday and Year 10-12 on Tuesday.

MONDAY: Year 7: Period 1 & 2
Year 8: P 3 & 4
Year 9: P 5 & 6

TUESDAY: Year 10: P 1 & 2
Year 11: P 3 & 4
Year 12: P 5 & 6

Mr Chris Bolton – Head of Health & Physical Education



MOUTH GUARDS

Students wishing to have a denture fitting mouth guard, please see the Phys Ed. staff for forms to be completed and returned to the front office.

A dentist will be attending Mazenod College on **Friday, March 8** and **Friday, March 15** to fit boys with their mouth guards. Fittings are done during the **lunch period** on the two days shown. The mouth guards are made up and are generally back at the school within two weeks. Payment can be made on the form provided.

For any further information call **Butch Worth** on **92911518**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Adam Disisto (Year 8) who recently competed in the **U/14 Emerging Warriors South East Region Tournament**. He had a fantastic 3 games, his highest score of 59 contributed to him being named best player in the team. Well done, Adam!

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport

MAZENOD COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB

**Registration Day TOMORROW
Saturday 16th February 2013**

11.00am – 2.00pm in the College Gymnasium

- \$160.00 per player – payable with registration
- 2013 Registration forms available on school website
- http://www.mazenod.wa.edu.au/SportsClubs/hockey_registration.pdf
- Parents and players must complete the PARENT NON PLAYING MEMBERSHIP section,
- PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT and PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT.
- Mazenod College hockey singlets and socks available to purchase on the day.
- Boarding parents can complete the registration form and return by email or to the front office.
- If not completed by registration day boarders must notify the club that they intend to play.

Hockey International will be at Registration Day with hockey sticks, balls, shin guard etc., available to purchase.

If you require any further information please contact **Peter Bewick** (President) peter@bewick.org

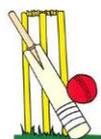
MAZENOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**Footy registration is this Sunday 17th February
Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - 11.00am-1.00pm**

- It is essential all new players to the club attend the registration day - the last day to register is 28th February.
- **Training** will commence the first week of March – days and times are still being finalized.

Tony Eldridge – President (0437 619 003)

LESMURDIE-MAZENOD CRICKET CLUB



The LMJCC windup and trophy presentation for the 2012/13 season will be held on the afternoon of Sat 6th April. More details to follow, but please mark your diary.

*Wesley Sutton – President
(Mobile: 0417 935 198)*

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<http://lmjcc.wa.cricket.com.au/>*



**P & F WELCOMING BBQ and FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2013
5:00PM – 8:00PM**



CANTEEN ROSTER: 18th – 22nd February 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Melissa Doyle Joel Nevin Ann Shelley Rachel Theunissen	Collette Copeland Jackie Ozane	All School Camps	All School Camps	All School Camps



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HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Dear Parent,

On **Monday 18th / Tuesday 19th February**, all students at the College will be competing in the annual House Swimming Carnival. This is an all day carnival and boys will have the opportunity to participate in the College house competition and win points for their affiliated house. It is a participation based event and all students are required to attend and are encouraged to participate. Injured students can help assist with the running of the day.

WHERE: Mazenod College Pool

TIME: **Monday 18th February** Period 1&2 (Year 7) Period 3&4 (Year 8) Period 5&6 (Year 9)
Tuesday 19th February Period 1&2 (Year 10) Period 3&4 (Year 11) Period 5&6 (Year 12)

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, sunscreen, towel, goggles

UNIFORM: Students must wear their College House Sports Uniform. (House Shirt and school shorts) Students are allowed to wear college swimming bathers (no skins)

Boys are expected to behave according to College expectations and show the sportsmanship that is expected from Mazenod students and remember that they day is designed for participation and win points for their house. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their son/s and get involved in the festivities of the races.

If there are any medical issues that will affect your son's participation on the day please contact your sons Head of Year or myself prior to the day of the carnival.

Kind Regards

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