



# MAZENOD COLLEGE

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **SPORTSMAN'S DINNER**

Friday 18 October

### **YR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY**

Friday 25 October

### **YR 12 VALEDICTORY MASS & DINNER**

Saturday 26 October

### **SPEECH NIGHT**

Monday 28 October

### **WACE theory exams commence**

Friday 1 November

### **YR 11 THANKSGIVING MASS**

Friday 15 November

### **WACE theory exams conclude**

Thursday 28 November

### **ORIENTATION DAY**

Friday 29 November

### **SCHOOL CLOSES**

Thursday 5 December



## NEWSLETTER NO. 31

18<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### Dear Parents and Students

We welcomed students back this week to what is a very busy time in the life of the College. There are many special events and wonderful celebrations commencing tonight with the Sportsman's Dinner. We expect approximately 400 students, parents and staff to attend the evening to celebrate the many sporting achievements during the year. The Year 12 Farewell Assembly will be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in the College gymnasium. This assembly has developed into a very important event for families and we look forward to seeing many parents and extended family on the morning. Valedictory Mass and Dinner is then held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The final major celebration for the year is the Presentation Night to be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Although you will receive an email specifically regarding Presentation Night arrangements, I will take this opportunity to encourage all families to attend this important event in the Mazenod calendar as it celebrates excellence in academic pursuits, performing arts, community service and Christian service. The evening commences at 7.30pm and is held in the College gymnasium. Students who will be recipients of awards will receive a letter early next week.

Term Four also means a significant amount of planning for 2014. A significant focus of this planning will relate to the continued integration of Information Technology and Communication into the curriculum. Bringing technology to the classroom was not a decision made lightly; it was a decision built upon giving our students every opportunity to get the most out of their education at Mazenod. It is an undeniable truth that technology is changing how we learn, how we socialise and how we work.

Making this change has certainly challenged all of us: teachers, parents and students. It forces us to consider what is important in education, and this is not a simple issue. The three R's that we grew up with remain important. The acquisition of knowledge, of facts, remains important, but these are in themselves insufficient. To prepare our children for the future, competency in using technology to precisely locate information, to collaborate in virtual environments and to use knowledge to create have gained shared importance alongside those other time-honoured learning goals.

It is our belief that the inclusion of technology in the classroom will enhance students' abilities to develop their literacy and numeracy skills, to acquire the content knowledge of their subjects and to demonstrate their knowledge in a range of contexts, including examinations. We are committed to ensuring excellence in the learning we deliver to our students and to our students' safe and innovative use of technology to enhance their own understanding of the world in which they live.

So, what are we doing in classrooms to enhance learning? The most ever-present use of the technology is to break down the barriers between the classroom and the home. Students now have access to all of their school resources from home, and teachers are able to more rapidly share resources with students and students with each other. The "anytime-anywhere" paradigm of student learning is one that is central to what we have sought to achieve through this programme.

The future of our 1:1 programme will see some further improvements in the near future. In 2014, our Sharepoint Portal will be accessible to all students, and this will further streamline the way students' access, save and share information in the process of their learning.

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*"Learn what you are in the eyes of God."*

Also, developments in tablet technologies are beginning to see them become a viable option in the not too distant future.

On Wednesday of this week we were blessed with a visit from the Superior General of the Oblates, Fr Louis Lougen. He is in Australia to run a retreat for the Australian based Oblates and wanted to visit Mazenod on his way through to Melbourne. Fr Lougen spoke to the staff and students at an assembly and gave us a wonderful insight to the work of the Oblates throughout the world and what it means to be a part of the Oblate community based on the teachings of St Eugene De Mazenod. It was a great honour to welcome Fr Lougen to our College.

During the holidays the **ABC 7.30 Report** produced a documentary about the installation of a seismometer at Mazenod College. This very sensitive instrument that can detect movements of the Earth's surface and as the surface is in constant motion due to natural and man-made phenomena, the seismometer will record significant volumes of data that can be accessed by Mazenod students. The students who were interviewed spoke very well and it was wonderful to see the students so engaged in a very practical activity that gives context to the theory that they study. This concept is particularly relevant to the subject Earth and Environmental Science which was introduced two years ago to the Senior School and the current Year 12's will be the first Mazenod boys to sit the EES WACE exam. This subject has proved to be very popular with large numbers of students enrolling in Year 11. Congratulations to the Science staff for their efforts in obtaining this wonderful opportunity for the students of Mazenod. The full interview can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



### **A Prayer For Our Young People**

*God our Father, You see Your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world.  
Show them that Your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals.  
Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start.  
Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

**Mr John Payne (Principal)**

## **DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL**

In the interest of safety, parents are asked **NOT** to drop off or collect their sons from the eastern verge of Gladys Road. We also ask that you do not park on the school grounds unless you are on office business. As you would appreciate, the large volume of traffic in this area in the morning and afternoon makes this practice quite dangerous. With that in mind we ask that you use Pindara Place or Kershaw Avenue to do this. Thank you.

## **SUPERVISION**

Parents please note that **supervision** at the College is between **8:10am and 3:50pm**.

We would prefer students were NOT on the grounds outside of these hours as there is no supervision.

For safety reasons, students arriving **before 8:10am** and still on the grounds **after 3:50pm**, are not to play any organized sporting activities and are to stay in the quadrangle area.

## **MEDICATION**

If any student needs to take medication during school hours they are required to have the medication stored in the College office. The medication should be given to the College receptionist and should be accompanied by a letter containing the following information:

1. **Student's name and Form room.**
2. **Name of the doctor prescribing the medication and doctor's phone number.**
3. **The purpose of the medication.**
4. **The name and dosage of the medication and time to be taken.**
5. **Parents' daytime contact phone numbers.**

All medication will be self-administered.

**YEAR 12 ATAR STUDENTS RETURN  
MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

**YEAR 12 IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**All Year 12 students are to be dressed in full College uniform, including blazer at the following events:**

**FAREWELL YEAR 12's:**

Parents and friends of Year 12's are invited to come along to the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** at **9:15am** for a **9:30am start** and stay afterwards for morning tea.

**Please note:** Year 12 Breakfast commences at **7:00am** at the back of the gym.

**Farewell Year 12's**

**SPECIAL MORNING TEA:** Could mums or dads who are providing a plate of cakes, slices or something savoury for this special morning tea to farewell our Year 12's, please leave items at the Gym. If you haven't responded and would still like to help with the morning tea, please contact **Jane Wallis 0438 901 689** / [wallis.jane00@gmail.com](mailto:wallis.jane00@gmail.com) ) or **Julie Oorschot (0439 910 426 / [oorschot.julie@hotmail.com](mailto:oorschot.julie@hotmail.com))**. Thank you.

**VALEDICTORY MASS and DINNER – 26<sup>th</sup> October:**

We request you be seated by **3:45pm** for a **4:00pm** start (Lady of Lourdes, Lesmurdie). At the conclusion of Mass, there will be a presentation by Year 12 students in the College Gymnasium commencing at 5:30pm, followed by dinner.

**SPEECH NIGHT  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**



All families are invited for this special evening and we request that you be seated by **7:15pm** for a **7:30pm** start and that your son/s sits with you during the speeches and presentations.

**Please note:** All students are to be dressed in full College uniform, including blazer.

**SPORTSMAN'S DINNER TONIGHT**

**Student Expectations:**

- Boys are expected to wear their winter uniform and be neatly presented at all times, particularly when receiving awards.
- This year, boys in Years 7-11 will be asked to sit with their families.
- Only boys in Year 12 may sit together.

**Mr Chris Bolton – Head of Health & Phys Ed**

**YEAR 12 YOUNG VINNIES  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Our Christmas appeal takes place every year in the last few weeks of Term 4. As our Year 12's will be leaving us much sooner than that, we would appreciate any contributions of non-perishable food items that can be included in our Christmas hampers before they leave. Items can be given to Form teachers this Term. Thank you for your support.

**The Mazenod Young Vinnies**

**ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2014**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

We welcome all prospective Year 7 (day) and Year 7 and 8 (boarding) parents for 2014 to afternoon tea to be held in the **Gymnasium** at **1:30pm**. A full day of activities and classes has been organised for the boys commencing at **9:00am** and concluding at **3:00pm**.

**Please note:**

- All prospective parents will receive a letter within the next 2 weeks outlining the schedule for your son's Orientation Day.
- The Director of Boarding will be contacting boarding parents of Years 7 and 8-10 to explain the Orientation process for you all.



**MAZENOD HOCKEY CLUB NEWS**

The last Mazenod Hockey Club meeting for the year is being held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at **7pm** in the College staff room. All welcome.

**Peter Bewick - President**

## SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013



Jaxon Boys – Junior Champion

The Annual School Golf Championships took place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Hillview Golf Course in Maida Vale. The students played 9 holes of stroke play with the aim of being the Junior Golf Champion (Y7-9) or Senior Golf Champion (Y10-12). With 24 students participating this year the, the competition was excellent. On a typical sunny Perth day, the students and staff enjoyed a fine day of golf. Whether they scored well or battled through the day, all the participants had fun and it was great to see so many keen golfers from Mazenod taking part.

Final results saw **Jaxon Boys (Y8)** win the junior division, with a score of 55. **Jaxon Graham (Y9)** and **Dylan Stearne (Y9)** tied for second with a score of 62. In the senior division the winner was **Lachlan Bewick (48)**, **Brandon Truss (53)** was second and **Jack Baker (55)** was third, all Y12 students.



Lachlan Bewick – Senior Champion

**Congratulation to all the winners!** Thank you to the staff that attended and played alongside the students and to Mr Douthie for his assistance with the organisation of the event.

*Tim Grabski - Head of Sport*



Jaxon Graham



Dylan Stearne



Brandon Truss



Jack Baker



## Mazenod College Sportsman's Dinner 2013



TONIGHT @ 6:30pm

**A few tickets available until 4:30pm from the front office**

**NO DOOR SALES.**

*Wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase*

- Join us to celebrate the sporting achievements of the athletes of our College.
- High profile sporting personalities and previous award winners will be in attendance.
  - **Pre-sold tickets only – tickets will not be sold at the door.**
  - Tickets **\$35 per person** - available from the front office.

### CANTEEN ROSTER: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fiona Scrimgeour Melissa Doyle Shelley Glassby	Shea Price Julie Kinley	Simone Spanjers Kathryn McCormack Kate McFayden	Karen Hegarty Melissa mars Ann Shelley	<b>Y12 Farewell Assem.</b> Leanne Neeson Deb Alderson

## Act Belong Commit Dwellingup 100 Race Report Reece Tucknott



The weekend started 364 days earlier when my dad, the course organiser for the Act Belong Commit Dwellingup 100, began thinking of the improvements that could be made to the course based on issues that arose during the previous day's race. My race weekend started at 6:30am, three hours before my alarm, on the Friday morning when my phone went off as it received a message from current Cross Country Elite Women National Champion, Peta Mullens. Peta and Brendan "Trekky" Johnston who both ride for the Target Trek Mountain Bike Team had made the journey from over east to race the 100km event on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. The message read "Can you please bring down a set of trackies for me to wear as it is a bit chilly, thanks." It was a tossup between my Western Australian Institute of Sport trackies or my Mazenod trackies, in true

form I chose the Mazenod trackies, purely for the promotion of the school of course!

I arrived in Dwellingup at around lunchtime on the Friday which was followed by a quick feed and brake pad replacement before Peta, Trekky and I went out for a ride around "The Block" and the final 15kms of the race course. The light spin was followed by a filming session with Stuart from ClipMediaMotion who is composing the race documentary that will be aired on SBS Cycling Central in a few weeks time. The filming included a crash, a few close calls and multiple laughs concluding with Stuart interviewing the three of us about the race and our plans for next year.

On race day morning the first thing on the agenda was to show my face at the Muscular Dystrophy WA tent where I was the first person to put pen to jersey and sign the four Ride For Someone Who Can't jerseys that were to be donated to the corporate sponsors of Ride For Someone Who Can't 2013. It was then back to the cabin to collect drink bottles and final race nutrition before a Ride For Someone Who Can't team photo ahead of the start of the 100km event. Five minutes after the start of the 100km event it was time for the start of my race, the 40km 'Challenge'.

The start was fast, with a big show from the junior road riding community the pace on the first few kilometres of bitumen was fierce with a train of four riders developing before we hit the start of the gravel. The first climb follows the powerlines where Sam Rubery and I escaped from the rest of the riders where we battled hard through the back markers of the 100km event up the difficult climb. Overtaking was the name of the game for the next 20 or 25kms where Sam and I were fighting through the 450 odd riders that started ahead of us in the 100km event. It was not until 'Lieutenant Dan' (You got no legs Lieutenant Dan!), the last major climb in the course, where I was able to drop Sam and get what I thought to be the leading gap. That was until Marrinup where I realised I had pushed too hard and had to ease off a little through the single track which enabled Sam to make up the time I had put into him.

With 5kms to go we were back together and now road tactics was the name of the game with Sam deciding to take the lead at the 5km to go mark I decided to follow his wheel for a few kilometres. At 2.5kms to go I saw my opportunity up a little rise where I knew Sam would be hurting, I made the move and was able to develop a gap which I had extended by the finish to come through and take the win in the 40km event of the Act Belong Commit Dwellingup 100. The time gap that I had developed by the finish was aided by Sam taking a slight detour through a creek and going over the bars but none-the-less Sam had an awesome ride and definitely gave me a run for my money.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY WEEKEND

All families are invited to attend the **ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY FAIR:**

- **Sunday November 10th 10am - 4pm - Senior Oval.**
- Over 50 stalls, entertainment and Rides.
- All welcome

### ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION AND SALE:

- **Official Opening, Friday 8th November 7pm. College Gymnasium**
- Tickets \$20 include drinks and nibbles.
- To purchase tickets please contact Annamaria on 9290. 4205 or [cream.annamaria@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:cream.annamaria@stbrigids.wa.edu.au)

Join us as we showcase the works of 60 of Western Australia's most prominent artists including Nick Economo, Terry Cousins and Richard Bogusz.

The Exhibition runs on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November 10am - 3pm.**



