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IMPORTANT DATES

P & F AGM

Tuesday 12 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

2014

BOARDERS RETURN

Monday 3 February

SCHOOL REOPENS

Tuesday 4 February

TERM DATES

Term 1 4 Feb – 10 April

Term 2 29 April – 3 July

Term 3 22 July – 25 Sept

Term 4 14 Oct – 4 Dec



NEWSLETTER NO. 33

1st November 2013

Dear Parents and Students

Last Monday night saw one of our final celebrations for the year in the annual Presentation Evening. This evening is an opportunity to recognise excellence in academic achievement, community service and Christian Leadership. It is also an opportunity to showcase some musical items. On this note we enjoyed fine performances from the Mazenod/St Brigid's Concert Band, the Mazenod Classic Rock Band and the Jazz Band (pictured right).



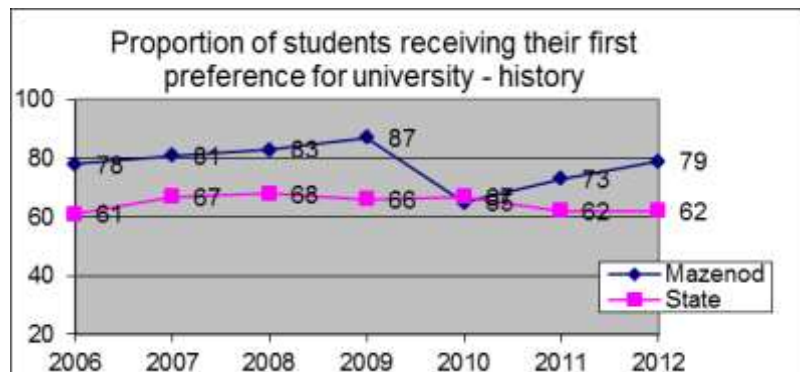
The presentation of awards and prizes allows us to recognise and reward academic excellence. The attainment of academic excellence is not simply measured by the achievement of multiple 'A' grades or being the top student in the class. Academic excellence is about students doing their best. It is about students working at a level that is commensurate to their ability. This can also be measured by students working in the "very good to excellent range" in indicators such as effort, behaviour, organization and participation as recorded on the semester reports. Academic excellence is also about encouraging students to be independent learners, collaborative learners, self-motivated learners and learners willing to listen to advice and implement strategies to improve.

Clearly, there are many students who are achieving their own personal level of excellence and who are not recognized at Presentation Evening. We congratulate and encourage these boys to maintain their ideals and strive for merit. As a staff we attempt to recognise students who achieve their personal 'best' through certificates, commendation cards and prizes awarded at year assemblies and whole school assemblies.

If we examine the 'success' of the school from a statistical point of view, there are many indicators that confirm the excellent academic results achieved by Mazenod students over many years now. To mention a just a few 'numbers': Mazenod students have achieved a median ATAR of 83.42 over the past five years compared to the state median of 79.61. 100% of Year 12 students have met graduation requirements in the past 5 years. When looking at university entry, 78% of Mazenod College applicants have been offered their first preference over the last seven years compared to the state figure of 64%.

We have also celebrated the success of subjects ranked in the top groupings of the state and the number of Year 12 students receiving state based awards. Last year, Maths 3A/3B, Maths 2C/2D, Computer Science and Applied Information Technology were ranked in the top 15 schools in the state (based on the percentage of candidates who achieved a final scaled mark greater than 75%).

We are wary of focusing solely on a series of statistics, because ultimately rankings and school comparisons don't paint the true picture of the heart of a school.



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

Mazenod prides itself on providing a holistic education for all students, which includes supporting and guiding academic success, promoting participation in sport and the performing arts and offering opportunities for leadership, community service and personal growth. There is a very strong focus on fostering an ethos amongst all students to pursue their own individual level of personal growth and distinction, *to learn who they are in the eyes of God.*

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the recipients of the major Year 12 awards for 2013:

- SCHOOL CURRICULUM and STANDARD AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION: for the achievement of at least 20 A grades over 2 years of Senior School.
Callum Carrie Nathaniel Bailey Conor MacKay Max Roderick-Smith
- HON JOHN DAY, MLA, CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD: **Brandon Arnell**
- PARENTS AND FRIENDS AWARD for POSITIVE LEADERSHIP: **Zachariah Heyes**
- OLD BOY'S AWARD FOR COLLEGE COMMITMENT: **Nathaniel Bailey**
- JOZEF CEBULA AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE BOARDING COMMUNITY: **Declan Ryan**
- GREG SYMONS AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO COLLEGE LIFE: **Patrick Wallis**
- BORGIA PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDY, SPORT AND/OR PERFORMING ARTS: **Conor MacKay**
- RECTOR'S AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP: **Robert Bulich**
- MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: **Callum Carrie**
- DUX OF THE COLLEGE: **Jack Shelley**

WACE exams commenced today with students sitting Physics and History exams. WACE exams will continue for the next 2 ½ weeks. For those students who are anxious, worried or tense about exams, I hope that they can find peace and calm in the knowledge that they will reap the rewards of their study and have the support of friends and family. I encourage you to keep focussed on your final goal. We keep all Year 12s in our thoughts and prayers during this time.


Finally, a reflection on striving to be your best:

Nobody said it would be easy! Many people are sentenced to mediocrity – not because they don't have the talent but because they don't have the willpower, desire, ambition or commitment. One thing is certain - there will need to be much time, energy and resilience expended by people in their quest for excellence.



Dux of the College: Jack Shelley

Mr John Payne (Principal)



FORM 7A MASS Period 2
Wednesday 6th November

All parents/grandparents and friends are invited to the Form 7A Mass in the **Chapel at 9:40am.**

YEAR 11 THANKSGIVING MASS



Year 11 Thanksgiving Mass will be held **Friday 15th November** commencing at **9:00am** in the **College Chapel**. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lorraine Lima – Head of RE

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2014

Friday 29th 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**.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

TRACK SUITS: Increase in price as from January 2014.

BLAZERS 2014: From 2014 we will be offering an improved sizing service for Blazers. For tall slim boys there will be half sizing (longer in the sleeve and body) and for short stocky boys there will be quarter sizing (shorter in the sleeve and body). However, we are unable to hold these sizes in stock. If you think your son would benefit from either of these fittings he will need to be fitted during fourth term 2013 and a deposit will be required before the blazer is ordered.

ANKLE SPORT SOCKS are now in stock at the Uniform Shop.

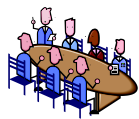
GREY SHORTS: Unfortunately not all sizes are available at the moment.

Maechel and Robyn – Uniform Shop Managers

YOUNG VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Christmas appeal takes place every year in the last few weeks of Term 4. We would appreciate any contributions of non-perishable food items that can be included in our Christmas hampers. Items can be given to Form teachers. Thank you for your support.
The Mazenod Young Vinnies

P & F ASSOCIATION NEWS



The **Mazenod P & F AGM** will be held in the **Boardroom** on **Tuesday 12th November, 2013** at **7:30pm**. It will be followed by an ordinary meeting.

Janine Fisher – P & F President

COLLEGE SPORT NEWS

OBLATE CRICKET TEAM SELECTED FOR MELBOURNE CARNIVAL:

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Oblate Cricket Team for the upcoming Oblate Cricket Carnival in Melbourne this December.

Steven Ricci (Captain)
Thomas O'Brien (Vice-Captain)
Dominic Daines (Vice-Captain)
Riley Even
Campbell Burt

Ryan Doyle
Daniel McKay
James Kirwan
Thomas Amos

Giles Dent
Sachin Barr
Jonathon Neves
Daniel Clare

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport

MAZENOD JUNIOR BASEBALL GAME:



On Wednesday 30th October the growing Mazenod Junior Baseball Team again had the privilege to play on the state's premier baseball field, Barbagello Baseball Park. They took on members from the baseball programme at Darling Range Sports College. Made up of students from Years 7-9, some amazing baseball was played by both teams. The final score was a win to Darling Range 5-3. The Mazenod pitchers were outstanding, with **Ben Hischar**



Isaac Massang

starting and throwing well, and excellent support in the later innings from **Maverick Hamilton** and **Isaac Massang**. **Austin Leaver** was solid behind the plate, and drove in a run with a single to centre field. **Ben Hischar** hit one to the left field wall, and scored from the hit. **Isaac Massang** and **Caleb Boyd** also batted well, and solid defence was played by all the players. Congratulations to all the team members.



Caleb Boyd



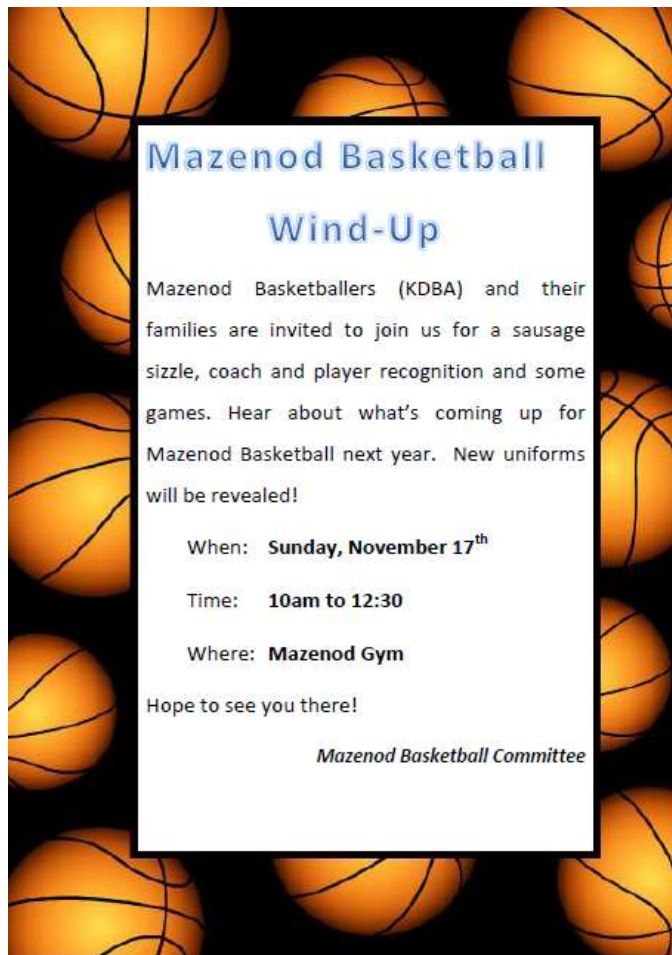
Austin Leaver (catcher), Maverick Hamilton with Mr Grabski



Maverick Hamilton



Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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

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.**

CANTEEN ROSTER: 4th – 8th November 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lyndsay Keleman Carolyn Ryan Melissa Mars	Gaye Biffin Cherie Alvaro	Sue McHugh Di Lamb Sam Heath	Karen Hegarty Michelle Watts	Maxine Britten Leanne Neeson

YEAR 10 ACC BEACH LIGHTNING CARNIVAL 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a part of the Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) Interschool Sports Program, all Year 10 students will be participating in the ACC Beach Lightning Carnival on **Friday 15th November**. The majority of activities are participation based including Volleyball, Continuous Cricket, Touch Rugby, Hoopball, Swimming, Sand Sculpture and Biathlon (*optional*).

Note: During the swimming events students will be supervised by SLSWA and school staff with a current Bronze Medallion qualification.

Venue: Leighton Beach, North Fremantle.

Contact: Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club 9335 4359
ACC Mobile: 0400 252 112

Transport: Buses will depart from Mazenod at **8.40am sharp** and return to the College by **3.00pm**. Students competing in Biathlon need to be at school by **7:00am** for early departure.

Uniform: College Sports uniform, blue sports shorts, white sports shirt, white sports shoes, school sports cap.

What to bring: A packed lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, board shorts (appropriate style), towel and thongs (not to be worn to school).

Other: **No mobile phones, I-pods, cameras or other electronic devices.**

Students are expected to behave in a manner that upholds the ethos of the College. As this is a whole year group event, it is **not optional** and only illness or injury should prevent students from attending the carnival. It is expected that it will be an enjoyable day for all, regardless of sporting ability or interest.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the College on the details below.

Regards,

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January Programs	Program 1 30 December 2013 to 10 January 2014 Short program 6 to 10 January 2014 (limited centres) Enrolments close Monday 18 November 2013 Program 2 13 to 24 January 2014 Enrolments close Monday 25 November 2013

A program is the equivalent of 10 days (approximately 350 minutes of lesson time). Programs may be fewer days if there is a public holiday. A short program is five days (approximately 175 minutes of lesson time).
Enrolment fee does not include venue entry fee, if applicable.

Enrol online now at det.wa.edu.au/swimming T 9345 4007