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IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL CLOSURES (EASTER) 3:15pm
Wednesday 27 March

EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday
Monday 1 April (Boarders Return)

SCHOOL REOPENS
Tuesday 2 April

P & F MEETING
Tuesday 9 April – Boardroom 7:30pm

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday 11 April

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



NEWSLETTER NO. 7

22nd March 2013

Dear Parents and Students

I received news this week which convinced me that the old adage, "It's a man's world", is a lot truer than I ever imagined. I can only trust that a loving God will restore some kind of balance in the life to come.

Two weeks ago I reported that Mums who gave birth to boys lived an average of 8.5 months less than Mums who gave birth to girls.

While I was shocked by this "scientifically proven" statistic the response from Mazenod Mums was overwhelmingly that they would willingly give up these months for the quality times they share with their darling and beloved male angels.

Quite what this implies about their daughters is not so easy to discern. My strong desire for our community to enter the Easter Season in peace, joy and harmony urges me to say nothing at this point.

The news this week which so shocked me comes from a Mum who I have known for years and who I trust absolutely.

She told me, as scientific fact, that the trauma of childbirth (of either gender) can cause brain degeneration (particularly to short term memory) by as much as 20% per child.

To quote this Mum: "A mother can leave 20% of her brain cells in the labour ward!"

At this point I can just imagine our Mums doing the maths – if they still have the brain capacity to manage a task as complex as this! – and working out the brain capacity they may have left.

For those with two or more children who may be struggling a bit with the times-tables involved here I will say that the magic number is five!

Any Mum getting close to this number (for example, three children) should, when shopping, linger a little longer in the vegetable section and, if no one is close, you might bend forward and whisper a few soothing words to a carrot, mushroom or green pepper.

Who knows? If you are gentle and sensitive enough you may get a gently whispered response saying, "Thanks for speaking to me. I had five wonderful children and this is where I ended-up!"

If, by chance, you are overheard and asked why you are talking to the vegetables just say, "I'm a mother of four wonderful children", with as much confidence as you can muster, and head as fast as you can for the health food section where you can try to regain a few of those years you lost by being careless enough to let your partner give you boy babies!

Needless to say, the above has other implications which are far too dangerous to even consider.

When, for instance, your all-knowing teenage angel tells you that you are, "out of touch", "need to get a life," or just casually throws his/her eyes to heaven indicating that even the most basic verbal communication is a step too far for you, perhaps you need to think again, count the number of children you have, revisit the vegetable section of your shopping centre with 'new' sight and consider that, in your children's eyes, those healthy bulbs of broccoli may be what they are seeing and hearing.

And...let's be honest, who can take broccoli seriously (even with cheese sauce)?

The Mum who sent me the 'facts' on childbirth concluded that given this frightening reduction in brain function and its implications, it probably is a great blessing that giving birth to boys reduces life span by 8.5 months.

If you are a Mazenod Mum (and therefore have BOYS with us) maybe you should look at your next oven-roasted parsnip and wonder if, perchance, this was, in another life, a Mum who had five girls and no boys and is now destined to live a long life with the brain function of a parsnip!

Jest if you must but remember that truth is stranger than fiction.

So far, out of sheer terror of "fire, sword, famine and pestilence", I have abandoned fonts, text sizes, columns, colour and humour.

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This week, out of the same horror which I cannot risk being visited on our innocent angels, I will go a step further and be brief! For me to be brief – as all staff members will attest – is akin to a miracle far greater than the raising of Lazarus from the dead. I am prepared to do this to show the incredible love I have for our Mazenod Community as well as the terrible guilt I feel at opening Pandora's Box in the first place and releasing "The Dogs of War" on our innocent, caring and unsuspecting community.

I have been pondering some very interesting things this week and observing some behaviours in our boys which I surmise must be a type of evolutionary cul-de-sac from which they cannot escape. I just know that you would love to read this as much as I would love to share it with you.

However since our parent population gave Lyn such huge support some weeks ago during her campaign for single column Newsletters she has become a singularly dangerous creature and I must tread very carefully around her.

I have given up on colour, fonts, humour and creativity. I must now also be 'brief'.

Until I have gathered enough raw meat to lure her back to her lair I'm afraid the "Dogs of War" freely roam our corridors and, like the Dementors of Harry Potter, they suck from our very being all that is colourful, cheerful, creative or humorous.

I will admit that I do live in fear of 'she who must not be named.'

Until next week – though I hope I am not being overly optimistic here!

Fr. Brian Maher OMI (Rector)

PS. An amusing definition to remember: "*Happiness is an agreeable sensation arising from contemplating the misery of another.*"
(I just love it when someone tells a truth we don't even want to admit to ourselves!)

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

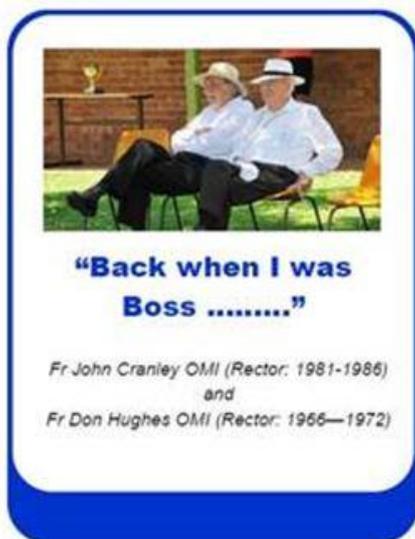
DEBATING

The debating teams kicked off their season on Tuesday night. The novice team is made up of **William Conti, William Leyland, Francis Filamor and Thomas van Eck**. The topic of this debate was *that schools should not suspend students*. The students argued extremely well in their first ever debate.

The junior team comprises of **Jack Hansen, Patrick Martini, Jordan Joseph and Morgan Wade**. These students have developed into a formidable team over the past year. Their topic for the evening was *that Lance Armstrong has done more harm than good*. Unfortunately the boys were defeated by their nemesis: Aquinas 1.



Student Anthology



STUDENT ANTHOLOGY

The students whose writing was selected for the 2012 Student Anthology each received a copy of the publication at the whole school assembly last week. Congratulations to these students on this achievement. The contributors pictured below are: **Michael Swallow, Matthew Burn, Tom O'Brien, Ben Morgan, Ben Harris, Will Conti, Tom Alderson, Sam Baxter, Anthony Bulich and Nathan Thomas**.

ENGLISH AUTOBIOGRAPHY COVER PAGE HOUSE COMPETITION

This term the House competition for English is to design your own autobiography cover page. There are great prizes for individual entries and you can earn points for your House. Entries are due in Wednesday, Week 10. **Fr Cranley** and **Fr Hughes** have already produced their entry.

Ms Jenny Moulton – Head of English

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES
THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2013 – 8AM-4PM
MONDAY 6TH MAY – 3PM-6PM

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

Message from Buswest.....Buswest has requested that correct fares must be tendered to drivers. Students, who catch a Buswest bus, please ensure you have the correct fare before boarding. Thank you for your cooperation.

Peter Smith – Locations Manager

COMPUTER TALK (Revisited)

GREAT PLACES TO LEARN

It was not so long ago that the limits of one's library was the limit of one's world. Libraries only have finite funds and many young people over the years have missed out on access to the greatest minds on the planet. In this segment, I would like to draw your attention to some great resources for people who want to learn just for the sheer fun of it! There are two sites that will expand your mind and provide you with productive distraction online (yes, we understand the irony of this given last week's segment on screen time).

TED (www.ted.com) and its student-focused little brother TED-Ed (<http://ed.ted.com>) bring some of the world's greatest thinkers, innovators and scientist into your home with short, fascinating talks on various projects happening around the world. TED talks are videos from conferences held worldwide focusing on technology, entertainment and design.

Big Think (<http://bigthink.com>) is another site that makes the complex ideas accessible to the average person. Look for Dr Michio Kaku's explanations of quantum physics and technology advancement on the Big Think YouTube channel! (<http://www.youtube.com/user/bigthink?feature=chclk>)

Bruce Derby – Deputy Principal

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

2013 PERFORMING ARTS TOUR SHOWCASE

TONIGHT (Friday 22nd March 7-9pm) – NOT TO BE MISSED!

Imagine enjoying a platter of succulent fresh fruit, sipping a latte and relaxing in a bustling square in an ancient European City. Buskers are performing amazing tunes on their varied instruments, street performers dazzle you with their skills and humour and the occasional artist is carefully rendering in full colour this cultural experience on a small canvas. **Tonight** and without destroying this perfect image, the ancient European city will in fact be the College gymnasium and the performers our very own Music, Drama and Visual Arts students.



Some tickets are available at the door for \$10 adults, \$5 children and \$25 a family. Please form tables of **ten** or combine with other families to share this wonderful experience. Whilst tea and coffee will be provided, the evening is designed to be quite informal so we invite you all to bring along your own platters, drinks and supper. To assist with Tour fundraising and not unlike any world city, we will have our own street vendors in the form of a silent auction of donated items that can be bid upon/bartered upon during the night.

Please attend and enjoy the evening or contact the Performing Arts Office on **9291 1535** if you have any queries.

Mr Nick Allen – Head of Visual & Performing Arts

YEAR 12 DRAMA PRODUCTION

Mazenod College presents *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*! All 137 plays in a mere 97 minutes! This irreverent production borrows from the traditions of the Marx Brothers, Monty Python and Commedia dell'arte. Fast paced, witty and physical, it's an evening of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike. Expect chaos, confusion, sword fights, vomiting, and a whole lot of cross dressing!

Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th April

Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

Tickets: \$5/person available from the front office

Mrs Jess Wellman - Drama

COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tom Alderson, Matthew Russo, Joel Curtis and Josh Harris (Year 8), all members of the Midland Guildford District Cricket 13s team who won their Grand Final last weekend. A great reward after a fantastic season by the team. Well done!

Jackson Hewitt (Year 7) competed in the State Tee-Ball carnival for Forrestfield this month, the team finishing second in the A Grade Division. Following his outstanding form, Jackson has been selected in the 'Super Squad', a state representative squad picked from the best of each district team to play exhibition games throughout the season. Well done, Jackson!

Adam Disisto (Year 8) was recognised for his outstanding season for the Perth District Cricket Club U14s with a number of awards. He received a batting award, the coaches award, an award for most promising junior player within the club and he was appointed and continuing Captaincy for Under 15's team 2013/2014. Congratulations Adam on such an excellent achievement!



Adam Disisto

Mr Tim Grabski – Head of Sport



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Please make sure you put your House Affiliation on your entry.

PROBLEM: Find the smallest number that when it is divided by 5 or 7 or 8, the remainder each time is 1.

Week 6 winner: Ennio Folini 8A, Matt Spanjers 8B
Week 6 answer: 79

11TH OLD BOYS versus STUDENTS' ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



On behalf of the Mazenod Old Boys Association I would like to extend an invitation to the College Community for the above event.

Where: Mazenod College

When: April 7th Sunday

All a welcome to have a laugh at the “has beens” of the Mazenod sporting world. Food will be available for purchase as will bar facilities. There will be licensed areas so you will not be allowed to bring alcohol into the grounds. More details to follow.

Jeremy Logan – Old Boys Liaison Coordinator

“BOYS’ TOYS” CAR EXPO HELD FRIDAY 15TH MARCH



Congratulations to the winners of the most popular car in the Expo:

- 🏆 **1st Place** was Mr Ben Burchill - Austin Burchill's (Year 12) dad with his **1966 Fastback Mustang Eleanor.**
- 🏆 **2nd Place** was Mr Gary Spanjers – Matthew Spanjers' (Year 8) dad with his **Ford Mustang GT500 Super Snake Shelby,** and
- 🏆 **3rd Place** was Mr Jeremy Logan ('87), President of Mazenod Old Boys (MOB), with his **1963 VW Kombi dual cab.**
- 🏆 Most popular motorbike was won by **Mr Mal Johnson** with his **Kawasaki ZX14 Nina**

The Expo was truly a Mazenod community event with students, parents, Old Boys, grandparents and many staff participating. It was a great success as the boys clearly enjoyed themselves and \$610 was collected by the Mazenod Young Vinnies for The St Vincent de Paul Society. On behalf of the MOB, and Mazenod Young Vinnies, thank you to all those involved.

Mr David Hiatt, Mr Jeremy Logan, Ms Susanne Biffin and Mr Glenn Pabst



Jaxon Graham, Josh Dowsett (back seat), Kieran Murphy, Anthony Jones, Marty Rowe and driver – Mrs Marion Cahill



Mr Jeremy Logan and “Boo Boo”

MAZZA MUMS - OPEN DAY

Open Day is coming up on **Thursday 18th April** and we will be needing cakes, slices, biscuits, savouries or sandwiches to be served for the afternoon tea. These can be left at the front office prior to or dropped off at the Gym on the day.

HELPERS REQUIRED!

Also we will be requiring help in the kitchen and serving afternoon tea from **1:30pm to 6:00pm** - a roster system will be set up. It is a great way to meet other mums and have a bit of fun. If you are able to help during this time, please contact **Jane Wallis (0438 901 689)** or email

wallis.jane@bigpond.com and **Julie Oorschot (0439 910 426)** or email oorschot.julie@hotmail.com Thank you.



2013 MAZZA FOOTY TIPPING IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!

Hoping to boost our numbers from the 73 tippers who have already registered for this season's competition - it's not too late to join in the fun and excitement of Mazza Footy Tipping.

As the 2013 AFL season kicks off this weekend, **you have until 5.30pm WST today (Fri 22/03) to join** and lodge tips for round one. If you do miss the round one cut-off time we are taking late registrations right up until Friday 12th April, with late entrants allocated the average score for the rounds that they have missed.

New tippers can connect directly to our competition webpage at: <http://www.footy tipping.net.au/mazenod/> - the joining password is **mazza13**

A full list of the competition rules can be found on the website.

You have until the start of round three to pay the \$50 joining fee which can be lodged at the front office or via direct deposit into the Mazenod bank account as listed below:

Account Name: Mazenod College
BSB: 066 112
Account Number: 00900369
Please also include your name or alias in the reference line.

**** We also have a small number remaining of the \$10.00 canteen vouchers on offer to the first 20 current Mazenod students who join online, but be quick to secure one of these.**

Looking forward to welcoming you aboard. Go Pies!!

Janine Fisher - Mazza Footy Tipping Coordinator

MAZENOD FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

✚ **PHOTOS:** The school is in the process of updating the sport component of their web site.

✚ **PHOTOS ARE REQUIRED:** Please send any football photos of Mazenod players that you have to:
begley@beetle-environmental.com.au

They will be gratefully received and hoping that we will be inundated with support, school staff will make the final selection. It is not possible to go public with other team players in frame.

✚ **YEAR 7's:** We will field two teams this year and as a consequence, registration will remain open as we require several more players to bring us to strength. Contact Tony Eldridge at forestgreen@bigpond.com

✚ **REMEMBER:** We are a strong club; however only as strong as the parents who contribute through involvement. "Many hands make light work".

www.mazenod.wa.edu.au/SportsClubs

CANTEEN ROSTER: 25th – 29th March 2013

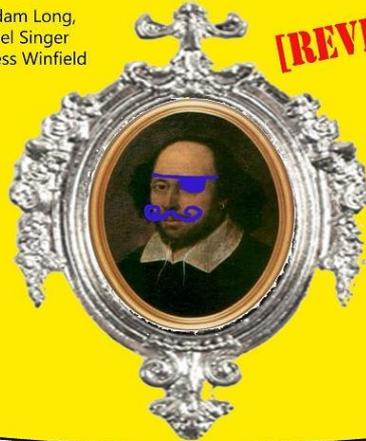
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jodi Conti Adrian Conti	Karen Burt Karon Hayes Lyndsay Kelemen	<i>ACC Swim Carnival</i> Roz Fraser Fiona Carroll	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY

Mazenod College presents...

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of Paradigm, New York.

**The Complete
Works of ^(Abridged)
William Shakespeare**

by Adam Long,
Daniel Singer
and Jess Winfield



REVISED!

10th-13th April, 7.00pm (doors open 6.45pm)
Mazenod College Performing Arts Centre
Tickets \$5.
Phone 9291 6500 or see Admin to book.

MAZENOD COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Thursday 18th April 2013 - 3.30 to 6.00pm

The Rector, Staff and Students invite you to observe our College in action.



- Tours of the College and Boarding House between 3.30-5.15pm
- Interviews are currently being held for Year 7, 2015
- Academic and Sporting Exhibitions
- Jazz bands and ensembles
- Afternoon tea and sausage sizzle



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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's leading parenting educator

Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children's) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children's resilience.

Robber # 1: Fight all their battles for them

Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2: Make their problem, your problem

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3: Give kids too much voice

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4: Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform

Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children's abilities and don't put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5: Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half

way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

Robber # 6: Neglect to develop independence

Don't wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6: Don't routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7: Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.

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