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ALUMNI OFFICE

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Welcome to another edition of the Mazenodian. Although the first half of 2023 has been extremely busy and highly successful in our community, the change of College management requires special mention. We say goodbye and thank you to Mr Andrew Watson, who is now the Principal at Newman College, and we warmly welcome Mr Simon Harvey, our new Principal. As an alumnus and previous principal of St Norbert College in Queens Park, Mr Harvey's educational pedigree has developed from a similar background and culture to Mazenod. Interestingly, 35 years ago Mr Harvey trotted out on to Mackintosh Oval representing the St Norbert's First XVIII, only to soundly capitulate to the blue and whites. How much did we win by? Well let's just say the end result possibly explains Simon's tardy return to Gladys Road. Ouch! Mazenod eventually went on to win the ACC Premiership that year, against a much more competitive St Norbert College. Following is the excerpt from the August 1987 Newsletter.

FIRST XVIII - FINAL - What a heart stopper! After a sensational display of team footy against the Swans Colts, we expected victory to come easy against St. Norberts. Complacency and lack of running saw us trailing by six goals at the end of Term 1. We showed patches of form in the second and third quarters, however, we are in arrears by four (4) goals at three quarter time. In the last 20 minutes, Dean Capobianco and Dave Maher were inspirational with their running and "straight-through" approach. Matthew Priest worked the ball from the centre and backmen Ashton, Emmott and Morgan held off opposition attacks. Our forwards started playing from in front and our handball linked up the play. We finished up winners in a thrilling final quarter. Darryl Peck, Jerry Logan and Jerome Carroll were probably the most consistent workers of the day. The entire team rallied when needed, and the boys are to be congratulated on their efforts. The hallmark of a great team is the ability to comeback from behind Go Mazza!
Best Players: Capobianco, Peck, Carroll, Logan, Ashton, Emmott, Pensini, McNamara, Softley. Goals: Peel (3), McFarland (2), Logan, Peck, Gurry, Capobianco, Softley, Priest, Pensini (1 each). Score: Mazza 13-6 (84) def. St. Norberts 10-5 (65).
R. Holt

Aaaah, good times enjoyed - well, perhaps not for everyone! Mr Harvey clearly understands and lives the Mazenod tradition. Passionate about our community, history and direction, I am very confident we are in good hands. The Mazenod Old Boys will undoubtedly be well supported and thrive under his leadership. On the behalf of Mazenod Old Boys Association, we wish Mr Harvey every success as Principal at our great College.

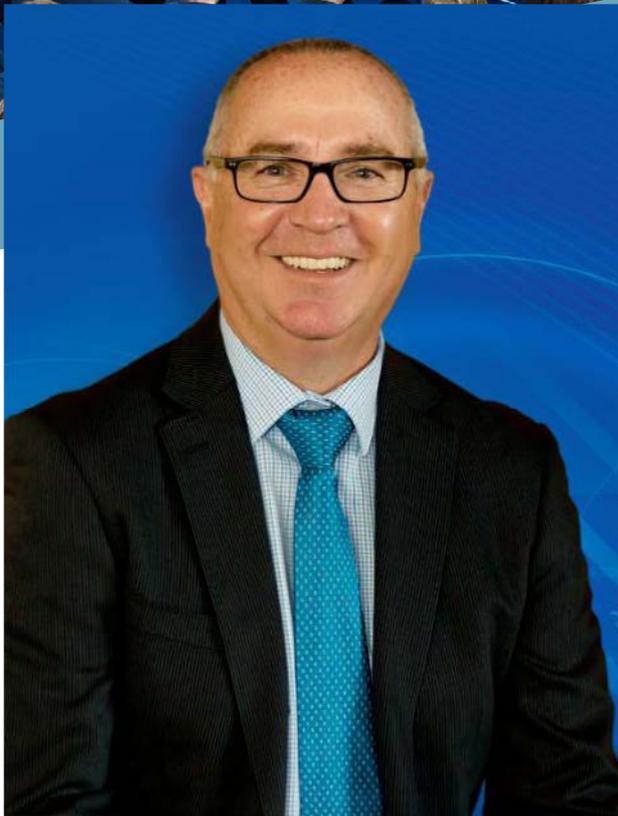
Jeremy Logan (87)
Old Boys Liaison Officer

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

We welcome all former students, parents, friends and staff to renew their association with the College and update their contact details.

Let us know where you are these days and what you are doing in your family and working lives. Please email info@mobwa.com.au or if you are an Old Boy and would like to become a member of the MOB go online to www.mobwa.com.au and download the membership form.

Alternatively, you can telephone Jeremy Logan on (08) 9291 1500. Email addresses are very important to us, as most communication is via this method.



It is with a great sense of pride and pleasure that I write my first Principal's message for The Mazenodian magazine. As I reflected on the contents of this edition, I can't help but reflect that it somewhat mirrors my first few months as the Principal of this proud College. There is so much going on, much to look forward to, much to be grateful for and of course, some sadness too with the loss of valuable and much loved members of our community such as Sr Frances Wilson and Mr Bill Raas. The reflections on the life and contributions of Fr Don Hughes OMI, the farewell to Mr Andrew Watson and the perceptions from Old Boys, Jake O'Brien (2018), and the visit of Fr Gerard Conlan OMI, are indicative of the strength of this community.

Any community is only as strong as those who support it and it is enjoyable to read the positive impact that the Mazenod College community has on those who contribute to this wonderful publication.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of Mr Andrew Watson, as the Principal of Mazenod College for the past seven years. Andrew has now taken up the Principalship at Newman College, but in his time here he was always very supportive of our Old Boys and the Mazenodian publication. I wish Andrew well at Newman and warmly welcome his return to Mazenod and any associated events in the future.

Coincidentally, whilst I don't dispute the outcome, my recollections of the 1987 ACC First XVIII Grand Final that Jeremy Logan refers to and Mr Rob Holt reported at the time, vary somewhat but I will leave that to another time and place. They were some of my most favourite high school memories and the physicality of those football games between Mazenod and St Norbert have remained with me forever – physically and mentally, as they were pretty tough and fierce encounters. So my healthy respect for Mazenod College began almost 40 years ago.

I commend the work being done by so many to keep the connection with our College community alive and I especially look forward to the feats and deeds in future publications of The Mazenodian. I wish all members of our community well and invite you to avail yourself of all that this publication offers to members of our community, both past, present and into the future.

God bless you all,

Mr Simon Harvey
Principal



Vale **SR FRANCES WILSON RNDM**

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our much loved and adored Sr Frances Wilson on July 27. In the words of our Board Chair, Mrs Mary Retel, Sr Frances is "...a very pure, selfless and giving woman, Sr Frances is now basking in eternal peace and joy".

Sr Frances Wilson RNDM, was a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions who worked in WA from 1991. Sr Frances came to WA from New Zealand to begin work at Wanalirri Catholic School at Gibb River, in the Kimberley region. Her teaching during the early years took place in a tin shed in stifling heat, until the new school was built.

Sr Frances' connection to Mazenod began in the late 1990s when a number of Indigenous students from her Gibb River school moved into Boarding at Mazenod.

In 2001 Sr Frances joined the Mazenod community as the College's Aboriginal Liaison Officer. Her time was dedicated to helping any Indigenous boys settle into Mazenod when they made the transition to life in the city. Sr Frances also assisted the Indigenous girls who were boarding at St Brigid's College.

During her time at Mazenod Sr Frances was fully involved in all aspects of school life. As well as assisting the Boarders, she was very active in the Sacramental program, was an important

member of the Educational Support team and was a keen follower of the many sporting pursuits at the College. Sr Frances, as a Kiwi, had a great love of rugby and would often attend various sporting events, particularly rugby matches as a supporter or manager. She took every opportunity to remind students and staff how dominant the All Blacks were in the rugby world. Sr Frances accompanied the school rugby team on a tour of Brisbane as the team manager. Her energy had no bounds as she would walk/jog the annual Mission Fun Run with the students.

Sr Frances was a much loved member of the Mazenod community and while we knew that she was looking forward to going home to New Zealand we were all very sorry to see her leave the College in 2014, after 13 years at Mazenod and 27 years in WA.

The College extends its condolences to the Wilson family and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions on the loss of Sister Frances Wilson RNDM. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this incredibly sad time.

Not someone to keep idle or do nothing, Sr Frances concluded by saying, "If I can drive a Toyota truck on the toughest and roughest roads, I can drive anywhere where life takes me."

Mr Jeff Ronan
Deputy Principal



OUR SUPER SISTER

Sister Francis inspires the boys all year, and then sets the example during this years Mission Fun Run.

THIS ISSUE:

- More photos of MOB Sports Day
- Mission Fun Run
- News of Old boys
- Upcoming Events



Vale

BILL RAAS

With sadness we share the passing of weekend boarding supervisor Bill Raas on July 31. Bill was known by the boarders as Raaso and as one of the cool old fellas.

Prior to Bill's time with Mazenod he was a sergeant with the West Australian Police Force.

The boarders remember Raaso's interesting stories from way back when he was young and his time he spent in the police. Somehow, without fail, those stories would end up in laughter.

A unique and energetic man, Bill was a valued member of the boarding community for over 12 years and was well loved by all students and staff. RIP "Raaso"



JAKE O'BRIEN (18)

What are you studying/your current job title and what does it involve?

I'm currently in my final year studying a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at Curtin University. It's my 5th year of uni, and it's been one incredible journey thus far! In my final year, the majority of my time is spent on clinical placements. This year, these range from time in ED, Surgery, Medicine, General Practice and other elective placements. A typical day has so much variety in it, which keeps my mind active and is something I've really come to love about the career of medicine. No two days are the same and it's a certain level of interest and excitement knowing the next patient who walks in the door can bring an entirely different experience than the last. If I'm not attending clinical placement, it means I'm probably back to uni covering lectures, revising practical and procedural skills, or catching up with friends for a much-needed study group revision session. I've come to learn studying medicine is the quintessential metaphor for 'it's a marathon, not a sprint.' The days (and nights) are long, the study seems never ending, and the reward can feel limited at times. It's taught me a lot about personal reflection, being comfortable with the uncomfortable, and accepting the to-do-list is never complete. Notwithstanding, it's the career I've so gratefully been accepted into and one I know is the absolute right choice for me. Last year I was so fortunate to be accepted onto the Rural Clinical School whereby I spent my penultimate year of study in beautiful Busselton. It's a collaboration of WA's 3 medical schools and is the perfect opportunity to experience the joys of living in rural WA, contributing to the team, and diving

right into the deep end of medical practice. Moving to Busselton meant time away from the lectures and tutorials I'd spent the last 3 years doing at uni, and it's safe to say it's a move I was well and truly excited for! I learnt so much from my fellow medical student housemates, the incredible teaching staff, and all the other medical and allied health staff in Busselton, Margaret River and surrounds. It truly was the perfect year of gaining essential medical skills in an amazing holiday destination.

Any other personal news you would like to share: travels, married/single, kids, currently location, involved with sports/music/art, work/career highlights.

I've come to learn the importance of finding passion and hobbies outside of medicine. It can be a very consuming field and at times, hard to let go of. In line with the previous metaphor, I've really come to love the solitude, escape and physical challenge of marathon running. I'll be the first to admit I know it's not for everyone. I'm aware it takes a certain kind of person to find joy in waking up and going for a 4-hour run on a Sunday morning! For me, running is the perfect way to switch off after a long day and clear my head. It helps make me more present when I'm with friends and family. It's truly changed my life for the better. It's not just running I've found a passion for, but also swimming. I was asked by a friend a few years ago to join the Rottneest Channel Swim in a team event. Having never been a regular swimmer, it meant training was on, and I discovered my next favourite activity to escape from the world. There's a lot one can learn about themselves from staring at the same black line on the bottom of the pool



for 100 laps, believe me! I have no doubts my passion for endurance sports has been compounded by my studies and finding a healthy outlet to manage these demands.

Can you reflect back at your time as a student at Mazenod and share one thing that you learnt that has had an influence on you and your career? This is not limited to something you learnt in a subject, but it may be the influence of a person, belonging to a team or ensemble, service you did or perhaps something you experienced on a tour or immersion.

When I was in Year 9 at Mazenod, my world was turned upside down and things were never going to be the same. I was physically very unwell, tired all the time, eating and drinking like no tomorrow, and falling asleep in class! I was then diagnosed with type 1 diabetes – an autoimmune condition characterised by the body’s inability to produce insulin, an essential hormone for glucose absorption. This meant a life of daily insulin injections, blood sugar monitoring, an additional (on average) 180-extra decisions each day, and the mental burden of knowing if I didn’t diligently focus on my diabetes, I’d more than likely pay for it with complications in older adult life. As a mere 14-year-old, this was an enormous shock for me, my family and friends. Leaving the hospital on my Dad’s birthday, we all knew just how different life was going to be. I also knew it wasn’t going to stop me from achieving my dreams and aspirations. It was simply a hurdle I had to deal with – all day, every day. I had the most incredible support from the staff at the then Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), teaching staff at Mazenod, and friends and family who came along with me to fundraising events and functions. I took my diabetes in my stride, and used it as my ‘why’ to

prove I could still do anything and everything I wanted to in life. Although sometimes the daily struggle can seem insurmountable, I have the absolute confidence when I say being diagnosed with diabetes was the best thing that ever happened to me. It’s taught me so much about resilience, empathy and a genuine understanding that we’re all going through our own challenges. It’s taught me to embrace every day, treat everyone with kindness and do my bit to make a mark on the world. For that, I’m eternally grateful!

Thinking about your time in Mazenod College, is there something you could share with current students that may help them on their journey through secondary school?

It’s the same message I was told when I was a student at Mazenod, but it still rings true to me today. Get involved in everything! The College has so much to offer, regardless of your interests or hobbies. My greatest memories of my time at Mazenod were on the Singapore Hockey Tour and on the Mount Gambier Jazz Band Tours. Opportunities like these are so rewarding as a student and incredibly important for personal growth. I learned so much in my classes at Mazenod that have proven essential for my current studies. But, I’ve also learned so much about who I am as a person, what makes me get up in the morning and what fuels my fire inside to continue to chase my passions. Take every opportunity that Mazenod offers you. It’s truly the most supportive, empowering and nurturing community I’ve been a part of – one I’ll forever be grateful to have called home.

Jacke O’Brien (18)



THE FUTURE OF BOARDING

Serving the needs of our boarders and their families well into the future has been at the heart of plans for a purpose-built boarding facility with building due to commence in late 2023. The forward-thinking facility has been designed around how boys best live and learn. It will deliver flexible communal spaces to reflect Mazenod's focus on building connection and a sense of belonging.

This new state-of-the-art addition to the Cebula Residential Community follows the refurbishment of Daly House with new doors, new carpet, paint and furnishings. Hughes and Lewis Houses are also due to undergo renovations as part of the College's residential strategic plan.

Annamaria Cream
Director of Boarding





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For more information please contact:
Boarding Director, Annamaria Cream
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WELCOME MR SIMON HARVEY

Term Two this year saw the arrival of Simon Harvey to take up the position of Principal of Mazenod College. Simon came to us from St Norbert College, Queens Park where he had been Principal since 2017. Prior to his time at St Norbert College Simon held leadership positions at Trinity College and Chisholm College.

Simon comes to Mazenod with some experience of our College, having been a St Norbert student in the past and on the receiving end of some heavy defeats while representing the St Norbert 1st XVIII against Mazenod. Unlike his predecessor, Simon hasn't yet made it clear which AFL team he supports.

Mr Jeff Ronan
Deputy Principal





FAREWELL MR ANDREW WATSON

At the end of Term One this year Andrew finished up as Principal at Mazenod to take up the position of Principal at Newman College.

Andrew assumed the role as Principal at the beginning of 2017, becoming the first ongoing Lay Principal, taking over from John Payne. He arrived at Mazenod having been the Principal of Mandurah Catholic College and prior to that Vice Principal at John XXIII College.

Growing up in the country, Andrew had a real affinity with the Cebula Boarding community and regularly spent time in the Boarding House and joined them at Sunday Mass on a regular basis.

During his time at Mazenod it was evident that Andrew saw it as being important to be fully engaged in the Mazenod Community through his presence in so many of the co-curricular activities at the College. Perhaps the best example of this was his enthusiasm for being on the Dunking Tank each Mazenod Mission Day.

While respecting the history and traditions of Mazenod and the Oblates, Andrew initiated a number of changes during his time at the College. One of the more obvious of these was the increase in the number of Pathways available to Senior students. These include expanding the Certificate courses available both on and off campus and the addition of Curtin UniReady as an enabling program for university entry which was introduced in 2021.

Andrew had a great love of sport and kept a close eye on all the many sporting endeavours of the Mazenod teams. He had previously played a role in the administration of the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival, and so he also had a great interest in the Arts and enjoyed the achievements of our visual and performing arts students.

The Mazenod community thanks Andrew for his many and varied contributions to the life of the College and wish him all the best in his new role.

Mr Jeff Ronan
Deputy Principal



MOTHERS' DAY MASS

On the Wednesday before Mothers' Day, we had a wonderful turn up to our Mass and morning tea celebrating our Mothers and Grandmothers. Fr Joe Anthony OMI and Fr Michael McMahon OMI concelebrated Mass. Fr Joe gave a beautiful sermon that featured him sharing his deep feelings of love and gratitude for his own mother. The Mass was followed by a lovely morning tea in the library, that was supplied by the ladies from the canteen. Many of the mothers commented on how this annual Mass is very special to them, as it brings them into the heart of the College to celebrate Mother's Day with their sons in a very special way.

Damian Wallis
Director of Faith & Mission

MAZENOD MISSION DAY (MMD)

On Tuesday 15 August Mr Harvey, our Principal, officially launched Mazenod Mission Day (MMD). The boys were in great spirits and excitement as they went off to engage in the 29 different activities and stalls scattered around the College. Some of these included Pulled Pork, Sumo Suits, Super Smash Bros, Lolly Bags and Bacon and Egg Burgers.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who contributed to the success of the day. MMD is a whole school event that involves everyone in our College community. It was wonderful to see our Oblate spirit in full swing across the day.

This year, after a request from the Indian Oblates, we are supporting a new Oblate School in India, St Eugene English School at Ladlakadong in Northeastern India. The Oblates established the school in 2016 and it now has 72 students coming from seven neighbouring villages as well as seven teachers and two Oblate priests. The school was

opened to educate the poor children from the surrounding area. The money that we are raising will help to improve their school infrastructure by dividing existing buildings into classrooms for teaching purposes. As a result, this will help students to better pay attention to their teachers and class work.

If you are able to help financially by giving to our MMD appeal, please deposit a Direct Deposit into the College's bank account - 066112 009 00369 (MMDMOB - Name).

Every dollar collected will go to support the Oblates in delivering quality education to the poor in India. This is a real chance to join in with the Mission of the Oblates to make a difference in the lives of people who are living on the margins of Indian society.

Damian Wallis
Director of Faith & Mission





MYPATH WEEK

Year 10

MyPath Week at the end of Term 2 was massive and the feedback from the boys has been fantastic. It was really great to see them engaging with all of the opportunities and getting excited about what they might do after school.

On Tuesday, the boys learnt about the SCSA requirements as well as their options in VET and Curtin UniReady. The highlight of the day was definitely the Expo where we had 30 exhibitors in our gym and a really great turnout from our Mazenod and St Brigid's community. The presenters were very impressed with the way the boys engaged and asked good questions. They considered our boys to be quite exceptional, which is always lovely to hear.

On Wednesday, our Year 12's did a great job of explaining their course choices and what these pathways entailed. This was followed up with some really interesting presentations by the MOB. It is always lovely to have the Old Boys back and hear about what they have been doing. Its great to see the diversity of careers and how connected these boys still feel to the College.

Thursday was our 'Explore a Career' morning and the boys had selected sessions from fitness, horticulture, VR Career exploration, drone flying, emergency services, hospitality and STEM careers. There was a lot of excitement around this morning and all of the sessions were fantastic. The boys were

actively involved in either PT sessions, growing mushrooms and cooking mushroom burgers or learning knots and safety harnessing. There was plenty going on and the boys got a lot out of their experiences.

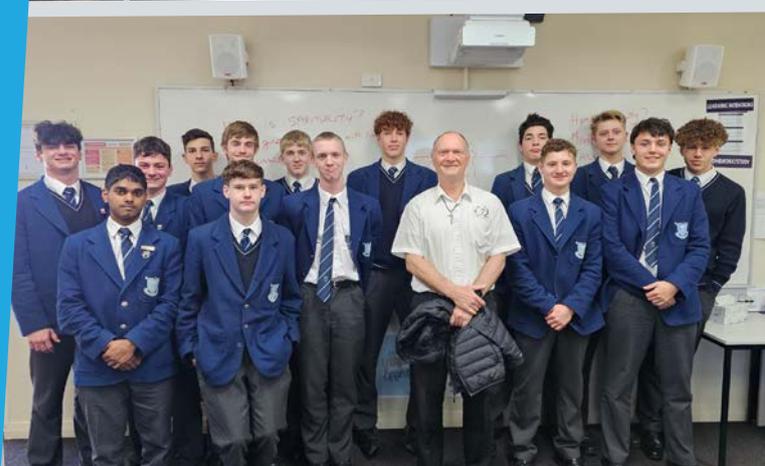
We finished the week with our Careers Carousel. This year we had 15 community members presenting to the boys. This meant they were in smaller groups and able to ask lots of questions. It was a wonderful morning for the boys that opened their eyes to many possibilities. We are so grateful to our Mazenod community members for taking the time to present to the boys.

We met with the boys and their parent(s) to make their subject selections. This is a very exciting time for the boys as they take control of their own pathways. We hope they are moving forward with confidence and excitement.

Year 11 and Year 12

It was great to see a number of boys at the Expo. They made the most of having the universities, RTO's and industry providers on their doorstep and asked some great questions to help them in making decisions about their future.

Kylie Eaton
Careers Information Coordinator



Fr GERARD CONLAN OMI

Recently the College has been blessed with Old Boy and boarder, Fr Gerard Conlan OMI spending time with us. Fr Gerard has celebrated Masses, had meals with boarders and spent time catching up with staff. He has visited Years 10 - 12 Religious Education classes sharing his story about being a student of Mazenod, before joining the Kalgoorlie School of Mines and working as an engineer. He spoke of how he was inspired by Fr Charlie Burrows OMI and Fr McMahon OMI to join the Oblates and share in missionary work in Kenya. He has spoken about the important principles of working together with people and using gifts and talents in different ways to make a difference in people's lives. Fr Gerard also spoke about the importance of finding meaning, hope, joy and learning through life's struggles and challenges. A great message for all, especially for our young men. Thank you Fr Gerry!

John Keogh
Mazenod Old Boys President



MAZENOD OLD BOYS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our first edition of the Mazenodian for 2023. I hope the first half of your year has gone well, and for the second half to go even better!

As for the Old Boys, we have been up to our usual antics as we provide social, sporting and supportive events throughout the year. So far, we have conducted two Yr 12 BBQs, the MOB v Students Hockey match, our third "13th year" event and a catch up at the Lesmurdie club, to name just a few.

I am proud to report that for the first time since 2019, the MOB, in conjunction with the Mazenod Junior Basketball Club, was able to hold the annual Old Boys v Students Basketball match. This match is played in honour of Mitchell Delle Coste (2014) who sadly passed away in 2018. It was fantastic to see such a large crowd of friends and players, many who played with Mitch, attend and play in the games. Thank you also to Kym and Danny, Mitchell's parents, for presenting the trophy.

It was also great to have Old Boy Bob Huston (78) give a talk to the Year 7's earlier in the year. The MOB is always happy to have Old Boys come back and present to the students. Some of our recent graduates also returned to speak to the Year 10s as part of the annual Careers Week at Mazenod.

Earlier this year we heard the sad news of the passing of two old boys from the class of 2011 - Luke Casey and Travis Boucher. On behalf of the whole Old Boys community, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of these two gentlemen. I encourage all old boys to continue to check in and look out for one another as we continue our Mazenod journey outside of school.

The second half of the year promises to be just as event filled as the first with the following:

- MOB v Students Men's Mental Health Footy match - 15 September
- Memorial Mass - 5 November
- Kalamunda Sunday sesh - 26 November

I hope you can join us for some of these events!

If any Old Boys are interested in becoming committee members, or wish to give it a trial, please get in touch - we can always do with a few more and it is not a massive commitment - a few meetings a year. Please email: Keogh.john@mazenod.wa.edu.au

I hope you enjoy checking out all the articles and stories shared in this edition of the Mazenodian. Hopefully you are able to read this in a warm place!



STUDENTS V MAZENOD BASKETBALL

On Saturday 17 June the Mazenod Old Boys took on the students from the Mazenod Junior Basketball Club in a round robin. This event is held in memory of Mitchell Delle Coste who sadly passed away in 2018. As a result of a hiatus of a few years due to Covid, the event was much anticipated. There was a large crowd of parents, students and old boys present.

It was a fantastic event packed with impressive finishes, 3-pointers and dunks (and many bricks) which saw the Old Boy teams winning all three games. The final game saw the monstrously-sized

Old Boys take a commanding 15 point lead, before the MJBC team brought the lead down to just 6 with 2 minutes left. A number of steals by Old Boy Taj Ingleton (22) helped them secure the win and him the Mitchell Delle Coste MVP trophy. Congrats to Michael O'Shea (Year 11) for taking out the student MVP, closely followed by big-man Deegan Castle (Year 10).

Thank you to Danny and Kym Delle Coste for joining us and presenting the MVP trophy in Mitchell's name.

LESMURDIE CLUB CATCHUP

The Mazenod Old Boys held an informal catch up at the Lesmurdie Club on June 23. While there may have been an AFL clash between 4th and 5th on the TV, the old boys didn't seem to notice as everyone was eager to catch up and hear what their mates have been up to since leaving Mazenod. The MOB provided food and a pint and everything else looked after itself. Thank you to the MOB committee for organising the night and the Lesmurdie club for hosting us. With approximately over 60 Old Boys attending from years 1983 to 2022, the MOB is proud to provide such opportunities for mates to get together, have a chat and check in with each other.





STUDENTS V MAZENOD HOCKEY

On 19 March, the annual Students V Mazenod Old Boys Hockey Match was held. With only 12 players and an early attack from the students, it was students 1, Old Boys 0 going into the 2nd quarter. However the Old Boys soon found their groove and piled on the pressure, ending the game as winners 6 - 1. Well done to all involved and thanks to the students for putting up a brave fight. It was great to see such comradarie between the boys. Rob Bulich (2013) did a great job stepping up as defacto leader and coach as the 'veteran'. Congratulations of course to the Old Boys and thanks to the Hockey club for organising the game.

1978 GRADUATE - BOB HUSTON

In the middle of March, Old Boy Bob Huston (78) visited Mazenod College and shared a few stories of what it was like and how the students would entertain themselves. One interesting fact was that the size of the school when he was there was around 150 - the same size of the whole of the Year 7 group he was talking to! Thanks for coming in Bob, we look forward to welcoming you back in the near future. The Year 7's really enjoyed it.

P.S - if any other Old Boys are interested in talking to the Year 7s, please get in touch.



FR DONALD OSWIN HUGHES OMI

It was with great sadness that the Australian Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate received the news of the passing of Fr Don Hughes OMI on July 21, 2020. Fr Don lived a full and active life as a faithful Oblate and generous Priest and even at the age of 87, had been present in the Mazenod College Western Australia community supporting students and staff. Earlier in the year he refused further aggressive treatment for his cancer, which he had battled with for many years.

In his ministry as an Oblate, he was involved in Education, Formation and Parish ministry. Fr Don was an Oblate who generously responded to the needs of the Province.

Born in Fremantle, WA on 23rd August 1932, and educated at CBC Fremantle, Fr Don Intended to be a diocesan priest and he studied philosophy at St Charles Seminary in Guilford WA. He then joined the Oblates in 1953 at Sorrento. In 1954 he went to study theology at Piltown, Ireland where he was ordained on September 15 1957.

His first obedience was 3 months at Holy Cross, Liverpool, UK before he returned to Australia, to Sorrento. In his first 2 years he was also at Peshurst NSW, Beaconsfield WA and Camberwell Vic. He taught at Iona College 1961-65, then came to Mazenod WA as our rector in 1966 until 1972.

Fr Don was then rector of St Mary's Seminary until January 1976, when he moved to Massey New Zealand as parish priest until 1982, then Rosebud Vic for 14 months followed by Tea Tree Gully SA until the end of 1989.

From 1990 to 1995 he was novice master then Rector of St Mary's Seminary for a second term, followed by 10 years of parish ministry in WA, at Fremantle then Lesmurdie. He was then Rector of St Charles Seminary (archdiocesan), Guildford WA for two and a half years, then had a year back as novice master at St Mary's Seminary, Mulgrave.

He joined the Mazenod College community in Lesmurdie in 2011. There he loved watching sporting matches, was involved with the boys, and was seen as a witness of faith and reassuring presence and pastoral support to both students and staff.

Fr Don was a generous Oblate, serving a number of terms on the Provincial Council, and was willing to go wherever he was asked, to do whatever was needed. He has been in all the Oblate ministries - he has been missionary, parish priest, teacher, college and seminary rector, formator. He was passionately interested in the congregation: he has been the historian of the province and the keeper of the stories.

Fr Don Hughes will be greatly missed.





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