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Mazenod Elite Sportsmen

Through work and through play to live fully each day
Welcome to the first edition of Mazenod News for 2012. By the time you are receiving this, we will have reached the half-way mark of the year. I am very happy to share with you the news of your College.

In a new initiative of the College, a theme was chosen for the year by the students. The theme centred around two texts; one from Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus called his followers the Light of the World and the second was a quote from St Eugene de Mazenod O.M.I. which stated that “I have no use for smouldering wicks in this Society. I want you to burn, to give heat, to give light…” After reading the texts, the boys were asked to choose a theme and eventually Be the Light was the text chosen to provide inspiration for the year.

The College year began by welcoming approximately 240 new students to the College. These were made up of approximately 216 Year 7’s and approximately 24 from other year levels. An orientation experience was provided so that they were able to have as smooth a transition as possible.

Very early on in the year we celebrated the 90+ Day where our highest ever number of recipients (64) and our highest ever percentage of students (40%) received this great honour. These results are certainly worthy of a great celebration, for we are a non-selective-entry school and our results placed us among the very best in the State. Our College median (middle) score of 86.8 meant that 50% of our students were in the top 13.2% of the State. What was also particularly pleasing was that 99.7% of our Year 12 students were able to gain a first round University placement. This meant the whole year level were able to celebrate a successful completion of the VCE. We obviously remain proud of the achievements of the boys and acknowledge the hard work of teachers and families in these results.

On the curriculum front, I am very pleased to be able to inform the community that we have introduced a new language to the curriculum. This year saw the commencement of Mandarin Chinese into Year 7 to be present alongside Italian and Japanese. Approximately 50% of the year level chose Italian to study for Years 7 and 8, while 25% each chose Japanese and Mandarin. I encourage every student to learn a second language. I am very fortunate to be able to speak and understand Indonesian, as a result of my Priestly studies in Java and Borneo. It is a gift I treasure greatly.

This year, Chess became a subject within the Year 7 Curriculum. The Programme enabled every student to develop their skills, meet new people and learn the value of wins and losses. The motto of the year was Chess – Thought is the Toughest Sport.

The Inaugural Mass once again brought together approximately 2500 to St Patrick’s Cathedral, where Bishop Vincent (former Parish Priest of Springvale) was the main celebrant. This Mass was a wonderful occasion to gather and we were very happy with the attendance and sense of belonging that was gained. 2012 has also seen the continuation of the NET experience (National Evangelisation Teams). Five young people of faith have spent the year in service to the community and they have been a tremendously positive presence in the community.
Community service opportunities continue to be well supported through Rosies Oblate Youth Mission, Red Cross, Mission Action Day and our Mission Immersion Experience in China. The generosity of the Mazenod community was again on display with $72,000 raised for people in genuine need. A further article will reflect our appreciation of this generosity.

On the Sports front we have had a very successful first half of the year with Premierships in Senior Tennis and Volleyball A and B, Year 7A and B Football and Badminton. The Volleyball Premiership was Mazenod’s 14th in a row and represents a winning streak of over 200 matches since our inaugural season of 1999. This is probably unrivalled in school sport. The Grand Final against St Bernard’s went to the 5th set and the boys fought out a very hard fought victory. Our Swimming Team held on for a very strong second place and our Athletics Team found the competition very tough in finishing 5th. The ACC is a very strong competition and we are very proud of both our record and conduct in these results. Terms 3 and 4 will see us compete in Table Tennis, Basketball, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball. We wish every team success and fair play. I am also very pleased to be able to report to you that our Oblate Cricket Team was named the winner of the overall Oblate Tournament in Queensland. This was a great result and one that demonstrated great commitment and endeavour.

Music continues to be a real focus of College life. Our Senior Choir were recently named Regional Champions and this brought the College great joy. The Instrumental Programme continues to attract high numbers and we have made every effort to maintain the lessons at the most affordable level possible. The students have been busily preparing for the College Musical which this year is Hot Mikado. As a special offer to any former cast or crew member, tickets to Wednesday night’s performance will be $10. This will hopefully ensure that the Opening Night crowd is full of people who are supportive and who know exactly what nerves an opening night brings. In an exciting new development with the Music Programme, we are combining with Iona College, our brother College in Queensland to compete in the New Zealand Rotorua Festival. I am extremely pleased that music has such a high and visible presence in the programme.

After two years of careful planning and tendering process, our new (yet to be named) sports and multi-purpose building has commenced construction. At the time of writing, the expected completion date is in April, 2013. However, weather and other factors can still impact on progress. This building will hopefully be one in which the whole community can be proud. Inside will be housed our elite level indoor sports in Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess. The facility will also function as the College’s major gathering space and provide seating for approximately 2000 people. There will also be an underground car-park to maximise land use. We are extremely grateful to every family who continues to support the College through the Building Fund and encourage anyone who wishes to make a tax-deductable donation to do so. The invitation is always there and always gratefully received.

I am extremely pleased that our Old Collegians’ Sporting Associations are doing so well. We have Old Collegians’ Cricket, World Football (soccer) and Australian Football teams. In the planning stage are Old Collegians’ Music, Chess, Table Tennis, Basketball and Volleyball. These are exciting times.

I would like to conclude this article with another invitation to any former student, family or staff member to come and make a visit to the College. We are always very happy to welcome back those who have helped make Mazenod College a very special place. Whatever your contribution over the years, whether it be a volunteer in the canteen or a player in the Year 9 table tennis team from 1986 or a staff member, we absolutely value your contribution. I encourage every Old Boy to become a member of the Old Collegians’ Association as the benefits of formally belonging are very worthwhile.

Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
Mazenod College congratulates the Graduating Class of 2011 on their fine academic achievements. The students, staff and families can be justly proud of the performance of the boys in the 2011 VCAA external examinations, and the tertiary placements that occurred as a consequence of their efforts.

In communicating these results to our wider community, we recognize that there are many people involved in the educational journey of each boy. We honour and acknowledge the valuable contribution of the Primary School teachers and affirm the great teaching and care that occurs there.

We also recognize the significant contribution that parents and families make in supporting their sons’ academic and personal journey. There are many sacrifices that families make in order to provide as much support as possible and that is acknowledged and appreciated.

We also take this opportunity of recognizing the efforts of all the Mazenod Staff in the academic and personal life of the College.

We congratulate the efforts of all our Valedictory Class. Our College Dux for 2011 was Fabrice Wilmann with an ATAR Score of 99.35. Six students received an ATAR score above 99; thirty-five students received an ATAR above 95 and sixty-four students (38%) received an ATAR score above 90. The Median ATAR score was 86.9. This means that 50% of the graduating class are in the top 13.2% of the State.

The College was again very proud that the following students attained a perfect study score of 50 for one of their subjects: Anthony Bortoli for Maths Methods and Matthew Di Petta for Further Mathematics.

The College wishes each of these young men every success in their future endeavours and ask that God continues to bless them and their families, and grant them health, happiness and fulfilment.

Special Points of Interest
- Median Scaled Study Score of 34
- 16% achieved a Study Score in excess of 40
- 38% received an ATAR of 90+
- College Dux, Fabrice Wilmann scored 99.35
- 66% received an ATAR Score above 80
- 83% received an ATAR Score above 70
Each year, school leaders from Oblate Colleges in Australia meet together to share ideas on youth leadership in Oblate schools: Mazenod College, Mulgrave; Iona College, Brisbane; Mazenod College, Lesmurdie, Perth WA and St Eugene’s College, Brisbane. This year, Mazenod College, Mulgrave was the host school and on Wednesday 28 March, 14 student leaders and 9 staff members met together. All the visitors were billeted with the families of the Mazenod College Prefects.

At the gathering, each of the student leaders gave a short presentation on the history of their school and the distinctive features of College life. This was followed by a seminar given by Fathers Michael, Christian, John and Andrew on the Oblates and their spirituality.

Students had dinner together in the city on the first night and were then involved in a city retreat, time out to look at poverty in the inner city. Then the leaders were asked to reflect on what they saw in front of them in their inner city visit. Following the reflection, some time was set aside for the student leaders to work with Rosies (Oblate Outreach to the Melbourne City Poor) to help the homeless.

The following day, the host school leaders conducted an activity which involved an in-depth discussion on how they might leave a legacy for future generations. They discussed the challenges involved in being a school leader and brainstormed ideas on how they might make changes and run activities that boosted school morale and how to raise money for those less fortunate. The Mazenod school leaders at Mulgrave also explained to the other schools how Mission Action Day (MAD) operates at their College. Each of the visitors was involved in assisting the boys at the College set up and run the MAD activities which took place the next day, 30 March at the College.
Multi Sports Centre

A new building is currently under construction at Mazenod College, the Multi Sports Centre. Once it is operating, the sports centre will provide facilities for Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball and Chess. The area will also be used as an assembly area with retractable seating for 2000 people. The construction is at the early stages of its development at this point in time. The removal of soil and clay has been completed, the foundations have been poured and the steel columns of the foundations are now in place. The wet weather in March and April has held work up. It is hoped that the new Sports Centre will be ready for use for the St Eugene de Mazenod Day celebrations in 2013.

Mazenod Under 15 Volleyball Team - Australian Champions

During the Easter school holidays, the U15 Volleyball team (Year 8) travelled to Albury to compete in the ‘U15 Australian Championships’. The Albury tournament is a true National Championship comprising of State representative teams and elite sports’ academies.

The Mazenod boys defeated some very tough competition including the NSW and ACT State representative teams, setting up a Queensland State - Mazenod final in front of more than 300 spectators.

In the Gold Medal Match, the Mazenod U15 team, after a long two and half hour, 5-set epic match prevailed against the Queensland State Team.

The scores were

Mazenod 19 25 20 25 15
Queensland 25 18 25 16 4

It is quite simply unheard of for a school team to defeat a State team and an achievement of which the College can all be extremely proud.

The team consisted of Cooper Legrand, Tom Riley, Itai Saina, Justin Schumann (c), Joshua Cochrane, Callum Charman, Joel Welsford (vc), Xavier Sabatino, Arlyn Khaiyath, and James Deegan.

The dedicated coaches who guided the team to victory were

Old Boys: Matthew Persico; Matthew Young and Josh Cowan.

They put a great amount of personal time and sacrifice in coaching and mentoring the young men all year.

Damien Schumann
Mazenod Volleyball Coordinator
As Catholics, we remember that we, who are so blessed, have a duty to care for those who are in need. Our Catholic Faith impels us to take action. As members of the Mazenod College community, we seek to uphold St. Eugene de Mazenod’s belief that no matter how poor or destitute people might be, all people are the “children of God” and our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Assisting those in need is a tangible way for us to express this year’s College theme that we should be the light of the world.

One of the great Mazenod College traditions, going back for many years, is raising funds for the less well off, particularly in the Developing World. This has been the focus of our annual Mission Action Day. This day expresses in concrete terms our belief in the dignity of all, and our commitment to work for a just society. The funds raised on this day, have in the past, been given to the work of the Oblates in Indonesia, Hong Kong, Mainland China and Kenya. This year was no exception.

Our Mission Action Day commenced with a Lenten Liturgy, followed by all students participating in an eight kilometre walkathon. Following their walk, all students returned to the College, where they had the opportunity to enjoy a barbeque lunch and to participate in a variety of enjoyable activities. These included sporting competitions, musical events, computer games and a jumping castle. Mazenod College students enjoyed all the fun of the fair, complete with fairy floss!

As always, we are extremely appreciative and grateful for the generosity of so many, and for the support given by our students, staff, parents and friends to our annual Mission Action Day. One of the hallmarks of a meaningful and worthwhile Catholic Education is the manifestation of a sense of compassion for those in need, and a feeling of personal responsibility to do something about it. The funds we raise on Mission Action Day provide our College with the ability to demonstrate our Catholic Faith in Action.

We wish to thank the families and businesses who so kindly donated gifts for the raffles and prizes, and thank you to the many staff and students who did so much on the actual day to make it both enjoyable and successful for all. We especially thank Sean Paulding (College Captain), Christopher Chew and Patrick Noone (Vice-Captains), the Prefects and our senior students for all their efforts and hard work. Once again, this year’s result was a record with a total income of $72,000. This magnificent result truly reflects the hard work and the generosity of so many in the College community. All funds were distributed to the Oblate Missions or to other charitable works in the Developing World.

This year’s funds were distributed to the following:

- **Little Flower Orphanage China** - $10,000
- **Oblate Education Mission Vietnam** - $10,000
- **Oblate Mission Indonesia** - $10,000
- **Oblate Kenyan Mission** - $10,000
- **Oblate Mission Sri Lanka** - $10,000
- **Oblate Mission Zimbabwe** - $5,000
- **Oblate Mission India** - $5,000
- **Rosies Oblate Youth Mission** - $4,000
- **Oblate Mission Pakistan** - $2,500
- **Oblate Mission Bangladesh** - $2,500
- **Oblate Mission Chile** - $2,000
- **Life, Marriage and Family Office** - $1,000

If you would like to assist us in fundraising for next year’s Mission Action Day, please feel free to contact us at the College. We will be extremely grateful for all your donations.

Tina Giacco
Every year, Mazenod College celebrates the Feast Day of St Eugene de Mazenod. This day involves a whole school Mass which is concelebrated by the Oblate Priests from our communities of Victoria; as well as, by our surrounding Parish Priests. This year’s Mass focussed on our College Theme for 2012. That is, we are to be the light of Christ for all with whom we come in contact. Jesus calls us to share His love and light with the world. To highlight this theme, the Homily was delivered by six students; one student from each year level. Each of the six young men articulated in a tangible way the manner in which they seek to bring the light of Christ into our world today.

In addition, our celebration of the Eucharist commemorated the faithful, heroic and valiant deaths of twenty-two Spanish Oblate Martyrs. Our Catholic Church has acknowledged these martyrs by having beatified them for their bravery in dying for their faith.

These Martyrs died in July, 1936; their names are:

- Juan Antonio PÉREZ MAYO, priest and professor, age 29.
- Manuel GUTÍÉRREZ MARTÍN, scholastic brother and subdeacon, age 23.
- Cecilio VEGA DOMÍNGUEZ, scholastic brother and subdeacon, age 23.
- Juan Pedro COTILLO FERNÁNDEZ, scholastic brother, age 22.
- Pascual ALÁEZ MEDINA, scholastic brother, age 19.
- Francisco POLVORINOS GÓMEZ, scholastic brother, age 26.
- Justo GONZÁLEZ LORENTE, scholastic brother, age 21.
- Francisco ESTEBAN LACAL, Provincial Superior, age 48.
- Vicente BLANCO GUADILLA, Local Superior, age 54.
- Gregorio ESCOBAR GARCÍA, recently ordained scholastic priest (June 6, 1936), age 24.
- Juan José CABALLERO RODRÍGUEZ, scholastic brother and subdeacon, age 24.
- Publio RODRÍGUEZ MOSLARES, scholastic brother, age 24.
- Justo GIL PARDO, scholastic brother and deacon, age 26.
- Ángel Francisco BOCOS HERNÁNDEZ, coadjutor brother, age 54.
- Marcelino SÁNCHEZ FERNÁNDEZ, coadjutor brother, age 26. José GUERRA ANDRÉS, scholastic brother, age 22.
- Daniel GÓMEZ LUCAS, scholastic brother, age 20.
- Justo FERNÁNDEZ GONZÁLEZ, scholastic brother, age 18.
- Clemente RODRÍGUEZ TEJERINA, scholastic brother, age 18.
- Eleuterio PRADO VILLARROEL, coadjutor brother, age 21.
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May St Eugene de Mazenod; our Oblate Martyrs and the Souls of our other Oblate Priests, Brothers and Seminarians intercede for all our needs!

Tina Giacco
President’s Report

The theme for the Founders’ Day football matches is Passion, Community, Loyalty and Daring. These are the attributes that need to also drive the growth of MOCA. MOCA has 831 paid up members including 52 members who have joined since 1 January 2012. Apart from the 2010 and 2011 graduating class members, we have just under 400 members from a pool of over 8,000 Old Boys. Increasing membership is critical to MOCA’s achievement of its mission statement which is to deliver an active and enduring stream of resource (spiritual, cultural, professional and financial) to the Mazenod College Community in the spirit of Leave Nothing Undressed for the Kingdom of God. Many hands make light work and provides greater breadth and depth of experience for everyone to share.

So far this year the MOCA Committee has been focused on:-

1. Working towards a more engaging web presence. The current portal with its login requirements has not been conducive to members’ interaction and there has been a hiatus while the Committee investigated options. This process is ongoing, but website content is now easier to access (without login details) and content will be actively managed with regular updates. Please visit www.moca.com.au.

2. Getting out an electronic newsletter to those on the College’s old boy database for which we have current e-mail addresses (covering 1970 old boys). Two editions of MOCA eNews have been issued and a mini edition promoting MOCA’s second Insight Night and the Founders’ Day football matches was issued on 11 May 2012. These newsletters’ supplement, will have a broader audience than the biannual Mazenod News (which has a postal database of about 5000). Please note that future editions of Mazenod News will only be posted to MOCA members and associate members.

3. Providing financial assistance to support the establishment of MUFC and working to secure Bendigo Bank sponsorship of $5,000 for 2011/12 to be shared between MOCFC, MOCCC and MUFC. Congratulations to the MUFC Committee and the earlier Steering Committee led by Daniel Paone (1998) and Andrew Orlando (2001), respectively for the successful launch of this club which has a senior and reserve team in competition this year. MOCA has continued to work with the College in 2012 to support the Founder’s Day football matches in late May with MOCFC and MUFC. This day reinforces and celebrates the strong bonds between the College and these clubs. We are looking to having annual event for the broader Mazenod community on 20 March 2012 and two Insight Nights on 27 March 2012 and 6 June 2012. The Year 12 Leaders’ Night brings back old boys to share their experiences with the Year 12s as they embark on their year at the top (or should I say bottom) of the College student tree. The objective of the Insight Nights is to provide a forum to discuss topics of general interest with a bias in favour of Old Boy speakers. Following on from last year’s Crime Night, our first Insight Night “Real Crime – The Detective’s Case Book” involved Assistant Commissioner and MOCA Vice-President Stephen Fontana (1974), Detective Inspector Andrew Gustke (1975) and Inspector Martin Tynan (1979) presenting on a major unsolved crime, a police shooting and an armed robbery, respectively. Our next Insight Night brought together a panel of elite sportsmen to discuss the level of determination needed to succeed. Our guests were: Silvio Foschini (1981); Heath Black (1996) and Matthew Boyd (2000) from an Australian Rules Football perspective (with Silvio also having a parent’s perspective with his son Matthew playing for Melbourne Victory and the Olyroos), Jeff Riseley (2004) a dual Olympian who will represent Australia in London in athletics in the 800 m and 1500 m and Jack Cummings (2011) a world junior cycling champion. These nights are educational and also allow the Mazenod Community to celebrate the success of, and contributions made by, Old Boys in the broader community.

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5. Minh Truong is continuing his great work on the MOCA Vietnam Scholarship project supporting an Oblate orphanage and is working with the College (via Mission Action Day) and MAMI to secure additional sources of funds as MOCA doubles the scholarships offered to orphans from 10 to 20 for the Vietnamese academic year commencing August 2012.

I would like to thank Matt Johnson and Tina Giacco at the College for filling Steve Putrino’s shoes and providing invaluable support to MOCA while discharging their other College duties. I would also like to thank Matt Persico for his contribution on administrative matters. Above all, MOCA and the Old Boy sporting clubs are fortunate to have the ongoing and multi-faceted support of Father Michael Twigg and the rest of the College Community in our endeavours. Finally, I would like to thank Dean Bray, our inaugural president, and his Committee for the ground work laid last year and for the contributions being made by the current Committee members.

My major focus for the balance of this year will be laying the foundations for a mentoring program which will allow Old Boys to share with others educational and work experiences. We know this is a tangible way in which Old Boys would like to support students, fellow Old Boys and other members of the College Community. If you haven’t joined yet, please take advantage of the discounted membership offer which expires at the end of August 2012. The MOCA Committee looks forward to your support of our initiatives and participation in developing a stronger and inclusive MOCA.

Tony Pane
MOCA President.

Moca Insight Series No 1: Real Crime: The Detective’s Casebook

Moca’s first Insight Night for 2012 was held on Tuesday 27 March in the College’s Lecture Theatre. The evening was titled ‘Real Crime: The Detective’s Casebook’. As one could expect the audience was not disappointed. Three Old Boys, who have gone on to form long-standing careers within Victoria Police, presented candid and detailed insights into some of their most memorable cases.

Inspector Martin Tynan (1979) discussed his role in the investigation of a 1999 armed robbery of a Brunswick bank. He discussed the extensive lengths the police went to in capturing the convicted men. Detective Inspector Andrew Gustke (1975) spoke about the tragic circumstances surrounding police shootings, including the widely reported case of Tyler Cassidy. The final presenter for the evening was MOCA Vice-President and Assistant Commissioner of Victoria Police, Stephen Fontana (1974). He discussed the commitment of police in pursuing child abductions. He spoke particularly about the level of effort that went into investigating the Mr Cruel/Karmein Chan case, and the police’s wider role in protecting and serving the community.

Each of the three men presented varying accounts of the techniques employed by police to track down, bring to justice and solve some of Victoria’s most well-known cases. Our sincere thanks to Stephen for arranging the evening, and to everyone who attended.
On Wednesday 6 June, the Mazenod Old Collegians’ Association gathered for 2012’s second Insight Night, with five returning Mazenod Old Boys who have gone on to play professional sport at an elite level. Bulldogs Captain Matthew Boyd (2000), Olympic 800m runner Jeff Riseley (2004), Fremantle and St. Kilda player Heath Black (1995), former Swans player in the VFL Silvio Foschini (1983), and Junior World Champion cyclist Jack Cummings (2011) were our guests for the evening. The Lecture Theatre was just about packed as each of the sports stars relayed their own experiences, both joyous and painful, as elite athletes.

The speakers were asked by Fr. Michael to nominate why they had returned to speak at the College, and each indicated a desire to “give back”.

The theme was Determination to Succeed. This was most appropriate, as each of the Old Boys had overcome various setbacks, on and off the sporting field, to become successful in their chosen profession. What was extremely clear was the level each was prepared to go to in order to succeed, even if it meant risking further injury. Jack and Jeff discussed their extraordinary weekly training regimes. Jack nonchalantly spoke about his routine 200km bike rides to Sorrento and back, and Jeff was equally casual in describing the kilometres he racked up running per week in the lead up to the London Olympics – all 160 of them.

The crowd listened intently as Heath Black spoke about his battle with mental health issues during his long career, in particular, the anxiety he endured on and off the field whilst battling his toughest opponent – himself. He is now back playing local football for Vermont in the EFL, and heavily supporting mental health awareness, particularly in men. Silvio Foschini discussed the evolving nature of sports performance training, and the rigorous demands of modern professional athletes. He was also able to provide a great insight to parents in dealing with their child’s sport, with the overwhelming emphasis to heap praise and keep it fun for all participants.

Matthew Boyd is Mazenod’s first Old Boy to captain an AFL club, and is widely known for his dogged determination in his ruthless pursuit to be the best athlete and person possible. Ever humble, Matt advocated the need for mentoring and for balance in life, even for athletes, and he is truly a testament to this. Off-field, he has recently completed his MBA (Masters of Business Administration), which is an outstanding achievement in itself.

Nick Parry (1996) was sensational as MC for the evening; we’re most grateful for his detailed research and smooth delivery.

If you would like more information about future MOCA events, or be kept up to date with all Old Boys News, please email moca@mazenod.vic.edu.au or visit www.moca.com.au for details.
2011/2012 was a challenging year for the Old Collegians’ Cricket Club in the Eastern Cricket Association. A slow start for the First XI was compounded by the loss of the Club’s captain coach at Christmas when he joined the army and headed for Canberra. Our previous captain coach Michael Hancock took over the reins and did an outstanding job guiding the Firsts and the Club to a strong finish to the season. Former Mazenod student Ben Cunningham was voted the outstanding player in the firsts and won the Association bowling average for A-Grade turf. Ben was joined in the Firsts by his brother Matt who made his First’s debut. The Firsts XI also played host to current Year 12 student Xavier Patti, joining his older brother Gus in the Firsts following an outstanding performance in the Seconds, whilst current Year 11 student, Anthony Howes, joined older brother, Rob, in the Firsts.

Under the captaincy of Peter ‘Dusty’ McCusker, the Seconds battled hard all year to remain in B-Grade turf. The ageless Club legend Bertie Jago received the player of the year award however the outstanding performance of the year belonged to Xavier Patti, whose Club record 14 wickets in a match, was the catalyst for a famous outright victory. Other current and former Nodders to play in the Seconds included Liam Riley, Anthony Howes, Tom Stanley, Jeremy ‘Huggy’ Nugara, David ‘Doc’ Cannon and James Dobeli.

Under the leadership of Ash Murnane, the Thirds had a strong year in the second highest synthetic grade in the competition. Ash went on to be awarded the Thirds’ player of the year and his hundred on the “Soccer” oval was one of the highlights of the year. Ash was ably assisted by the likes of Matty Quinn, Paul Scully and the odd cameo from Ivan Britto.

The Fourths were the outstanding team of the year. Lead by Brian ‘Bristle’ Hancock, the Fourths ended the home and away season a game clear on top of the ladder. Following a high scoring semi final victory on their home deck, the Fourths unfortunately went down in a low scoring Grand Final to Heathmont. Club Champion and former Bulldog, Steve Kolynuik had an outstanding season with three centuries. Matt ‘Whitey’ White was voted player of the year and Michael ‘Fitzy’ Fitzgerald was simply outstanding in both finals. Life members Mick Riley and Paddy Thompson made important contributions during the season and John ‘The Hutch’ Hutchins enjoyed a rich vein of mid-season form. Tom Riley made an outstanding debut in the Fourths and no doubt will be playing much higher grades in the near future.

A highlight for the Club was the annual Australia Day Charity Match. The Club took on neighbouring Mulgrave Cricket Club in a T20 match. Prior to this match representatives from the Cricket Club took on a Mazenod Old Colls’ Footy Club Invitational Eleven in a 10/10 match. Led by Sam Reed moonlighting as part of the footy club in the early game, the footballers put on a strong showing on the field and at the Bar afterwards. The Cricket Club was grateful for the support of many of the footballers during the season.

Apart from on the field, the Club enjoyed a strong season off the field. Major social events included the Trivia Night, Christmas Breakup and Thousand Dollar Day, culminating in the annual trip away led by spiritual leader Paddy Thompson.

James Dobeli
President
On Friday 13 April, the Mazenod United Football Club held its Club Launch at Sette Bello Restaurant, Glen Waverley. Melbourne Victory players Archie Thompson and Grant Braebner came along to celebrate the night with the newly formed club. Our Number-One ticket holder George Calombaris (1995) also attended, throwing his support behind his old school friends from Mazenod College. The Club’s first HOME game was held on Saturday 14 April, with George Calombaris also in attendance. The day was an absolute success for the Club, the College and the Football Federation of Victoria (FFV) – with up to 200 people attending to watch the birth of Old Collegians’ Football at Mazenod College.

Daniel Paone
President

Early Bird offer of Life Membership remains open until 31 August and involves a once-off membership fee payment of $110.00. In future, the fee will increase to $240.00.
Old Collegians’ Football Club

MOCFC sits in sixth position on the VAFA Premier C ladder at the time of printing. In a topsy turvy season MOCFC still has its sights set firmly on Finals action for season 2012.

Led by 2012 President Steve Paolucci (1995) the club continues to be a meeting place for students from the College and their mates to gather and enjoy sport in an environment which reflects the values of the school community. The committee is largely made up of Old Boys and their families. In 2012 the committee includes Wayne Francis (1986), Steve Mann (2003), Jace Kelly (2007), Nick Parry (1996), Dale Micallef (2003) and Sam Reed, father of Dean (2005) and Jace (2007), whose brother Heath Black (1996) also attended the College, John Mann who has had three sons, Chris (2005), Steve (2003) and Rob (2008) attend the College and Colin Rich father of Matt (2008) and Scott (2011).

The Premier C competition sees MOCF play against teams such as Marcellin Old Collegians, Old Camberwell, Penleigh & Essendon Old Grammarians, Parkdale FC and Rupertswood, a Salesian old colleges club.

At the time of printing the MOCFC Under 19 team, under the watchful eye of coach Elio Greco, father of Louis (2010) is sitting in second position in the Section 3 VAFA competition. The team hopes to improve on 2011’s 2nd position finish by taking out the flag this year.

MOCFC is currently running a drive for its Mazenodian coterie group. Packages range from a $20 membership through to the Gold Mazenodian package of $300. The funds from this group are essential for the survival of the club. Any friend of the club can contact Steve Paolucci stevenpaolucci@hotmail.com or Matt Johnson mjohnson@ mazenod.vic.edu.au for help in joining.

The club is moving to new and improved facilities in 2013. Throughout the history of the club changes to our home base have been energising to the life of the footy club community. We look forward to the new pavilion and social rooms with anticipation.
Terence Ting (2002)

After graduating from Mazenod in 2002, I undertook a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Melbourne University. Taking an interest in the sports and musculoskeletal aspect of the profession, I immediately took a role in private practice once I graduated, and began work at a clinic in Carrum Downs. After three years working as a physiotherapist, I decided to change direction in my career, and went back to university to study medicine. I am now currently in my third year with one more remaining. It’s been a challenging, yet very rewarding few years so far, and I now finally understand why medical students always complain about being stressed out and constantly tired!

Mixed in amongst all the studying and working, I have managed to find time to travel as well, whether it be with family, friends or by myself. I’ve been lucky enough to find myself in some very different places including Nepal, China and the Himalayas, a few countries in the Middle East, and most recently, Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The latest trip to Tanzania also featured a climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro which I undertook with Stephen Porter who also graduated from Mazenod in 2002. Months of transforming ourselves from lazy couch potatoes to hill-climbing machines paid off dividends in the end. What training couldn’t prepare us for, however, was the altitude which presented the biggest problem for us. Who knew that taking even just 20 steps would leave you so short of breath! With the help of a few guides and porters, it took five days in total to reach the top, and less than half of that to speed down. Many sleepless cold nights in tents, altitude-related headaches and nausea, and numerous aches and pains in the legs made for a challenging journey, but one which we will both never forget.

Shant Allekian (2000)

After completing my studies at Mazenod in 2000, I went on to study a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Business Systems at Monash University. My years at Monash consisted of many late nights out followed by heavy hangovers with my fellow Mazenodians – oh and there was also some study mixed in there for good measure. Whilst at university, I was working part-time at an accounting firm to act as a leveller. However, I quickly found my calling, the stock market. My fondest memories of my final year at university were in the IT labs (this was before the age of smart-phones) actively day-trading in order to fund my nocturnal activities.

The newly found passion in markets led me to join the CBA as part of their graduate program. I spent 7 years in the relationship management space within different segments of the Bank, beginning in SME’s and finishing in their Corporate Banking segment. In July 2011, I decided I needed a new challenge and my career took a different direction when I joined CBA’s Foreign Exchange Business Development Team.

2011 has proved to be a year of change for myself, as not only did I change my career path, but I also met Ellada 5 years ago at an event hosted by a fellow Mazenodian, proof that the school just keeps on giving when you least expect it!

Mazenod has had, and continues to have a profound influence on my life. It is a fantastic school which taught me invaluable life skills. It has also provided me with a very close group of friends which, God willing, will be life-long friends.
Ben Morris (2001)

In Year 9 Ben completed work experience with a builder and decided it was going to be his career path. In Year 11 Ben participated in the VET program under Mr Peter Astin and Mr Wadih Ogeil, both fantastic mentors for the program. The program provided the opportunity to attend TAFE one day per week, giving

the students an extra qualification on finishing Year 11.

Ben completed the VET program and went on to complete a carpentry apprenticeship in 2004. He began his own construction business (BDM Constructions) in 2005 and the business continues to flourish today. Specialising in domestic renovations, including bathrooms, kitchens, decks and pergolas, the business employs up to eight tradesman and other services as required.

Ben speaks very highly of the VET program and its philosophy. Some students in senior classes want to move into trade training and in Ben’s case, not doing Year 12 was actually an advantage. It allowed him to commence his employment and career a year earlier than anyone completing Year 12, with no discrimination about not having a VCE score. The VET teachers he had at Mazenod-Wadih Ogeil, Peter Astin, Vivian Seremites and Tony Coghlan should all be praised for their foresight, nurturing and understanding in an environment where students interested in trades and other services are not always seen on the same level as a student completing Year 12 and entering university.

Whilst Ben always wanted to be a builder, his real passion was to follow his family heritage into the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. In 2007, he began a career as a firefighter and is currently based at Box Hill fire station as a Leading Firefighter. He intends to complete officer training in the future.

Peter Campbell (1979)

Peter aged 50, has been married to Maria for 30 years and they have 3 children, Matthew (27, Personal Trainer), Cara (25, Schoolteacher) and Nicholas (22, Sports Science Graduate). Peter attended Mazenod between 1974 and 1979. His younger brother, Paul and brothers-in-law Frank, Denis and Lawrence Bau and nephews Daniel and Adam Bau are also members of the Mazenod alumni. He and his family have lived in Sydney since 1990 and consider it home.

After starting a Language and Literature degree at Rusden, Peter intended to take a year off and take an interim role, but ended up starting a very successful career with Unilever that lasted 28 years and culminated in his acquiring the position of Vice-President, Sales, Unilever Australasia. During his career with Unilever he was very privileged to travel the world, most particularly during his role as Managing Director of the John West business. While there were many successes and accomplishments in his corporate life, he cites as his proudest moments as participating in the Sri Lankan Tsunami relief action on the ground at Galle and the partnership created by his sales function with Camp Quality and the Sunnyfield charities.

In 2008, like many others, he was caught up in the GFC and was made redundant, an experience that was devastating at the time, but proved to be a turning point in his life. Over a period of 18 months, he was able to reconnect with his family in a meaningful way, re-evaluate his priorities and get a rest! In early 2010, he was appointed to the position of Sales Director, Goodman Fielder Baking, selling and delivering a million loaves of breads such as Wonder White and Helga’s to 14,000 customers every day.

Outside of work, Peter and his wife have been very heavily involved in junior and now open age sport. Peter has coached AFL at club and representative level and is a former President and Life member of the Westbrook Junior AFL Club and is currently President of The Pennant Hills Demons AFL Club, the proud home of Lenny Hayes, Jarrad and Mark McVeigh and Kieran Jack. For many years he was also a cricket team manager at club and representative level, with his only claim to fame being that one team contained Alyssa Healy and Mitchell Starc (both Australian national team players).
Danny Wain (1976)

My time at Mazenod 1971–76 is all fond memories, great mates, school footy, cricket and occasional study. My older brother, Marty, left Mazenod in 1973 and has been settled down in Taiwan for the past 15 years with his wife and two young kids. Younger brother, Andy, is living on the Peninsula and teaching at Rosebud Secondary College.

After HSC I dropped out of university and then worked with my father for several years in poultry transport before looking for another university course to do. I went back to study in 1983 at RMIT doing Business Studies and graduated in 1987. My next job was at the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and marked the beginning of a long career in Local Government. After 22 years at Whitehorse Council, further studies and CPA qualifications have provided good career opportunities and I am currently the Finance Manager at Monash Council.

I’ve just returned from the Mazenod OC Football Club’s Life Members luncheon which was a great opportunity to catch up with past team mates and club people who were involved with the Nodders over the past 34 years. I was very lucky to be actively involved at the Club from the first year (1978) and had a long playing career and committee and coaching roles during the Club’s formative and most successful eras. I have many friendships from the football Club including other members of the Class of 76 – Matt Johnson, Chris Boyle, Paul Noone and Andy McCormack.

Paul, Chris, Andy and I played in the team that won the Club’s first flag in 1981. I also regularly catch up with old boys Ian Bakens, Shane Waye, Damian Carr and Ian Neil.

The friendships from the Nodders footy have been lasting and also played a part in my family life. My connections with Damian Carr and Ian Neil (ex team-mates now brothers-in-law) led to an introduction to my wife Paula (Carr). Paula and I have three children, twins Patrick and Louis now 18, both at University and Alice (15) who is in Year 9 at Sion College in Box Hill. We are very proud of all the children’s achievements, including Patrick’s role as School Captain at Whitefriars College in 2011. Fortunately, all the children have the same passion for the Magpies as myself and have attended a Magpie Grand Final for a premiership. Sadly, my track record is 11 Grand finals for only two wins (maybe three in 2012). Attending the football nowadays is a large family affair with my children, younger brother Andy (Class of 1980) and his children and sisters Mary and Julie and also with nephews (and Old Boys) Nick and Julian Verwey. Go Pies.

Mark Occhiuto (1992)

After completing my VCE in 1992 at Mazenod, I undertook a Business Degree at Monash University majoring in Banking & Finance. University life was a very enjoyable experience and while I further developed friendships with those from high school, I also meet a great range of people from diverse backgrounds. During that time I was also lucky enough to play in an U/19 premiership team with the Mazenod Old Collegians in 1993.

Following my graduation, I landed my first ‘proper’ role with the ANZ Bank working in their business centres for a couple of years. I then took up a position in a new finance team that was being established in the CBD. We had a successful time of it for about 10 years before the Bank chose to divest out of this type of lending product and sold the division off. I was offered a position as state head for Allianz Finance in Victoria and continue to enjoy the role 2 years later.

On the home front, I married my wife Shay in 2002 and have two energetic boys, Damon (7) and Anton (5). I have lived in Bentleigh East for the past 10 years and constantly run into familiar faces in the neighbourhood from my time at Kernot Ave. I still maintain strong friendships with several Old Boys and we often reminisce about some of the mischief that went on when we catch up.
WHAT ARE THE OLD BOYS UP TO?


My brother Con and I completed our VCE at Mazenod in 1993 and 1996 respectively before going onto tertiary studies in business.

Con studied at Holmesglen before spending the next 15 years running the family owned manufacturing business. In 2005, he married his girlfriend of 16 years Teresa before having two children (Leilani 4 and Tyler 1). Since selling the family owned business, Con’s been enjoying life with his young family and exploring new business ventures with any free time spent at the MCG supporting his beloved Magpies.

In 1999, I completed my Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin in Burwood and began working in an entry level sales role with Pepsi Cola Bottlers Australia. Over the next 12 or so years, I worked in a variety of commercial roles within the Fast Moving Consumer Goods industry. I’ve spent almost five of those years with PZ Cussons Australia and am still here working as a Category Development Manager.

At University, I met my wife to be, Teresa, got married, then spent most of our mid to late 20s working, travelling and enjoying life as a young married couple. 2009 saw the arrival of our first child Elijah and then 2 years later our daughter, Lexi. Any spare time I get these days is dedicated to coaching at the newly formed Mazenod United Football Club, which I do with long time Mazenod friend Greg Davie. This has truly been a rewarding experience, as it’s allowed me to re-connect with people from the past as well as form new friendships with the younger generation of Mazenodians.

Dominic Perissinotto (1984)

From the age of 11, Dominic Perissinotto has shown a passion and enthusiasm for music, which saw him being the first student at Mazenod College to show an interest in pursuing music as a career. In his six years at the College he played in most of the school ensembles as an organist, keyboard player or clarinetist, was in the orchestra for the very first Mazenod musical, and was a regular participant in numerous items for Speech Nights and other school events. It was with the support and encouragement of his parents, Frances and Garry, Mrs Margaret Boyle, new to the Music Department in the early 1980s, and the then Director of Music, Mr Sid Bradbury, that this passion was cultivated and allowed to flourish.

Following his time at Mazenod he undertook a Bachelor of Music and Diploma in Education at the University of Melbourne before being awarded a Fellowship by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to assist with further studies on the pipe organ and piano at the Royal College of Music, London, in 1991/92. During this time, he was appointed to the post of Organ Scholar at Westminster Catholic Cathedral, and gave recitals at many of the major venues, including St Paul’s and Westminster Cathedrals, Westminster Abbey and Oxford Town Hall. Dominic also gave concerts in Belgium, Italy and England, and often returns to Europe to perform in festivals.

Upon returning to Melbourne in 1993, he taught at Brighton Grammar School, completed a Master of Music at the University of Melbourne, and was actively involved in the Melbourne music scene before moving to Western Australia in April 1998. Since then, Dominic has been Organist and Director of Music at St Patrick’s Basilica, Fremantle; the Church where the Oblates of Mary Immaculate began their mission in Australia around 1850. Dominic established the PIPE ORGAN PLUS concert series at St Patrick’s in 2001 to showcase one of Western Australia’s most impressive pipe organs at the Basilica, whilst also bringing a wider audience to the organ through association with other musicians, exploring a wide variety of music from medieval to modern.

He works as a freelance organist with many Perth based groups, is heavily involved in the Organ Society of Western Australia, teaches, and enjoys great food and wine, driving exciting cars, as well as traveling. His girlfriend, Eva-Marie Middleton, an opera singer, shares similar interests, and they are often found working together in liturgical and concert events.

In September this year Dominic is to be inducted into the Australian Catholic Colleges’ Hall of Fame for his Services to the Arts. He is one of the first non-sportspeople to be accorded this honour, as the ACC begins to broaden its purview to acknowledge contributions to the Arts, in addition to their continued commitment to sports, begun in 1948.
Shane Brown (2007)

I have recently returned to Melbourne and would love to reconnect with the Mazenod Community. My story since graduation in 2007 has been quite varied. Certain highlights have been defining and I will try to summarize some of them for friends and lost contacts.

The greatest highlight would have to be my recent marriage to Lauren. I met her in December of my graduation year and we have been inseparable ever since. Her support over the last few years has seen me through the best of times and the worst. We are extremely happy and looking forward to a lifetime together.

I fulfilled my dream after graduation from Mazenod and joined the Australian Regular Army as an Officer in January 2008 and attended the Australian Defence Force Academy until 2010. The enlistment required a move to Canberra where I remained until April this year. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with majors in English and History. I also completed an enormous range of leadership, management and military training while at the Academy. I loved every moment of my time in the Army which ended after a number of fairly serious injuries to my knees and ankles. Some of those injuries were very hard to deal with, especially the final medical review board decision to end my career dream.

Events in life have a way of changing our priorities quickly. After leaving the Army, I established a business called Sodablast Solutions based here in Melbourne. I also took a position at the Department of Finance and Deregulation in Canberra working in IT skills and workforce planning. My role at Finance changed five times in twelve months and gave me great experiences in the APS ICT Entry Level Programs, ICT Skills Policy and I was heavily involved in ministerial review into ICT Skills in Australia. Yet my time was always split between Finance and my own businesses (I had started a small tutoring business to help support the added cost of Sodablast in the early days). I also stretched myself by taking on a double Masters Degree in Business/Business Philosophy while juggling everything else.

In March this year, Lauren and I decided it was time to move back to Melbourne and focus on Sodablast Solutions and The Tutoring Group. The Tutoring Group started as a means to an end and then quickly became an end in itself. We now employ 11 tutors between Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Our student base is growing rapidly and we have had great success in our academic workshops. Sodablast Solutions is also growing at a rapid rate. We service many large organisations and are hoping to bring in a second sodablast machine by the end of the year.

All in all, I have hit the ground running since leaving the Army. I have a great new wife, two growing businesses and the future looks bright.

Message from your Old Boys’ contact persons

Many thanks for the wonderful welcome we have received from so many Old Boys and their families as we have embarked on our new venture in becoming your link with Mazenod College.

We are always willing to hear from you and we would like to remind you that we are available to you at any time. The College exists for the benefit of our students throughout their lives; particularly, in their times of hardship or sorrow. Please contact us if we may be of any support to you. Recently, we were delighted to see an ex-staff member come to our morning Mass after his father suddenly became seriously ill.

You are always welcome to attend the celebration of the Mass on any weekday morning in our College Chapel; Mass is celebrated at 8.10am.

Please let us know about the happenings in your lives: travels, jobs, marriages, births, illnesses and deaths. Also, some of our former students may not have kept in contact with the College and may now find themselves in difficulties. Please assist us to support them in their needs. It would be tragic if an Old Boy were to die without the College being there for them and for their families. Many families attend our annual Requiem Mass which is held on the second Friday of November each year. This year it will be held at 7.30pm on Friday, 9th November in the College Chapel.

In addition, for the Old Boys from the years: 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002, we looked forward to seeing you on Saturday, 13th October for the reunion with your year levels. Further details about this will follow shortly.

Just a reminder that we can be contacted at Mazenod College, Mulgrave on 9560-0911 or on our Old Boys’ email:moca@mazenod.vic.edu.au

Matt Johnson, Tina Giacco
Mark Nussbaum (1995)

When I left Mazenod I didn’t go to University, rather I tried my hand in the work force and did my post high school study in ‘life experience’ which I was well equipped for after the tremendous guidance that I received from remarkable people like the late Charles Anag, Mr Pennefather, Mrs Dickenson and so many others over my journey at Mazenod.

I really enjoyed my time at Mazenod and it could be argued that I focused my time far too much on the social side of being at Mazenod, rather then concentrating my efforts on the academic opportunities on offer. This being said, I have been extremely lucky to build life long friendships from my Mazenod days with people that have succeeded in many different areas of their lives and as a result have been an amazing influence on the path my life has taken.

I am currently the National Client Manager at Humanis Group a publicly listed Recruitment company which I have worked at for over nine and a half years. I started in a BDM/Account Management position and have worked my way in senior leadership positions over time within the company. I live in St Kilda with my girlfriend and I have travelled extensively (on holidays) to the USA, South America, Europe and throughout Australia. Each trip has been with a friend I grew up with at Mazenod or to go and visit a fellow Mazenodian friend when I travel overseas.

Matthew Kelly (1985)

After completing HSC at Mazenod, I went to Deakin University, for a year in 1986 and lived in Torquay for most of that year, which was great, but I soon found out I didn’t want to be a primary school teacher. I then started an apprenticeship in carpentry, and with the recession that we had to have, I ventured into hotel management with CUB’s ALH Group. I managed hotels and ended up in the building department of the group managing maintenance and projects. I left CUB in 1998.

After 10 years of being self-employed, carrying out maintenance work and renovations, I took a six week contract, inspecting Office Of Housing homes for the DHS. Six weeks turned into four years and it was interesting to see first-hand the role public housing and the many organisations that play a role in housing disadvantaged Victorians. For eight months of this time I was heavily involved with the victims of the Black Saturday fires. You could think that you are having a bad day until you see how some people go through life.

I now work for a ‘not for profit’ organization, called Women’s Housing Ltd, as an Asset Manager, based in Richmond. The majority of our tenancies are victims of domestic violence and others are through exiting prison and general homelessness. I have never been a trailblazer of anything really, but I am the first and only male employed by this organisation. They had to get an exemption to employ a male!

I married Trudi in 1994 and we bought a house in Parkdale. We have two children. Tara is 10 and Jayden is 7. Our house unfortunately has been under constant renovation and I have told Trudi that I will finish it....and I will.

I have three older brothers who went through Mazenod: Bernie who is a builder and has five boys; Paul who is an electrician and has two girls; and Greg is a chef and now lives in Adelaide. My mother and father have moved down to Korumburra. My sister Libby has one boy and lives on the Gold Coast and my other sister, Jell has two boys and lives in Moama.

Mazenod holds a special place in my life and despite me not excelling within the amazing academic opportunities that were offered at Mazenod, I did take with both hands the exceptional culture, morals and ‘respect for others’ attitude that was taught to me by so many.
John D’Angelo (1984)

Whilst the 80’s were renowned for the birth of Pop music, for me these years were predominantly influenced by my days spent in the classrooms and corridors of Mazenod College. The sporting memories remain the most vivid for me, from the inspiring words of Fr Mackintosh on the Cricket ground to the at times confusing instructions of Norm Davie on the Soccer pitch, followed by the great opportunity to play Gaelic Football which was the brainchild and passion of Fr Pat Dwyer. These were all great memories for me and, whilst not apparent to me at that time, the emphasis on team sports by Mazenod was strong and indeed played a significant role in shaping my attitudes for life outside of school.

After completing HSC in 1984 and taking some time out for a few months, I was interviewing for a job in Banking and Finance and within a number of weeks I found myself catching a bus on Springvale Rd bound for Glen Waverley for my first day on the job with the National Australia Bank. To this day, I am still employed with the NAB and I have spent 27 years with this organisation and still counting.

The organisation has seen me work in a number of areas within the Bank, however the majority of my time has been in the Business Banking department which has seen me work in a number of locations across the south east suburbs including Camberwell, Box Hill, Dandenong and now Bayswater and in varied roles from Managing Customer portfolios to now jointly managing a Business Centre in the South East of over 40 staff.

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During these years I met my wife, Lorella, in 1986 and we married in 1988 and along the way we were blessed with 3 children: Rebecca who is now 18 and navigating our roads with a “P” plate; Carla who turns 16 in July this year and has an “L” plate on lay buy; Christian who is 13 and keeps us all on our toes.

When not working, our time is spent exploring the great outdoors and following the Carlton Football club, along with spending time with family and friends and driving kids to Tennis matches on Saturday mornings.

I still bump into some Old Boys and have also had the pleasure in dealing with some in business over the years and when we do catch up we always seem to talk about our days at Mazenod College.

The Queen’s Birthday Honours list included Mazenod’s Nick Perriman (2001) who received the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding work in Afghanistan. His citation is included below.

For distinguished leadership in action as the Commander, Mentoring Team Two, Combat Team Delta, Mentoring Task Force - Two, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Captain Perriman demonstrated superior levels of courage, initiative and leadership in action against the enemy. His calm and determined example to his soldiers in stressful combat situations on several occasions ensured his team defeated the enemy and evacuated severely injured comrades. Captain Perriman consistently provided strong leadership and outstanding reassurance to those he commanded, enabling their excellent achievements.

MOCA applauds Nick’s bravery and service. We also pray for his continued safety while on duty in the nation’s service.


Christian, Lorella, John, Carla, Rebecca
Marriages

Matthew Ryan to Jo Gauci
Morne Roman to Amy Kate
Luca Santucci to Natalie Pellegrino
Craig Don Paul to Katrina Williams
Michael Carollo to Jordana Fayman
Adrian Ciocciari to Rebecca Romanelli
Bernard Costin to Alisha Johnson
Mimmo Orlando to Jane Borneman
Shane Brown to Lauren Ralston
Michael Wos to Lara Yachou
Daniel Whiteoak to Jennifer Colgrave
Andrew McAdam to Jessica Humphris

In Memoriam

A Requiem Mass will be held in the College Chapel at 7.30pm on Friday 9 November for all our deceased Mazenod students and staff. All are welcome.

The Mazenod College Community is saddened by the recent deaths of:

Peter McGowan 1973-2011
Joey Cosentino 1986-2011
Births

Adrian Salerno and Sylvia, a baby boy, Luca
Andrew Carrazzo and Yvette, triplets, Grace, Charlotte and Sophia
Greg Makin and Megs, a baby boy, Alby
Daniel America and Sara, a baby boy, Lucas
Anthony Gargiso and Gianna, a baby boy, Cassius
Minh Truong and Annie, a baby boy, Flynn

Daniel, Lucas, Sara

Cassius Gargiso with his proud older brother Roman

Flynn Truong

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