Can one fully appreciate the importance of love and sacrifice? How can we express gratitude? What is the meaning of corporal and spiritual works of mercy? What role do educators play in nurturing the human spirit? How can students be encouraged to pursue academic excellence? These questions and more are explored in the newsletter, offering insights into Kardinal’s life, the values embedded in our education, and the impact of community engagement.

**English**

As we are no doubt aware, last week the College celebrated the exceptional achievements of our graduating students who achieved an ATAR score of 90 or above. The annual 90+ Assembly is a wonderful opportunity to honour the hard work and dedication of those young men and women who are so particularly gratifying to see so many English successes, from across our various disciplines of English, Literature and Language, represented amongst that group. Special mention must go to College Dux, Robert Todesco, and Renn and Hoog, who outscored outstanding students in both English and Literature. It is clear that a strong foundation in English study can lead to fantastic overall accomplishment, with these two boys ranked the highest of their cohort.

**Canteen Roster**

Monday, 15th February
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 16th February
Kozance Lipped, L. Carbone, Jasqui Theobald, Lisa O'Driscoll

Wednesday, 17th February
Maria Gentile, Lisa Lucandri, Lynn Pizamoa, Asha Joseph

Thursday, 18th February
Rosemary Cincotta, Linda Harper, Rosetta Sinanni, Hien Nguyen

Friday, 19th February
Jennifer de Korte, Franca Longano, Hend Matti, Maggie Truong, Lana Nguyen

**Ladies’ Auxiliary**

Ladies Auxiliary held their first meeting for 2016 this week. The meeting was well attended by many new, as well as regular faces, thank you to all that attended. Thank you to Fr. Fini OMI for celebrating Mass, attending the meeting and for sharing some humorous stories, which were greatly appreciated. The next meeting will be March 23rd and was agreed to again host a meeting, in lieu of March’s meeting, a Twilight - Barefoot Boils and Pizza Night.

**Fathers Association**

June 2016 Mazenod Fathers Association Fishing Trip. Sunday 6th March

The Fathers Association would like to invite all families to the 2016 Mazenod Fathers Association Fishing Trip. The day will include a half day’s fishing trip to the Mornington Peninsula, followed by an afternoon of leisurely fishing and general family activities. The trip is available for all members of the Mazenod community, and will be held on Sunday 6th March. The cost will be a maximum of $65 per person. More details and how to book will be available later in the year.

**Calendar**

**Term 1 Issue No.3**

Dear Mazenod Community,

This week the Outdoor Education Program swung into action with Year 9 Students venturing for a night to the Surfers Paradise in either Tongay, Inverloch or Phillip Island. With near perfect weather and surfing conditions, students along with teachers returned with great stories, albeit a little exhausted. While the Year 9’s spent a bit time “hanging around” with some indoor rock climbing, I would like to acknowledge and thank the contribution of the Mazenod Staff who generously offer their time for this important part our students’ education.

I would like to thank all the parents that participated in the VCE Information Evening, which was well attended. During the evening two new important initiatives were introduced to parents, Elevate Education and our Personal Social Learning Program. Each of these programs seek to assist our students to achieve the best they possibly can in their studies and life beyond the College. During the evening, the Elevate presenter spoke about special access to the Elevate website for parents. An email was sent out during the week with this information, I encourage you to login and take a bit of time to explore the resources and encourage your sons to put into practice some of the simple, easy obvious, suggestions to help your sons in their studies.

The Personal Social Learning Program is designed to support the existing Pastoral Care Programs that exist in the College. Allowing our young men to continue to flourish and equip them for the journey after they leave school.

Today we farewelled the Year 13 Students. Each year a group of Year 12’s from the year before experience Year 7 all over again by accompanying a class each for their first two weeks acting as a mentor and guide to navigate their new environment. It is a wonderful program and I congratulate the past students who participated, and thank them for the excellent job they did.

As indicated in last week’s Newsletter, we have included Robert Todesco’s College Dux Speech that he delivered at the 90+ Assembly last Friday. Please click here.

The Inaugural Mass is rapidly approaching and will be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral on the 26th February 2016. This is an important occasion in the Dons’ calendar and it is expected that all students will participate. As we normally do, we have organised for buses to travel to and from St Patrick’s Cathedral. Please ensure that you organise your places as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, 16th February we are holding an Open Day at the College from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last tour 7 p.m.) This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the College and see the full facilities that are available.

After the Athletics Carnival on Monday, 15th February, our College Captains and Vice Captains, along with members of Staff, will be traveling to Iona College in Brisbane to participate in the Oblate Student Leaders Conference. This an opportunity for representatives from the four Mazenod Colleges to join together on this occasion and participate in this Conference. Please keep this important event in your prays.

God Bless,
Fr Christian Fini OMI


As the College undertakes to implement a Personal Social Learning Program (PSL), providing skills and tips for our students to manage their many challenges, it is significant to draw attention to its spirituality, which is based on the unity of body and soul. There is a non-physical aspect of our humanity – such as the temperament, our capacity for love, for beauty, our freedom and desire – which cannot be reduced to chemical processes and the nerves in the brain, important as these surely are. The soul is what makes each of us totally unique, and is what we live in us, in our spirits. Even Jesus, who is God, has a human soul.

Within the context of the PSL it is important to place God first, because He created us as humans will therefore help us to become more fully human. Jesus calls us to freely invite God’s Spirit into our lives every day – “I stand at the door knocking.” The Holy Spirit is our help. He will give us the assistance we need to be holy in our weekly, in our studies, in our time management, in our eating and sleeping, our exercising, our social interactions, our use of technology, dealing with stress, and so on. The good way of balancing all these things appropriately must begin with and always include prayer, not just saying prayers automatically, but prayer which opens our lives up to God and to his grace, and to his teaching: “Jesus, live in me. Let me live in you.”

In practice this means for Catholics to faithfully attend Sunday Mass, where we listen to God speaking to us and allow his Word to shape our lives, as well as for us to Holy Communion to become one with Jesus so that He lives in us and we live in Him. It also means going to the sacrement of mercy and healing with a priest, because our sins wound and damage us, and distort our true humanity. This sacrament, however, restores us, repairs us and strengthens for the journey, and it makes us live out our vocations more fruitfully, as well as helping others to do so.

Serving others, materially and spiritually, enables us to become ourselves via the very gift of ourselves. Pope Francis is recommending in his ‘Year of Mercy’ to ‘live mercy’: “Let us rediscover the corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; heal the sick; to visit the imprisoned; and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful; to comfort the sorrowful; to forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.”

If we do these things we become more human. Let love be our goal.

Mrs Nicola O’Shea
English Coordinator

**house athletics**

All students are reminded that there will be no canteen facilities available on Monday at the House Athletics Carnival. Students are encouraged to bring a adequate amount of water, food, sunscreen and a hat.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open: Monday 22nd February, 2016. 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm.

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**Entertainment Books**

with other families. This year it will be held on the 6th March from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. \(\text{http://www.trybooking.com/JSBO} \) OR \(\text{http://www.trybooking.com/JSBO} \)

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COOKING COMING SOON

Thursday, 18th February

RSVP with payment by Friday, 26th February at School Office/ Study Centre.

Please forward an email with names and contact numbers to confirm that money has been given to the Office.

**fathers.association@gmail.com**

**Term 1 Issue No.3**

Phone: 9560 0911 Fax: 9562 2442

Website: www.mazenod.vic.edu.au
The Australian Government estimates that the job market will grow 1.2 million by Nov 2019. Currently 11.6 million people are in jobs and this will increase by 10% to 12.8 million. More than 50% of the new jobs will require a Diploma or Degree. Students are encouraged to speak to Ms Seremetis about finding their pathway into further study.

The top jobs by growth:
1. Sports, Travel and Personal Service Workers
2. Information Professionals
3. Health, Education, ICT and Other Managers
4. Health Diagnostic and Therapy Professionals
5. Carers and Aides
6. General-Inquiry Clerks, Call Centre, Receptionists
7. Community and personal service workers
8. Medical Practitioners and Nurses
9. Sales, Marketing & Public Relations Professionals
10. Community and personal service workers
11. Health and Welfare Support Workers
12. Food Trades
13. ICT Professionals

Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

To register for the Monash University Bachelor of Global Studies welcome lecture event, click here

Welcome to Knox College and the beginning of the new academic year.

Please consider downloading & signing The Welcome Petition urgently! CLICK HERE. Jessica Hackett, a teacher from Killester College and former student of Killearn and St John Vianney, is currently walking 710km from Melbourne to Canberra in support of asylum seekers. Jessica’s action is kind and her message is positive. The petition asks for greater compassion, a quicker, more economical and humane approach in the processing of refugees and asylum seekers. Ms Russell Broadbelt has kindly agreed to present the petition to the House of Representatives Tuesday 23rd February. Given the recent High Court decision, Jessica’s action couldn’t be happening at a more important time. The petition and more information can be found at http://www.thewelcomepetition.com. Please contact Petra Collard if you have any questions: petracollard@gmail.com; https://www.facebook.com/thewelcomepetition; https://twitter.com/WelcomePetition

You can follow the The Welcome Petition Facebook and Twitter to spread the word, EVERY SIGNATURE counts!

Thank You

Mazenod contact - Bernadette 0416 948 627 bernadette@mpemak.com (Mazenod mum).

Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club

The College and Waverley Park Hawks have a very strong connection with many students playing at the club and also the strong links with the Monash Old Collegians. As you can read this registration day coming up soon for all returning and NEW players.

CATCH WANTED: The Waverley Park Hawks also have a number of girls teams and are always on the lookout for new players. The Club is also looking for a coach of their U15 Girls team. If you are interested you can contact the club on the numbers below.

The Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club in Wheelers Hill, field 6 teams catering for ages from 7 to 17, and is currently accepting registrations for the 2016 Football season.

To be eligible to register and play, your child must have turned 7 years old by 30 April 2016. So please come and join our great community club. To register, simply go to “Register Here” at www.wphawks.org.au, and follow the steps to complete the form.

For enquiries and assistance registering, please contact Anthony Frock on 0439 080 086 or via registrar@wph.org.au

Our Registration Day is between 10am - 12pm on Sunday 14th February at the club.

Homework Program

Homework Program is on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm and is held in the Learning Centre.

If you would like to register, you can obtain a registration from Student Counter or the Learning Centre.

Further enquiries to Anne Johnson ajohnson@mazenod.vic.edu.au

Inaugural Mass

Mazenod College’s Inaugural Mass will be held on Friday, 26th February at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

Please be seated by 7:10 pm. Mass will commence at 7:25 pm. Students are required to attend.

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Applications for Year 7 in 2017 are now being accepted and close on Friday, 26th February 2016. If you currently have a son at the College, you are still required to submit an application for any younger siblings. Applications are available from the Student Counter.

SPORT

ACC COMMITMENT

For many years we have had outstanding commitment from students and parents and I hope this will continue to be the trend. When you enrol or re-enrol at Mazenod you sign a section in the form that states you will give priority to Mazenod Sport. That means that we expect your son will make sure he is available to play any game for Mazenod which he is selected in regardless of his outside commitments, whether they be another local team, work or appointments. We as staff will always work with students to help find a balance so that they can enjoy all their commitments to all teams. We would also expect that if your son is playing a Sport for an outside Club then he should also be available for selection for Mazenod Sport. We have great support from both parents and students over the years. This week I had a parent call to say that her son had a work commitment at 4 pm. Instead of not playing, or missing a shift at work, the parents said she would drive to Altona and pick her son up to get him to work on time. This showed great commitment by both the parents and students and I am very grateful to have such supportive parents here at the College. I see no reason why we cannot all work together this year.

HOUSE ATHLETICS AT KNOX MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

A reminder that the annual House Athletics is being held this Monday at Knox Athletics Track. It is truly one of the great events on the Calendar every year and this is due to the participation and enthusiasm of the students. It is an all-day event and students will be transported by bus to the track after Homeroom. Students are permitted to wear their Sports Uniform to school and asked to wear their House top. Students are also asked to bring their own food and drink as there is NO CANTEEN this year. Please remember to be sun smart and a hat is essential.

Students may be picked up from the track as long as they bring a note from home and give it to their Homeroom teacher. The event will be finished approximately 2:40 pm and students will be transported back to the College.

ACC SWIMMING

We have exactly one week until the ACC Swimming Carnival next Friday night at HSCG. The event will begin at 7 pm and families are welcome to come and support. Students have been working very hard with our head coach, David Burgess. Last week our trial carnival showed we have some exciting talent at all levels. The squad will be announced next week and unfortunately not all those who trained will get a swim on the night. It is a team event and though your son may be disappointed at missing out he is efforts that pushed others to swim faster. We were all inspired by the story of Tony Pham an Old Mazenod boy from three years ago. Tony trained every year and nearly every session and it was not until his final year at Mazenod that he got his first swim at the ACC event.

SENIOR RESULTS ACC ROUND 3

Our Round 3 clashes were held on Wednesday with mixed results. Tennis and Volleyball continue to set good standards and had very good wins against Emmanuel at Altona. Both teams dominated from the start of their matches and won comfortably. Our Senior Cricket team had its first loss of the season against highly rated Whitefriars. It was a narrow loss and the team will take confidence from its efforts in the coming matches.
MUSIC NEWS

Date | Event | Venue
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Tuesday 16th February | Open Day (Open-By-Door) | Mazenod College
Tuesday 16th February | Dance Musical Auditions | Founder’s Complex
Wednesday 17th February | Singing Musical Auditions | Founder’s Complex
Wednesday 17th February | Liturgy Choir Practice (P5 & 6) | Founder’s Complex

If you have any questions about our Music Program, please contact the Music Office on 8561 1108 or gwalton@mazenod.vic.edu.au

NEW MUSIC RECEPTION AREA
We are excited to have our shiny new Reception area! For all music related enquiries, please come to Music Reception.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENTS 2016 – CLOSING DATE
Well done to all the Year 7 students who have taken up Instrumental Music and started their music lessons. It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic to learn an instrument. Just as a reminder starter kit payments are due on Friday, 19th February.

Ensembles timetables are up around the school. CLICK HERE to view the timetable.

OPEN DAY PERFORMANCE – LITURGY CHOIR
The Liturgy Choir will be performing in the Chapel for Open Day starting at 4 pm. Please make sure you are there. Students who are in Year 9 extension Music, it is compulsory for you to be part of Liturgy Choir.

OPEN NIGHT MUSIC PROGRAM
TUESDAY 16TH FEB
4:00 pm–5:30 pm – LITURGY CHOIR
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm – STAGE BAND
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – CHAMBER STRINGS
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm – FOUNDERS ENSEMBLE

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Mazenod College is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by early September. Each student must read 15 books (book choice breakdown listed below) and books read since the beginning of Term 1 can be counted towards the Challenge.

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All students from Year 7-10 have received a registration form via their email. Hard copy forms are available from the Library.

All students who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

LOST PROPERTY
Dear families, lost property is collected at the College Health Centre. We’d like to request that you label your son’s valuable uniform items with his name please. When clearly named, lost items can be returned promptly to their owners which is very satisfying. Un-named items are more difficult to reunite with the correct student. Please check that names are clear. Already we have many students admitting that their Sport Uniforms, Ties, Shirts and even Blazers are un-named!