Dear Mazenod Community,

It was indeed a wonderful sight to see a packed St Patrick’s Cathedral last Friday, coming together to celebrate as a community at the beginning of the Academic Year. It is only appropriate that we as a Catholic Community gather on this occasion to give thanks to God for the past and the many opportunities at the College we asked for God’s Blessing for our College Leaders, Senior Students and the Year ahead.

I would like to congratulate the Students who participated in the ACC Triathlon at the recent Victorian Championships. Congratulations to the Students for their achievements and thanks to the Staff for their dedication.

As part of our effort for Environmental Sustainability, the College has been undergoing a number of modules through Sustainability Victoria to receive an official rating. After a year of hard work by Students and Staff, we have completed the first module and have achieved one-star rating, and this year we will endeavour to complete further modules.

This morning in extended Homeroom, Mission Action Day was launched and I would like to encourage all families to assist in supporting the Oblate Missions overseas.

As you are aware there has been a crack down on uniform standards and how they are to be worn. I am pleased to see that there has been a marked improvement over the last week. This is an expectation of the College and part of our Disciplinary Policy. I would like to thank you as parents for your support on this matter and all areas of your son’s education.

This Friday I leave for France to participate in the second International Congress on Oblate Mission with Youth, the first was held here in Australia in 2008. I have been asked to be one of the representatives from the Asian Region. The Congress will be held in the Oblate Foundation House of Aix, as mentioned in previous newsletters, the very house that on 25th Jan, 200 years ago, the first Oblate Community gathered to live.

The Australian Province of the Missions Oblates of Mary Immaculate has a proud tradition of meeting the needs of young people through contact with them in our Parishes, College, Rosaries and other Youth Ministries.

From the very beginning of the Congregation, ministry to young people has been a priority. The Founder himself, as a newly ordained Priest, recognized the need to pay particular attention to young people as they are closer to obtaining their licence and hopefully have gained in maturity throughout that final year.

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One of the innovations that have had a positive impact on the Mazenod Community this year is the introduction of Senior VCAL in Year 12. The decision was made to extend our VCAL Program from Year 11 to Year 12 as we have the opportunity to consolidate the skills that they had learnt through Year 11 and to further develop these through the final year of their schooling in Year 12. Employers also prefer older students as they are closer to obtaining their licence and hopefully have gained in maturity throughout that final year.

For a first time course this program has been deemed to be a great success with a pleasing pick up rate from year 11’s Year 11s. The Year 12 VCAL class has an enrolment of twenty five students all with a variety of aims, ambitions and aspirations for their future. Students are investigating careers in building and construction, mechanics, the electrical industry, plumbing and aged care.

Senior VCAL is a course that is made up of many components: Senior Numeracy, Senior Literacy, Work Related Skills, Personal Development Skills, an internal VET course run at the College and an external VET course that is conducted at TAFE. Students receive their Religious Education alongside the other Year 12 students during the five RE days that are conducted at the College.

An integral component of the course is a day of work placement. The purpose of this day is to provide students with industry based skills that help them determine whether their chosen career is suitable and to see if this is how they wish to spend their working life. Sometimes it is difficult for a student to procure a work placement in the industry that they have an interest. They are then encouraged to secure any work experience that would suit the skills of potential future work.

This year, a Year 12 Student has already left school to follow his dream of taking up an apprenticeship and going into the workforce. Nathan Hill left school after two weeks when an apprenticeship became available. Nathan is one of our success stories and we are delighted to see young people taking their first steps in the working world.

The Year 12 VCAL class has provided us with a wonderful opportunity to work with students who are on the cusp of their first adult life choices. We are all very proud of how much they have achieved. They have played a big part in his growth and personal development. These experiences taught him that young people need such adults in their lives. In his own words: “It will also be for young people that I will work. I will strive, I will attempt to preserve them from the evils which threaten them.”

Over the next week and a half Mr Tony Coghlan will be acting Principal.
ACC TRIATHLON
Sixteen students braved an early start on Sunday morning to compete in the first ACC Triathlon at Sandringham. The event was tied into the public event and the boys competed in the short course hit the water shortly after 7 am. The boys competed individually and in teams and swam 300 metres, rode 5 km and ran 2 km. The boys did an outstanding performance with Will Collins winning his age group. All the students involved loved the experience and no doubt have the tri bug. We also had a number of boys compete in the long sprint distance event which is 750 metre swim, 20 km ride and 5 km run. All Mazenod students performed very well here with Oliver Van Rensburg completing the distance in a personal best time. Ryan Koroknai rode one of the fastest 20 km times, so you can see that the Mazenod students excelled in many areas. We congratulate the following students on attending and completing the Triathlon: Julian Smith, Dermott Longley-Pakeman, Emili Aji Mathew, Will Collins, Ben Collins, Adam Odrowaz, Patrick Blake, Matthew Stevenson, James McPhee, Ryan Koroknai, Ryan O’Hara, Oliver Van Rensburg, John-Paul Caravan and Taylor Siwek. Special mention to the parents for getting up early and getting students to the event. Also, thank you to our magnificent coaches Mr Michael Pearson and Mr Hayden Davies who have trained and mentored the boys over the Summer. With their enthusiasm and interest from the boys we look to further develop the triathlon training and participation next summer with Team Mazenod.

A FIRST FOR MAZENOD
In a first for the College, Year 10 student Eamon Trigg is representing Mazenod in the “Interschool Show Jumping Series.” Eamon rides the family horse Kiewa, who after an unsuccessful horse racing career found his hoofs with jumping. Eamon competed in the senior height class event competing against students from many other Catholic Colleges around Victoria. The series has an event every Term and Eamon and Kiewa are in training for the Winter event. Eamon did a wonderful job finishing 6th in his two sections and gaining six points in the overall category. We wish Eamon every success over the year and we will keep you posted as the year progresses.

ACC ATHLETICS
The Athletics Carnival will play a vital role in helping us identify talent for the upcoming ACC Athletics Carnival. As you may not be aware due to the Australian Grand Prix, the ACC has had to change our date to the first week in Term 2, Friday 15th April. Though this will give us extra time to prepare it will also mean that we have a disjointed preparation. Some initial training will begin in early March and all students are invited and welcome to train. Sessions will be held at the College after school.

CONGRATS TO OLD COLLEGIAN VETS AND PETER RILEY
Last Sunday afternoon at the College our very own Mr Peter Riley was part of the Old Collegian Veteran Team that played off and won their Grand Final. Mr Riley was up to his best taking 1 for 8 off 6 overs and restricted the other team to 129 runs, which they made comfortably. It was also pleasing to see Peter’s brother Mick who is also an Old Boy and father of current student Tom Riley named Man of the Match with his 2 for 6 off 6 overs. The Riley’s are legends of the Club and are still giving back to the College Community with their involvement with both the Cricket and Football Clubs. Mazenod congratulate him and the team on their wonderful achievement.

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The 2016/17 trips will run from December 10-23 and January 8-21 in Cambodia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand and the Philippines. The projects are a rich mixture of volunteer work and cultural activities, so you can really immerse yourself into local life. There are loads of projects that you can choose from:
You can:
• Support the care and education of children in Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Cambodia
• Become part of a traditional village community in Fiji
• Learn to dive and assist in marine conservation work in Thailand
• Help to reconstruct schools and homes devastated by the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal
• Shadow doctors in medical work experience in Nepal
• Take part in community outreach programmes in the Philippines
These projects are fully-supervised, and are an unforgettable and worthwhile way to travel with purpose this summer! Download the 2016/17 High School Projects leaflet for more info »

STEM and the Future of Work in Australia

Research indicates that Australia is massively short of people with STEM skills. The UK and USA have the same problem. In Australia 16% of university students graduate with a STEM subject degree. Compared to all other degrees STEM has flat lined since 2003 despite the many programs to encourage students to take on these subjects. Australia has a shortage of people in a sector where 75% of the new jobs created will require a STEM qualification. This is compounded by the fact that many jobs will disappear to automation and disruption technologies. Many new jobs will be created and it is these jobs that require a competence in technology.

It’s hard to get students to engage in technology. They love to use it and get pleasure from its boundless opportunities but getting them to study these subjects is another matter.

Over the past year a number of publications and research papers on STEM have been released and some of the best reports, listed below, will give you excellent insight into the economic and future work issues facing future jobs in Australia.

• Ensuring young Australians have skills and experience for the jobs of the future: Report from the Foundation for Young Australians PDF
• Promoting STEM Skills in Australia: Australian Industry Group, PDF
• The Future of work: How we can adapt to survive and thrive: Chartered Accountants, PDF

Vivian Seremets – Careers Coordinator

Dear Parents,

On several occasions the College has issued our directive regarding pick-up and drop off and made the request to parents and students that they be the beneficiaries of its boundless opportunities but getting them to study these subjects is another matter.

The residents have requested this directive and the Monash Council have supported them by designating the northern side of the road as a Permit Zone. The Council has issued infringement notices in the past when the directive has not been adhered to.

The College is currently negotiating permits for new buildings and it hinders our negotiations when we do not have our house in order. We have been asked to instruct parents not to pick up or drop off students in this area.

Parents, please adhere to these directives, and please listen to your son when he insists on being picked up and dropped off on Monash Drive.

Mr Tony Coghlan
Deputy Principal – Students

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities through the classroom, the classroom. The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments’ commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

For more information visit http://www致します.com.au

FATHERS ASSOCIATION

2016 Mazenod Fathers Association Fishing Trip. Sunday 6th March

The Fathers Association would like to invite all families to the 2016 Annual Family Fishing Trip. A fantastic time was had by many during the last four trips involving fishing, food and an overall relaxing day with other families. This year it will be held on the 6th March from 7.30 am to 12 noon. It will be held at Westerport Marin, Mullet Street Hastings, 12km from 154 K12. The cost is only $60 per person and there are limited places available. Tickets can be booked at http://www.trybooking.com/JSBO or http://www.trybooking.com/170

NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Mission Action Day Closure/Extra Times for P/T Interviews

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Thursday 24th March due to Mission Action Day. Otherwise we will be open:
Monday 21st March 12.30 am to 7 pm
Tuesday 22nd March 12.30 am to 4 pm
Wednesday 23rd March 12.30 am to 7 pm

School Holidays
Saturday 9th April
9.30 am to 11.30 am

MUSIC NEWS!

Upcoming Events

Hairspray rehearsal; this Sunday

Musical rehearsal starts this Sunday 6th March, 11.30am – 2.30pm in the Founders’ Complkes. Please make sure you are there at least 10 minutes before start time so we can start on time.