People will often tell us that actions speak louder than words and while this is generally true, it is not the whole story. The words that we use and the manner in which we use them are also very significant.

In last week’s newsletter, I offered a reflection on what I felt respect looked like. In this week’s newsletter I would like to offer a reflection on what respect sounds like.

I began the newsletter by asserting that our words matter, and our use of them is crucial. An example of this is the words that are necessary in relationships of love. If the person who loves you tells you that they will only show you that love but never actually says words of love, then a very important element of communication is missing.

Words and tone are crucial in understanding what respect sounds like here at Mazenod. I do not write these reflections from some position of superiority, as though I always get it right and therefore can make statements of what everyone else should do. In contrast, I offer these reflections in as much a challenge to myself as to anyone else.

One of the greatest ways that we would hear that respect exists at Mazenod is through words of appreciation and acknowledgement.

From a very young age, many are taught to include please and thank-you as part of the communication of life. As we grow older, we sometimes miss the opportunity to keep that tradition going. When a thank you is said with integrity it has the potential to change lives.

By expressing your gratitude to someone who helped you, you are doing more than saying a basic thank you. You are sharing a bit of your heart. For the person receiving that gift from you, they notice, even if nothing happens that day.

The bit of gratitude from your heart will impact on the heart of the person gifted with it. One day, they will question why your “thank you” was so different, why your attitude was so powerful. Once they realise your integrity, their own life is changed.

If we all looked around carefully in our lives, we would see that there is indeed much to be grateful for. We begin to notice the people who care for us, we notice the acts of self-sacrifice that are given to us.

I am sure that one of the reasons why we are able to maintain our canteen roster with volunteer mums and dads is because of the genuine acts of respect that are expressed through please and thank you. Every transaction of the canteen is an opportunity to hear the sounds of respect. I commend the boys on their manners in this regard and remind them to continuously express that same gratitude to their parents and those who care for them.

I hear the words of respect present in the words of encouragement that are offered to the students in moments of great need by the staff. In many, many ways the mutual respect that exists between staff and students is a distinguishing feature of the College. Staff give these sounds of respect through challenge, support, comfort, esteem and hope. It is an achievable goal that every student and staff member gets to experience these sounds of respect on a regular basis.

One of the places that this is most evident is when our graduating classes of either VCAL or VCE finish their student experience at Mazenod. We have the ritual of every student being given the opportunity of thanking each and every staff member. This is an incredibly emotional time as both staff and students get to formally express what respect sounds like.

It is also true to suggest that at times both the staff and students miss that opportunity and continual growth is needed. At times, we as adults should know better, and remember that we are the adults in conflict situations. I admit that at times, it’s hard to remember that, when faced with a teenager who feels that they are fundamentally right and incapable of error. However, at times students miss the opportunity to speak with words and a manner which reflects their inner dignity. It should never be accepted when harsh words of disrespect are spoken by either staff or students. There are occasions when that correction needs to be made and we need to be open to that correction. I include myself in that.

Being grateful and saying thanks should also extend to the countless acts of self-sacrificing love offered by parents. Every family has its own dynamic and ways that it expresses this love, but you are never too old to declare that respect in the words “I love you mum or dad”. Some members of our community have experienced the loss of a parent through death or separation and long for an occasion to say those words again. Whether our parents are alive or deceased, we still have that opportunity to say words of love, appreciation and affection and the healing effects of these words have existed for all time.

When representing the College, either on the sporting field, music stage, chapel, classroom or public transport, we have constant opportunities to use words that bring and keep respect. I am indebted to our Sports Department for the constant manner that they help remind the boys of this. Sledging of an opponent is never accepted here at the College and consequences are swift, fair and consistent if it ever occurs. I have the utmost confidence that our sporting teams bring great honour to themselves, our school and to their families. I wish each of the sporting teams well in their various finals.

An important element of the sound of respect is actually the presence of silence in our lives. We are often tempted to fill every available space with sound and activity and we have neglected the silence of reflection. I am particularly pleased that we have Mass every morning and we have Adoration every Friday. These moments of silence and reflection are one of the great nourishments of our community. Any parent is welcome to come to Adoration between 9am and 2pm every Friday.

I was very fortunate to witness the ACC Chess Championships and saw and heard first hand that respect existed within the Chess Team. They were humble in defeat and even humbler in victory.
While I was very proud of their first and second placings, I was even prouder of their manner and behaviour.

I also witnessed this through the Symphonic Wind Band’s performance in the Melbourne Bands and Strings Festival. They showed how the sounds of working together in a Band or orchestra show respect for each other. Not every instrument is playing as loud as it can at all times. At times, the instruments needed to tone things down so that others had their voices heard. I have consistently said that the Bands, Orchestras and Ensembles reflect the very best of who we are as a College. They give feelings and emotions a sound and I thank them for all of their rehearsals and efforts.

On Wednesday night our Year 9 debating team reached the Quarter Finals and the Victorian Debating Championships. They were debating against Scotch College and were defeated by one point. While being initially disappointed, each of the boys listened intently on the feedback given and made a commitment to keep up with the skills of debating. I thank Tishan Lokuge, Lachlan Cauchi, Andre Sabatino, Jack Skeggs and Ms Caird for their time and efforts. This was Mazenod’s equal highest ever placing and special thanks is offered to all staff involved in the great skill of debating.

As I conclude this newsletter, I encourage anyone who reads it to go and find someone and offer them some words of support, encouragement, comfort or gratitude. Remember if you give thanks and find someone and offer them some words of support, as I offered to all staff involved in the great skill of debating.

**Take Care and God Bless**

Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.

**DATES**

**August 2010**
- Sat 28 Aug Year 7 (2011) Assessment Testing

**September 2010**
- Thu 02 Sep Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
- Fri 03 Sep Year 9 City Day 3
- Sun 05 Sep Father’s Day
- Wed 08 Sep Music Gala Night
- Thu 09 Sep Year 8 Rock Climbing 2
- Fri 10 Sep Year 9 City Day 4
- Mon 13-17 Sep VET Furnishing Training (Year 10)
- Tue 14 Sep Year 7 Immunizations
- Wed 15 Sep Year 11 Fit 2 Drive Programme
- Wed 15 Sep Year 12 English Exam
- Thu 16 Sep Year 8 Rock Climbing 3
- Thu 16 Sep Year 12 Formal
- Thu 16 Sep Year 7 Rally Day 2
- Thu 16 Sep Students end Term 3
- Fri 17 Sep Staff Inservice
- Mon 27 Sep – 01 Oct Year 12 Exams

**October 2010**
- Mon 04 Oct Staff Inservice
- Tue 05 Oct Students Return for Term 4
- Wed 06 Oct Year 11 “Looking After Your Mates”
- Wed 06 Oct Year 7 (2011) Parent Information Evening A-L
- Thu 07 Oct Year 7 (2011) Parent Information Evening M-Z
- Thu 07 Oct Year 8 Rock Climbing 4
- Fri 08 Oct Victorian School Volleyball Championships
- Sat 09 Oct Past Students Reunion Class (2000)

*More dates will be added progressively*

**OTHER NEWS**

**To the Parents of all Year 10 Students,**

On Monday 30th August all Year 10 Students will be completing the Cumulative Test for Mathematics. This will be conducted after school from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. This is compulsory for all students except those completing Workplace Maths and Science.

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**Mazenod College Newsletter**

The College Newsletter will be emailed to Parents at the start of Term 4.

For those Parents who have not supplied their email address, please ensure you provide this to the Front Office as soon as possible.

For Parents who do not have an email address, a hard copy will be available for collection by students or parents each Friday after 8am from the Student Counter.

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**THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

We are in need of more good condition school and sports uniforms, ties, school bags, new style blazers, sports bags etc. Only good condition items will be accepted. Clothing must be clean and blazers dry-cleaned. Items can be left at the Front Office with contact details clearly attached.

Nancy 0418 553 191 nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au
Amanda 0401 194 799 diamanta@bigpond.net.au

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**Annual Music Gala Night**

**Wednesday September 8th 2010**

Alexander Theatre, Monash University

Tickets are now available for the Music Gala night at $10 each or $30 per family (maximum of 4).

Please give in your orders as soon as possible to the Student Counter with your name, year level, homeroom, number of tickets required and money all clearly marked on an envelope. Tickets, once processed will be available for collection from the Student Counter. Please come and support our musicians and enjoy an evening of music.

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**Outstanding Student Achievement**

This year the school magazine will publish details of outstanding student achievement away from the College. We encourage families to submit the names and appropriate details of any student who has excelled in an activity outside of Mazenod in 2010. Such achievements might involve Sport, Music, Drama, or another extra curricula activity.

The student may have represented the State in a sport, been a member of a National choir, or... there’s an endless list!

When submitting details, please include the following: The student’s name and year level, details of what was achieved and an image of the student participating in their area of excellence. The information should be sent to Mazenodian@mazenod.vic.edu.au by Friday 3rd September.

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**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

Thank you to all that attended this week’s Mothers’ Auxiliary meeting and to Fr. Andrew for celebrating a beautiful Mass with us.

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**FATHERS’ ASSOCIATION**

Friday 22 October, 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm

$70 per head includes Food, Beverages, Entertainment and Door-Prize entry

**Featuring**

M.C. - Sean Cosgrove
Interviews by Gerard Whateley
Special Guest - Stan Alves
Geoff Riseley - Olympian
Gary Fox - Australian Women’s Basketball Team

Pleas more to be announced!

Tables of 10 available - BOOK NOW to secure your Table
Bring your friends, wife, girlfriend, partner - ALL WELCOME
Evening includes Memorabilia Auction, Raffle, Silent Auction
All profits go towards the College Solar Panel Project

For bookings, please contact the College Front Office on 9560 0911
Tony Patti p: 0437 241 119, e: tony.patti@sci.monash.edu.au or
John Macaulay p: 0408 416 839, e: j.macaulay@unimelb.edu.au
OPEN DAYS THIS WEEKEND – 29TH AUGUST

La Trobe University
Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus
Sun 29 Aug
10am – 4pm
1300 135 045
www.latrobe.edu.au

University of Ballarat
Mount Helen Campus
Sun 29 Aug
10am – 3pm
1800 811 711
www.ballarat.edu.au

VTAC Guide 2011 Amendments List

VTAC Update: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

NEW COURSES

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

Mon 30 Aug
Barbara Bailouni, Lorraine Dorio, Sharon Beltrame
Tue 31 Aug
Adriano Paterno, Julie Sceney
Wed 01 Sept
Gerri Viergever, Lingga Yamin, Maria Beninati
Thu 02 Sept
Joelle Bruce, Josie Di Fabrizio, Dilly Jayasuriya, Cathy King
Fri 03 Sept
Helen Lad, Hend Matti, Debbie Papalaskaris

Sports News

One of my earliest discussions with Fr. Michael was about how do we get as many students to participate in ACC Sport as possible. We even discussed the possibility of getting every Year 7 student to have represented Mazenod in some form of ACC competition by the end of the year. This was taking into account that the ACC not only runs our competitive inter school program, but also the Music, Drama, Chess, Debating and Leadership workshops.

As we near the end of Term 3 we have just about fulfilled this dream of every Year 7 representing Mazenod. What a fantastic contribution by our entire student body, when you see that over 700 students have represented Mazenod at something this year! It speaks volumes of the student body and their commitment to the school they attend, that it is worth representing with pride and distinction.

Last week we sent 2 teams to the ACC Chess Tournament and for the 4th year straight won the title. Our 2 teams finished first and second. We congratulate Mr Jenkinson and Ms Sauer for their time in ensuring...
that our boys were as well prepared as they could be. Our debaters continue to perform strongly in both the ACC Competition and mid week competition they represent us in.

Society unfortunately, always promotes the winners in life and sport! However when you do the mathematics of it all approximately 5% of all participants actually end up being winners.

It is important that we always encourage and promote those that participate. We should always encourage the effort of joining in and contributing, rather than winning alone. Next week we will hopefully have 5 Table Tennis Teams playing in Grand Finals, an extraordinary effort by some very talented and committed students. The Year 10 Basketball Team will, also play off in a Grand Final. We wish them well, but we should not forget the effort of our 5 Hockey Teams and Basketball that missed places in Grand Finals.

Participation is one of the cornerstones of pride and respect in Mazenod. When our students go out to all competitions they wear their uniforms proudly and do their utmost to win and gain the respect of all. If we were to measure success this way, then 100% of students would be in no doubt be considered Champions!

Sportsman’s Night
A big reminder that this year’s night will be held on Wednesday the 15th of September at the Drum theatre starting at 7pm. Invitations have been sent to all students that have won awards. Some invitations will be sent over the next week to students once Term 3 winners have been confirmed. Could all students please RSVP by the given date.

Cross Country
The 2010 event will take place on September the 9th at Bundoora Park. In all, Mazenod will have over 60 students running on the day. Many students have been training hard and we are expecting all students who are asked to run to participate.

Old Collegians
The Old Boys have finished their year with another great win. They won 10 games for the year and missed finals action by half a game. The boys won 8 of their last 9 games and showed the true Mazenod fighting spirit. David Regan finished his season with another fine performance along with Lachlan Allen and Rees Thomas. The reserves unfortunately lost to fellow finalist Ormond on Saturday but still held onto their spot in the finals. The under 19’s eventually fell to top side Oakleigh after being level for most of the day. They will play Oakleigh again this weekend at Keysborough for a spot in the Grand Final. Congratulations to the Club XVII team who narrowly lost their Grand Final on Sunday by 17 points. Our own Dan Kelly starred kicking 3 goals.

Mazenod Panthers
Big congratulations to David Regan and his Division 3 Panthers team who on Sunday won their first Premiership. The Panthers won by 23 points and celebrated with David long into the night.

ACC Results:

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Hockey
Sen B - Season Over
Best: Yr 10 60 vs Emmanuel 46
Best: Melenhorst, Gee, Ephraums scorer: Melenhorst 20, Gee 18
Yr 10 B 24 vs Whitefriars 45
Best: Ison, Meares, Knight Scorer: Ison 9, Meares 9
Yr 9 63 vs Salesian 30
Scorers: Wood 15, Guscott 15 Best; Guscott, Wood, Grigg, Signal
Yr 9B 30 vs Salesian 10
Scorers: Dalzotto 10 Best: Dalzotto, Stewart, Tran
Yr 8 vs Emmanuel
Best;
Yr 8B vs Emmanuel
Best;
Yr 7 40 vs ST Bede's 47
Scorers; Woods 12, Martino 12 Best; Woods, Martino, Cross, Tran
Yr 7 B 27 vs ST Bede's 20
Scorers; V Nguyen 7, Nikcevich 5 Best; Byrnes, Nikcevich, Ubay, Hill

Table Tennis
Sen 12/51 vs 3/23
Best; Serena, Chew, Pham, Kovac, Attard
Yr 10 vs
Best;
Yr 9 11/48 vs Salesian 4/27
Best; Schiano, Basso, Pannuzzo, Braganza
Yr 8 vs Emmanuel
Yr 7 14/58 vs ST Bede's 1/17
Best; K Phan, Rozario, Cao, M Pham, A Pham, Mayadunne, Hetelezius, Carmody, Shields, Elsey

Next Week’s ACC Sports- Grand Final Week

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The Sports Team
Mr Montoya, Mr Crabtree, Mr Bedwell, Mr Connolly & Mr May

Mass Times
Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday, 8.10am during term
Sunday Masses in our Parishes - St Leonard’s, Glen Waverley, Sat 6.30pm, Sun 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, Good Shepherd, Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 6pm
St Justin’s, Wheelers Hill, Sat 7pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.30m;
St Joseph’s, Springsvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 3pm(Viet), 5.30pm;
St. John Vianney’s, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.00am, 5.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 7pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian).