Dear Mazenod Families,

Welcome to the 2012 Academic Year at Mazenod. There are obviously an extremely wide range of emotions and feelings that accompany the start of a school year. For some, there is the annoyance of the end of holidays, for some it is the relief of boredom, for others it is the anticipation of new beginning and the excitement, joy and being involved. Whatever the emotions and feelings, we most definitely either welcome you or welcome you back.

I sincerely hope that you were all able to spend some time together as a family and that you were once again able to appreciate all of the wonderful qualities of your family.

This week sees approximately 240 new students begin their time at Mazenod, ranging from Years 7 to 11. We particularly welcome them and hope that their journey with us is beneficial to themselves, ourselves and our community.

We also welcome new Staff members and hope that they find Mazenod to be a great working environment and a place where they can be and give of themselves.

One of the most important elements of Mazenod College is that we celebrate every success and since the last Newsletter of 2011, there have been some notable events to share with you.

Mazenod competed with distinction at the National Volleyball Championships held in December, 2011. Being one of the only Schools in the Country to qualify every team in the Honours Division was itself worthy of great joy, however we also managed to secure a Gold Medal in the Under 14’s and a Bronze Medal in the Under 15’s. Every team played with enthusiasm and vigour and we congratulate every School who experienced success. Preparations have begun again for the 2012 National Championships and we wish them well.

Our Senior Cricket Team travelled to Queensland for the Oblate Cup and Invitational Trophy. In a rain affected tournament, Mazenod College emerged as overall champion of the Oblate Invitational Tournament. This tournament saw us compete against Schools from Queensland and Western Australia. I thank each and every member of the team, as well as Mr David Regan, Mr David Bedwell and Mr Sam Reed for their great guidance and care for the boys. We also thank Iona College (our brother school) as well as Villanova College families who hosted our boys.

Twelve of our senior students, as well as Fr Andrew Chen O.M.I., Ms Xin Chen, Mr Noel Jenkinson, Ms Sandra Luxmoore and Ms Fiona Lennon travelled to China to work in the China Orphanage. A more complete reflection will come later, however the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I sincerely encourage every senior student in the College to consider taking up this rewarding challenge later in the year.

Construction has begun on our new (yet to be named) Multi-Purpose Sports and Gathering Centre. This exciting new initiative will take approximately 12-13 months to complete and will require considerable adjustment and care during the construction phase. As a result of the increased usage of Kernot Avenue by heavy construction vehicles, we have made the decision not to allow drop-offs or pick-ups at any time in Kernot Avenue. This decision is in the interests of everyone’s safety and I ask for everyone’s cooperation in this matter. We have spent considerable effort and resources in trying to ensure that Mazenod is a safe environment for all and the removal of cars from Kernot Avenue has been positively received by most. All drop-offs and pick-ups should be made in Monash Drive, surrounding streets, the Retirement Village Car Park and Brandon Park Drive – just across the overpass.

In order for Monash Drive to be as safe as possible, could we please ask drivers to refrain from doing a U turn. Instead we recommend using the round-abouts as the safest means of turning around your cars. We also ask you to be particularly mindful and respectful to our neighbours by not parking in their driveways or yards.

Students are also expected to take extra care when crossing roads and be constantly vigilant with vehicles. Any student who needs to cross Springvale Road, must do so at lights and crossings. Some students have attempted to cross the six lanes of Springvale Road under the belief that every vehicle will just stop for them. Any student seen crossing Springvale Road without using the pedestrian crossing, will and must receive some quite decisive consequences. Student and public safety on the roads is a constant concern and one that we will remain ever vigilant in.

I thank the vast majority of students and parents who have adjusted their routines of drop-offs and pick-ups in order to maximise the safety for all. Even when the weather is difficult through rain and/or heat, the above expectations remain. It is better to get wet than injured.

Our Year 12’s are currently experiencing their Annual Camp at Portsea and the feedback has been very good. I am grateful to all of the staff involved for taking the time to care for the boys. It is genuinely appreciated.

Over the next couple of weeks, some of the major functions of the College will take place. On Friday 10th February, the College will hold the 90+ Celebration Day. On this day, every student in the College who received an ATAR of a 90+ is welcomed back. A more complete understanding of the outstanding academic results of our 2011 Graduating Class can be found on the College website, however, I would like to share with you how incredibly proud we were of every single student. Mazenod’s academic results were the best on record. 20% of students were in the top 5% of the State and 38% of the students received an ATAR of above 90, placing them in the top 10% of the State. Congratulations to every student who experienced success and thanks very much to the family and staff who supported them.

On Friday 24th February, the College will celebrate our Inaugural Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. This year, we are very pleased to welcome Bishop Vincent Long (former Parish Priest at St Joseph’s Springvale) as our Main Celebrant. Please keep that very important date free.

Welcome and welcome back to everyone. I sincerely hope 2012 is one that brings great joy for you all.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
Greetings and at our social events which will be Michael on “What’s happening around Mazenod”.

**Up and coming events/notice**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Membership is required.

We would also like to extend our welcome to all new families at starting point for new and current ladies to meet, catch up and enjoy the company of other ladies in the Mazenod Community. We are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy your time at Mazenod just as we do.

We look forward to meeting the new and current Ladies at our monthly meeting. The meetings are a great opportunity to sell your son’s outgrown uniform before the end of the year. Get them in as soon as possible to the Front Office with your name and address clearly attached to each item. Clothing must be clean and blazers dry-cleaned.

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CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

In the absence of Ms Seremis who is currently on maternity leave Mr Luke Kenealy will be assuming the role of Careers Coordinator. Please direct any queries relating to Careers/University etc to him on 8561 1147.

Year 10 Work Experience:

Work Experience Forms
Welcome back to 2012! Thank you to those students who have already returned Work Experience forms and a reminder to all Year 10 students that Work Experience forms must be completed and returned to Mr. Kenealy – Careers Coordinator as soon as possible preferably but no later than 29th March (last day of Term 1). Students who have not yet organised placements for the two weeks need to begin this immediately. Students who have misplaced their Work Experience Forms need to obtain another one from the Careers Office urgently. It is imperative that students organise this sooner rather than later.

The two week work experience placements commence on June 18th and finish on June 29th which is the last day of Term 2. A reminder for students also to adhere to the following suggestions whilst on work experience:
- be punctual
- be polite and well mannered
- be prepared to show some initiative
- enjoy the experience

Further reminders will continue to be given to students who have not returned forms over the coming weeks. Any questions should be directed to the Careers Coordinator on 8561 1147.

2012 University Placements:

Class of 2011
The College is very proud of the graduating VCE class of 2011 as it is extremely pleased to announce that 99% of the students were offered a First Round Tertiary placement. The College is hopeful that when 2nd round placements come out that we will have a 100% success rate which is a phenomenal achievement. This is in no small part due to the hard work put in by all the teachers at the College and the diligence of the students. Congratulations to you all.

Open Days
As information regarding dates and institutions becomes available about Open Days it will be relayed to students via the weekly newsletter, daily bulletin announcements and flyers posted in relevant year levels. Please remember to check Careers Noticeboards regularly.

Luke Kenealy – Careers Coordinator

SPONSOR NEWS

It never stops!! Gold Medals and Silverware!!

Welcome back to Mazenod Sport to all our returning families and a special welcome to all our new families. I would also like to welcome to the Sports Department for 2012 Mr Ben Cunningham who has assumed the role of Director of Intra School Sport and Faculty Head of Physical Education. Like all big organisations changes occur all the time and I would like to thank Mr David May for all his passion and energy as Director of Sport for the past 2 years. Mr Emilio Montoya will be taking on this role this year.

Everyone at Mazenod is very proud of the great results achieved by last year’s Graduating Class. With a record number of scores of 90+, it was interesting to note that of the 64 students who achieved this result 48 of those students represented Mazenod in an ACC activity last year. In fact most were involved in more than one activity. It shows that sport and studies do mix and in fact can help foster student learning. I think all our current students can learn from the example of this group and follow their lead in combing both studies and ACC representation successfully.

Most of you would not be aware that even though the students left in December many of our students and staff were involved in representing the College in Volleyball and Cricket. Our Volleyball players took part in the National Titles and we had some great results. Our U/13 team coached by Mr Josh Cowan and Mr Damian Schumann were able to win a thrilling final and become National Champions.

In January when many of us were on the beach, Mr David Regan and Mr David Bedwell took 13 students to Queensland for the Oblate Carnival. Though rain interrupted the Oblate Championships we were able to complete 2 games. In our first game we defeated Iona College Queensleyland by 48 runs and on the last day we had a comfortable win against Ormiston College (Gld). Points are awarded for runs made and wickets taken and after all teams had completed 2 games Mazenod had amassed the most points and were therefore awarded the Oblate Invitational Cup. Congratulations to our Co-captains James Munro and Patrick Noone and the team on a great 4 days. Next year the Oblate Carnival moves to Western Australia and will be hosted by Mazenod College WA.

HOUSE SPORT
House Sport resumes next Tuesday for Year 9 & 10 students, Wednesday for Year 11 & 12 and Thursday will see 7 & 8 students begin.

Students are permitted to wear their Sport uniforms on the day with a reminder that their white polo must be worn to and from school. Students are permitted to wear Mazenod College shorts only during Terms 1 and 4 on warmer days. It is also worth reminding students and parents that appropriate footwear should be worn for sport. That means laced up shoes for support and protection. The casual slip on shoe is not allowed to be worn.

Students will be advised soon as to the Sport selection for the next Term.

ACC Swimming: 17th February
Preparations are well underway for the ACC Swimming Carnival in 2 weeks, on Friday 17th of February. Training continues at Monash University Pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for the next 2 weeks starting at 7.00am. The team is into its last part of training and we will see how this all going at a trial Carnival against Whitefriars next week at Doncaster Pool.

ACC Athletics – 28th March
Trials and training will begin soon for our Athletics season. I encourage all students to stay alert for messages regarding training times over the next few weeks.

SENIOR ACC SPORT
Senior sport will resume next week for our senior first and seconds Cricket Teams, as well as our Volleyball and Tennis Teams. Thanks to Mr David Regan, Mr Ben Phibbs, Mr Damian Schumann & Mr Joe Moore and Mr Luke Kenealy for taking these Teams. Details for our opponents and finishing times are below.

UP COMING SPORTING EVENTS

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The Sports Team
Mr Cunningham, Mr Montoya, Mr Connolly, Mr Bedwell, Mr Regan & Mr Phibbs
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, 10.30am; St Joseph’s, Springvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 3pm(Viet), 5.30pm;
St. John Vianney’s, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.00am, 3.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian)