From The Rector

On behalf of the College Community we congratulate Fr Harry Dyer O.M.I. on being re-appointed as Provincial of the Oblates for the next three years. We also have a new Provincial Council (Fr Christian Fini, Leo Mifsud, John Maher and Mark Edwards). Together, this Council with the Provincial are responsible for the overall direction of the Oblate Province. They also make all of the appointments of the Province as well. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Last week they met and as a result, each member of the Oblate Community was given some added responsibilities. This is a great challenge and opportunity for our Mazenod Community. Fr John Sherman O.M.I. has been asked to be the Provincial Representative on the Mazenod College WA Board. This will help support Mazenod WA and should bring our Colleges closer together. Fr Andrew Chen O.M.I. has been appointed as Chaplain of Rosies Oblate Youth Mission, however all of the Mazenod Oblate Community will be supporting that Chaplaincy. Both Fr Christian Fini O.M.I. and I have been asked to coordinate the World Youth Day Pilgrimages to Spain for the Province. These extra tasks are part of our wider responsibility to the Province and we are all genuinely happy to be involved. We would ask that all of these works of the Province be a part of your prayers.

It is with genuine gratitude that I let you know of the collective generosity of our College Community. The family and student contribution of $6650 was matched by the Oblate Community as well as the Mission Action Day money for a combined total of just over $20,000 to the people of Haiti who are still in such desperate need. This generosity should always be at our heart and be a core of all that we do. On behalf of the Oblates and people of Haiti, I say thank you very much.

Today marked a wonderful celebration in the life of the College. We welcomed back the 51 students who achieved a 90+ in the 2009 VCE. This number represents 33% of our cohort and is a wonderful achievement. Joining us today were many Primary School Principals and Parish Priests who have played crucial roles in the development of these young men. Their presence among us lets us all have the opportunity of thanking them. We were also able to welcome many of the families to the celebration and for them and us this was a wonderful occasion. Both the College Community and Families know very well the enormous sacrifices that each played in supporting the boys’ education. After the celebration we were joined by all staff in celebrating the entire educational journey at Mazenod. This is one of the highlight days of the Mazenod Calendar.

Our Inaugural Mass is to be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral on February 26th (in two weeks) and I would like to warmly invite you all to attend and participate. This Mass is a very important celebration in the life of the College and in which all members of the community are invited and expected to attend. Bishop Les Tomlinson will be our Main Celebrant for this Mass. He will be joined by our Provincial and the Provincials of the Asia-Oceania Region. A more formal invite will be included in next week’s newsletter.

During the week the College Board met and I wanted to publically thank the Members of the Board for their dedication and caring support of the College. Under the leadership of Mr Peter Le Grand we have a well functioning and supportive Board. The Board is comprised of Parish Priests, Parish Representatives and Mother’s and Father’s Representatives. They have always supported responsible planning and facilities but they have also constantly supported the Oblates and community as well. In thanking them, I wish to communicate the following facility developments.

The Board has approved the development of our current Football Pitch (Soccer for the non-Football lovers). This development will see a FIFA Accredited Synthetic Surface placed in the current site. This surface will be available for Cricket use as well as it has been ICC approved. It will capture any rain-fall for the College’s use and will be an all-weather facility. It is hoped that in the future it will be the home ground of an Old Boys Football (Soccer) Club. There is still much negotiation to be had with the Monash Council and the Archdiocese, however we are confident that they will see a facility of great benefit to the boys and community. We will need to work in partnership with Council to overcome any logistic difficulties and as such we do not have a definite time frame. When this becomes clear, this will be communicated to you all. This football facility will form part of an overall upgrade of our sporting facilities which will be communicated as the developments happen. All of this planning is part of the overall Master Plan of the College and has the support of the Board and Finance Managers.

There will also be announcements in the upcoming weeks of new initiatives and resources offered to the Science Faculty of the College. There is still much discussion to be had regarding the nature of these resources, however it is the intention of the College to continue to provide the best facilities to our students both now and into the future. Science is a discipline requiring special attention and the Science Faculty will be crucial in initiating and implementing our plans.

Details of the Athletics Carnival held yesterday will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Please continue to keep in your prayers all those families who are facing difficulties and struggles. In this fast-paced modern world we can often forget about the struggles people face. If we remember that every person is a someone not a something, then we will continue to remember and pray for their needs.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
**INAGURAL MASS**

Mazenod College’s Inaugural Mass this year will be held on **Friday 26 February** at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Please keep this evening free. Students are required to attend.

**EMA APPLICATIONS FOR SEMESTER 1 2010**

Application Forms for Education Maintenance Allowance are now available at the College Office.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA:

1. The student must be below the age of sixteen; and
2. The student must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on census day, 26 February 2010; and
3. The claimant must on Eligibility Day, 27 January 2010:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a foster parent.

Submit their application to the school by 26 February 2010

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Thanking you very much,
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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Marriage encounter weekend is a marriage enrichment program for married couples. Volunteer couples and a Priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place.

The next 3 weekends will be held on 16-18 April, 25-27 June and 20-22 August. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

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**Applications for Year 7 2011**

Applications for Year 7 Students in 2011 are now being accepted and closed on **Friday 26 Feb 2010**.

If you currently have a son at the College, you are still required to submit an application for any younger siblings.

Applications are available at the Student Counter

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**The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 19 February 12.00 – 1.30 pm**

We are in need of more good condition school and sports uniforms, ties, school bags, 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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Students discover the world on a WEP student exchange!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students to participate in 2010/11 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students and parents can choose from more than 26 countries, including France, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Spain.

Give your child the opportunity to have an international experience and gain the personal, social and academic skills that are so important in today's world. For more details, please refer to the website on www.wep.org.au

Student exchange is a journey of discovery – of self and of places, peoples and cultural practices.

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

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Safer Internet Day – 9 February focuses on our use of the Internet and the need for safe behaviour. Every time you use the Internet you contribute to your ‘digital footprint’ as once something is online, it could be there forever. While sharing of photos, videos and messages with friends is fun, it’s necessary to be aware of the extent of your actions.

Consider these rules to enjoy a safer, happier time online:

- Think before you post.
- Don’t post anything that you don’t want the whole world to see.
- Don’t post anything which could upset someone.
- Don’t put up pictures or videos of others unless they give permission.
- Keep your personal information private.

If you have a Facebook account, you will be aware that in December changes to the privacy settings may mean you are displaying more personal information than you realised. This video will assist you in ‘Configuring Facebook’s new privacy settings’ http://bit.ly/63jc1d


Be informed, be safe.

Mrs. Camilla Elliott
Head of Library

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

Monash University Update:

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Swinburne University of Technology Update:

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ART AND DESIGN DISCOVERY DAY
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ASIA-OCEANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE MASS
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2010

Students, parents and staff are invited to come and celebrate the Sunday Eucharist with the Provincials and Delegations Superiors of the Asia Oblate Region who will be in Melbourne for their annual meeting. This is also a marvelous opportunity for Parishioners from our multicultural background to meet an Oblate from their own country. Some of the countries and communities represented will be India, Colombo, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Jaffna, Hong Kong, Rome Delegates and of course some Aussies. The Oblates look forward to your presence and the chance to meet with you and enjoy an ‘Aussie Cuppa’ together after the 10.00 am Mass at St John Vianney’s, 23 Police Rd, Mulgrave.

Students, the Oblates look forward to meeting you and having you share your stories with them.

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To start the year, Antipodeans Abroad will be holding a GapBreak Information Night for interested students and parents.

Monday 22nd March, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Flagstaff City Inn - 45 Dudley Street, Melbourne

Why Antipodeans Abroad?
With a range of gap year options, it may be difficult to determine what programs are most suitable for students. There are a number of reasons why Antipodeans Abroad is one of the leading gap year providers including:

- Over 13 years experience working with Australian students in developing countries
- Australian based head office
- Intensive pre-departure preparation and training including two-day Training Course
- Extensive risk management experience and practice
- Volunteers ALWAYS travel in small groups of students from across Australia
- Managed placements in-country in conjunction with local In-country Agents
- 24-hour support & back up
- 24 hour medical consultant at Travellers Medical and Vaccination Clinic
- Partnership with Student Flights to ensure students are on same flights
- Premium travel insurance

For more information contact Ebony Holmberg, Antipodeans Abroad, Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Tel: (02) 9413 1522 or visit the website: www.antipodeans.com.au

STUDY AT ADFA IN 2011
The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) provides the training and education for the future leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Combining military and leadership training with a recognised undergraduate degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). The key benefits of studying at ADFA include:

- Being paid to study
- Degree from UNSW in Arts, Business, Engineering, Science or Technology
- No HELP debt (previously known as HECS)
- Lowest student to teacher ratio
- Free health care and subsidised accommodation
- Guaranteed career in the Navy, Army or Air Force

ADFA EDUCATION AWARD - APPLY BEFORE 26 FEBRUARY 2010
The ADFA Education Award is presented annually to year 12 students; in recognition of leadership potential, academic and sporting achievements exhibited during year 11. The award comprises of a laptop computer and certificate, and a plaque in recognition of your school. There are 120 awards available that are presented on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Students’ currently studying year 11 can apply and all applications must be received by 26 February 2010.

To find out more about ADFA you are invited to attend the next information session:
Wednesday 24th February 2010, from 6:30pm - 8pm
Defence Force Recruiting Centre Level 14, 501 Swanston Street Melbourne, VIC
Please phone 13 19 01 to RSVP to this event. Parents and friends are welcome.
For more information or to apply for ADFA call 13 19 01 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa

Vivian Seremetis – Careers & Pathways Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

ACC Sport

We are definitely into the full swing of things now, as all teams completed their first game this week. We had some great results with our Second Eleven cricketers defeating CBC ST Kilda’s first Eleven. Volleyball and Tennis also started with great wins also. Our swimmers spent Monday afternoon at Doncaster in their last trial carnival before the ACC Carnival and Mr Montoya was extremely happy with some of the times recorded. Our Athletic squad is starting up training soon, and a number of students have been invited to try out. We hope to see most of them over the forth coming weeks. Our results for this week were:

Senior Cricket vs St Joseph Geelong @ Geelong
Maz 83 (K Arnold 30) lost to STJG 4/84 (S Paris 2/4)

Seconds Cricket vs CBC St Kilda
Maz 9/127 (Solomons 41, S Riley 19no, A Warfe 13) defeated CBC 10/111 (R D’Souza 5/13, S Amunugama 2/10)

Senior Tennis
Maz 10 sets/89 games defeated St Bedes 2 /52
Well performed players: B Pahor, S Albanese, M Gojszyk, A Kosorog, A Delvecchio

Senior Volleyball A
Maz 3sets/101pts defeated St Bedes 1/62
Well performed: S Alves, D Nguyen, P Lemalu

Senior Volleyball B
Maz 2/50 defeated St Bedes 0/34
Well performed: C Vong, S Ong, A Wiles

Adrian Connolly
Director Of ACC Sport
Mazenod College
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ADFA INFORMATION SESSION

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, 5.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 7pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian).