During the week, I travelled up twice to Rawson (approx 1.5 hours from Mazenod), near Moe, to visit each of the Year 7 Camps. On each occasion it was great to see how happy, engaged and respectful each of the boys were. There were many opportunities for the boys to be engaged in meaningful activities that promoted teamwork, resilience, problem solving and fun.

To see the way that the Staff, Year 11’s and students work together was a great entry into their life at the College. While the friendships of Primary School remain intact, it was obvious that these friendship circles were expanding rapidly as new people brought out new confidence and conversations.

I am indebted to Mr Matt Johnson and all of the Staff involved in the Outdoor Education Programme. They take time away from their own families to give the boys such a great experience and what occurs on these camps can have great relevance for us all back here at school.

I am currently reading a book called “The Purpose of Boys” by Michael Gurian of the United States. He explains that purpose and meaning are vital for the success and happiness of every boy. The book shows how parents, teachers and peers can help boys build motivation, character, selflessness, meaningful and intimate relationships, pride in their own good work, and mental and physical health.

It is well worth a read and I am happy to lend the book to anyone who would care to read it. I would like to share with you a couple of the insights that we are working on here at Mazenod.

Boys’ learning should be filled with wonder, for it is a boy’s purpose, especially when he is young, to live in wonder and engage in whatever joyful and confusing results emerge from that sense of wonder. A tree, a light bulb, a friend, a challenge, a vision of outer space... a book he reads, a conversation, a prayer, a disagreement, a pattern he sees, a scientific inquiry... a moral challenge, a physical failure, a teacher’s words, an image from the past to which he aspires... anything and everything that enters his mind and heart will have its moment there, and some things will remain in him as founding parts of his identity and purpose in life.

Our challenge here at Mazenod is to create lessons that will endure in the boys well into his adulthood, and help define his service to himself, his family and his world.

Something that we must take seriously here at the College is to match learning with the self-defining impulses in each boy. When we do this we respect his nature and help each boy make his world a better place. Our teaching styles must take into consideration the boy’s brains and when we work together with families, we create a learning community of significance.

Teaching boys is a joyful profession, because the boys themselves are so filled with joy and wonder. We have an obligation to continue to create a learning community that is family oriented, faith motivated and professionally inspired so that we help create a world of wonder for the boys, and revive in our culture a love of learning in males.

We are currently in the interviewing stage of new enrolments for 2012. As you all know, there is a 15 minute interview for each family. For many, this is a very nerve wracking and anxious time, because families feel so much is at stake. As has been the case for many years, there are far more enrolments than places and the task of finding places becomes harder and harder every year.

Consistently in interview after interview a common theme emerges. The families seeking entry in the College have been very, very impressed with the tour guides of Open Day. The boys who volunteer for this task, really do the College very proud. However, in truth, I would have confidence in every single student of the College to provide that type of witness.

The families seeking entry wish for their sons to grow to maturity in the community of Mazenod. That maturity, which we are all journeying towards, is still a work in progress.

The boys here, like all boys, like all people, make mistakes and miss the mark at times. One of the things that we try and do at all times, is offer appropriate guidance and consequences for the boys. In the vast majority of cases, we are working in tandem with families and this works very well for the boys.

Creating in the boys a sense of purpose and meaning will be the enduring work of the College. We come from a Catholic faith tradition that continuously promotes the sense of human dignity inherent in each one of us. All of our learning, playing, discovering and appreciating should have that dignity in mind.

During the past few weeks, I have been visiting the Principals of our Priority Parishes: St Joseph’s Springvale, St Peter’s Clayton, St Gerard’s North Dandenong, St Paul Apostle Endeavour Hills, Holy Saviour Glen Waverley North, St Leonard’s Glen Waverley, Good Shepherd Mulgrave, St Elizabeth’s Noble Park North, St Anthony’s Noble Park, St Simon’s Rowville, St John Vianney’s Springvale North and St Justin’s Wheelers Hill.

I am very impressed with the great facilities and programmes present in each school. I also acknowledge the great educational work done in our Catholic Primary Schools and recognise how indebted we are to their vocation. We are truly blessed to have the vast majority of our students come from the above Primary Schools and commit to continue working with them.

Please continue to keep the people of Christchurch, flood affected Queensland and Victoria, Libya and all areas of natural disaster and conflict in your prayers. Our prayers unite us with them and also connect us closer to God.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
The College Newsletter will now be sent to you via email. For those Parents who do not have an email address, a hard copy will be available for collection by students or parents each Friday after 8 am from the Student Counter.

**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

Next Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March, 2011 commencing with Mass at 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to catch up or meet other Mother’s at Mazenod over refreshments supplied. All Ladies welcome with no membership required.

**SUPPORT THE LADIES AUXILIARY**

**BUY YOUR 2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK OUT SOON**

Once again the 2011 Entertainment Book will be available to purchase from the Mazenod Ladies Auxiliary. More details in future newsletters.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Could parents of Year 7 students who have started Instrumental Music lessons please make sure that you send in the ‘Starter Kit’ payments: $55 for percussion and $60 for all other musicians. Payment in cash or cheque (made payable to Mazenod College) must be handed in to your son’s Instrumental Teacher or to Mrs Leela Sharma in Music Office 1.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Mazenod College is once again participating in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge promotes the importance of reading and encourages parents and families to support their children’s reading in and beyond school. It is not a competitive event but rather one that emphasises individual challenge and participation.

Students are invited to collect a consent form from the College Library which must be returned in order to register. On registration, the student will be given a unique username and password to log into the Challenge website and log their reading. More information is available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) or from the College Library. The Challenge will be supported by English teachers and Library Staff of the College as well as the College reading blog [More than a Book Club](http://www.mazreads.com).

Last year 116 students entered the Challenge with 36 boys completing it successfully. Those who successfully completed the Challenge received a beautiful certificate with artwork by author/illustrator Graeme Base. All students were presented with participation certificates at our End of Challenge Lunch. We look forward to sharing VPRC experiences again this year.

**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN IN LESS THEN TWO MONTHS**

Bond University will once again be offering a large number of full and part-fee scholarships to Australia’s best and brightest students. The 2012 program consists of the annual Vice-Chancellor Scholarships, Corporate Scholarship and Deans’ Scholarships. Applications open online from April 1 and will close on August 1. The 2012 Bond University Scholarship brochure will be at the beginning of March in the Careers Office. Further information on the scholarships available this year can be found online at [www.bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships) or alternatively contact the Excellence Program coordinator, Kristy Manyweathers on 07 5595 1067 or email scholarships@bond.edu.au

**IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE LAW**

Bond University’s Bachelor of Laws program equips students for a career in the legal profession and business, industry or government sectors, both within Australia and overseas. Bond’s three-semester-per-year schedule means you start your career sooner by graduating at the end of the second year. Bond offers a three-year law degree or five-year combined degree with arts or business, in addition to the traditional Bachelor of Laws degree. For more information on scholarship available contact the Excellence Program coordinator, Kristy Manyweathers on 07 5595 1067 or email scholarships@bond.edu.au.

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE REMINDER**

A reminder to all year 10 students that work experience paperwork should be returned to the Careers Office by the end of term 1, Thursday 7th April, (only 5 weeks to go!). All year 10 students were given new Work Experience Arrangement forms due to the recent change in legislation covering secondary students in the workplace. Please ensure that all arrangements are completed using the new forms. Forms are available on the COLLEGE INTRANET in LEARNING AREAS -> CAREERS -> WORK EXPERIENCE -> FORMS. *Please note:* Work Experience Arrangement forms will only be accepted if they have original signatures by the employer, parents and students. No faxed or scanned forms can be accepted.
WERRUBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

Are you interested in working with animals?

If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for the amazing array of different animals, then come out to Werribee Open Range Zoo next school holidays. Come and discover what a keeper’s day really involves! Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the zoo for the day, helping out our zookeepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs at a zoo!

You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a zookeeper, which could include:

- Food preparation
- Animal enrichment
- Health checks
- Animal contact

You will also get to go on a safari tour with a difference and have the opportunity to speak with zookeepers about their jobs and experience. Be prepared for the smell, sweat and of course, the fun of it all!

**Dates:** April 14th, 19th and 21st

**Cost:** $102.00 (includes morning tea) BYO Lunch

**How to book:** Please call 9285 9406 to reserve your place. Payment is required at time of booking. *Strictly limited numbers

Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

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SPORTS NEWS

It has been a big week in sport at Mazenod with the staging of the Inter-House Athletics. Run on a near perfect day, it was encouraging to see so many students out there competing in as many events as possible. Our biggest events were naturally the Under 13 category where all our Year 7 students live by the mantra of competing in every event possible. We had to send the school nurses out to Mr Fox on the long jump pit when 150 students all turned up wanting there turn to jump!! The day is certainly there to promote participation and that is clear to all, but it also gives the opportunity for those who wish to push themselves the chance to excel. Many students strive to set new College records and in some cases do. Others turn up with plans and preparations to run certain splits in middle distance events and come straight up to coaches and staff for feedback once their events are finished. This is what makes the day such a highlight for all students and staff. It has been for a number of years the highlight of the sporting calendar! I say this honestly as it is the sole day when everyone competes!!

Mr May will provide a roundup of Charlebois’ great win at the Carnival and also announce who were the ace champions on the day.

What does show up clearly though are the students who have been given talent to perform athletically. Part of the day is about identifying talent for our ACC Athletic Squad for later this term.

A number of students impressed with the way they jump, throw and run and some will be invited to Athletics training if they are not already involved. Many of our good athletes are good at a number of sports and at this time of year with training and preparations for football, soccer, basketball and hockey season some students are reluctant to participate.

We here at the College appreciate this, but also expect that if your son is good enough to be in the Athletics team then he should be expected to participate! We do not intend to force students to run or throw every week and train, we need the students to give a commitment to compete on the day and then to attend at least some training sessions. These sessions can often be done in sport time on their allotted sport time when Athletics training is always on.

We offer a fair balance for all students as they find time for academic studies, school sport, outside commitments, part time jobs, driving lessons and socialising. There is a solution to all these factors and if students can talk to staff and parents maturely then I have no doubt they will benefit from the experience of finding a solution and representing their school!
Joseph Ziino is currently still competing in Taekwondo in America and at last notice was doing well. He has completed his preliminary stages and was hoping to progress through the semi final stages. We in the sports team congratulate Jack Cummings for his selection in the Australian Junior Cycling Squad that will compete in the team’s pursuit later in the year. Jack will be involved in a number of camps with Australian Institute of Sport in the lead up to this event! Scott Gilmore has recently competed overseas in table tennis and I will have some details soon of his results. A number of our swimmers have National coming up in approximately a month’s time and we wish David Burgess, Joel Watson, and Nathan Huynh all the best in their preparation and qualification.

ACC RESULTS - RD 5 (Due to camp results will follow next week)
SENIOR CRICKET VS DE LA SALLE
SENIOR 2nds CRICKET VS DE LA SALLE
SENIOR TENNIS VS St Bede’s
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ACC SPORT DETAILS – MARCH 16TH

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House Athletics 2011

On Thursday the 24th of February, with perfect weather conditions, the annual House Athletics was held at the Knox Athletics Track. The House colours were well represented and worn with pride. The level of participation of students across all ages and events was reflective of the positive atmosphere, competitive spirit and above all the enjoyment displayed by our young men in the athletics environment. At the end of the day, Charlebois House (1907 points) once again claimed the title from Gerard House (1729 points) as the Athletics Champions for 2011. Charlebois appears to have a strong hold on this event in recent years and it will be up to the other Houses next year to overcome the streak. The senior House Leaders of 2011 are to be commended for successfully negotiating their first major task and leading their peers via example. Congratulations to all students on the day for your efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves.

There were many individual inspiring performances and close finishes in both track and field events. Our external coaches working with the athletics squad to compete in the ACC carnival were excited with the depth of talent on display and optimistic for the future of athletics at Mazenod College. With the ACC Athletics carnival just around the corner, we need all our athletes to step up and join forces as we strive to follow the lead of our swim squad who achieved success through hard work over many years.

The next major House carnival is on Monday the 7th of March, as the Houses look to overcome Gerard House who has stamped their authority on the House Swimming Carnival for many years.

House Athletics Aged Champions (points accumulated throughout the day from higher levels of performance and participation in multiple events)

Under 13 – Aaron Braganza
Under 14 - Vincent Nguyen
Under 15 – Alexander Urban & Bevan Braganza
Under 16 – Liam Riley
Under 17 – Hatham Omar
Open – Jared Blatancic

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

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 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian).