This week, the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday. This beautiful feast celebrates our humanity and frailty and that God’s love is stronger than every mistake that we make.

The way that we celebrate Ash Wednesday here at the College is one that brings me great joy. The ceremonies are led by Liturgy Prefects in each class. I attended a Year 8 celebration where I was part of a simple and moving liturgy. Each person in the class was respectful and reflective and it was a wonderful launch into the Season of Lent. This Season asks us to look honestly at our behaviours, attitudes, conversations and faith. It asks us to notice areas of growth and improvement and to make some necessary steps at achieving that growth.

Ash Wednesday also saw the launch of our Mission Action Day Appeal which will culminate in our MAD Liturgy and celebrations at the end of the year. This year Ben King and Sean Hyatt spoke of their experiences in China as part of our “Schoolies Alternative Programme”. I was genuinely appreciative of their testimonies. They had no script and spoke from the heart about how experiencing the brokenness and poverty of those in genuine need had moved them in their lives. They pointed out to the boys that every contribution that they made would support the Oblate Missions throughout the developing world (particularly China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Kenya). The boys were also reminded that they should not just put their hand out and ask parents for money. Rather they should communicate with relatives and friends about ways of alleviating poverty throughout the world. They should consider donating some of their own money to the Appeal as well. I ask all families to be as generous as they can.

This week also saw the College formally begin our Schools Improvement Framework (SIF) processes. This programme is asked of every Catholic School to both comply with Government and Catholic Education requirements. The essential purpose is to improve the Educational, Social, Physical and Spiritual outcomes for our boys. Essentially it asks us to rejoice in the areas where we are doing well and for us also to reflect on areas where improvement is needed. The improvement should always have the outcomes of students as its primary goal. Ms Kim Twilley and Mr Luke Kenealy are the SIF Coordinators. Further communication will need to take place with parents in order to ensure that parents’ voices are part of any improvement plans of the College. May I encourage you to attend the Mothers’ Auxiliary and Fathers’ Committee meetings, as this will be where much of the communication will occur. The next Fathers’ Committee meeting is on Tuesday, March 15.

I would also like to bring to your attention details of the Flood Recovery work that the College will take part in during the first week of the Easter holidays. While final details are still to be confirmed, I can announce that we will be working from Sunday, April 10 until Friday, April 15.

We will be working from the Bridgewater Base Camp of BlazeAid and work in regions of North West Victoria who are still struggling after the tremendous floods earlier in the year. We had intended travelling to Queensland, however, at the request of the organisers and our own knowledge, it was decided that we would be of more practical use here in Victoria. We have been offered accommodation at St Mary’s Primary School at Inglewood (5 minutes from Bridgewater). We were very happy to accept the kind offer from Mr John O’Connor, Principal of St Mary’s and hopefully this will form the basis of a good relationship into the future.

Any member of the family is welcome to join us in this Flood Recovery work. Mazenod families are also welcome to attend any or all of the experience. Any student or family wanting to find out more details will be able to collect those from the student counter over the next couple of weeks.

On Monday, March 21 at 10:15 am, we will be officially blessing and opening our new elevator and Science facilities. This will be a very important day in the College’s history and any member of the community is welcome to join us. For the first time, every area of the College will be accessible for people with mobility and disability issues. Previously assistance has been required for people to access the science facilities and now everyone can reach these areas by their own means. When buildings were built in eras past, there were no provisions made for people with disabilities. Fr Pat Moroney O.M.I. at his final Board Meeting was very strong in his promotion of the elevator and it will be great to welcome him back for the Blessing and Opening.

Our Debating Teams resumed this week and I am very grateful for all the work involved. To be able to argue respectfully and articulately is a great skill of life. There will obviously be differences of opinion in our workplaces, families and relationships and to have the ability to resolve those justly is something to which we should all aspire. I wish them all well for their upcoming season.

It was great last week to welcome back Major Matthew Williams of the Royal Australian Air Force and an Old Boy of the College. Matthew also brought a Black Hawk Helicopter to the College which was universally greeted with joy. Every staff and student were able to witness the landing and some had the opportunity to get up much closer. The helicopter was on its way to the Avalon Air Show. It was great to see the boys’ faces and to see how much joy the visit brought. There were many big kids (staff) who also enjoyed it very much as well. Thanks Matthew.
Thank you to all the Ladies that attended this week’s meeting. The night began with Fr. Michael leading Ash Wednesday Mass followed by a meeting in Conference Room. The Mothers had the opportunity to hear Fr. Michael inform the meeting with recent and upcoming news. The Mothers were then given the opportunity to discuss ideas in depth with Fr. Michael.

Mother’s Day Annual Dinner was high on the agenda, date confirmed Friday 6th May, 2011. An invitation will be sent out separately with this Newsletter and they can also be collected from the Student Counter.

Donations:
Prizes for the Mother’s Day Annual Dinner raffle are needed. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle which will be drawn on the night of the dinner, it will be greatly appreciated. Please leave it at the Front Office marked “Ladies Auxiliary Mother’s Day Raffle”. Your generosity will be acknowledged.

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.

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Needed urgently all good condition Mazenod School Uniform VCE blazers, VCE jumpers, VCE ties, new fabric blazers, school and sports uniform, ties, school bags, sports bags etc. Please note only good condition items will be accepted. 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.

Please note: Old style blazers are no longer accepted in second hand uniform shop.
Nancy 0418 553 191 nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au
Amanda 0401 194 799 diamanta@bigpond.net.au

EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY
Audience: Year 10 and 11 students
Discover more about environmental science, planning and engineering at this unique one day event. You will have the opportunity to undertake a range of interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science.
Date: Thursday 21 April 2011
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Cost: Free - lunch will be provided
For further information and to register visit: www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience
Registrations close Wednesday 13 April 2011.
Contact: Clare Russell, Tel: 03 9925 3699 Email: clare.russell@rmit.edu.au

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

RMIT University Update:

RMIT University Update:

EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY
Audience: Year 10 and 11 students
Discover more about environmental science, planning and engineering at this unique one day event. You will have the opportunity to undertake a range of interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science.
Date: Thursday 21 April 2011
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Cost: Free - lunch will be provided
For further information and to register visit: www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience
Registrations close Wednesday 13 April 2011.
Contact: Clare Russell, Tel: 03 9925 3699 Email: clare.russell@rmit.edu.au

FOLIO PREPARATION AND DESIGN CAREER DISCOVERY SHORT COURSES
Audience: Year 11 and 12 students
Folio Preparation and Career Discovery courses at RMIT are not just about creating artwork. These intensive practical courses are held in the school holidays to give participants experience in the study environment they are interested in, with the guidance of expert design teachers. Folio preparation courses give students the opportunity to learn and try new techniques to use in theirfolios. Career Discovery courses are specifically designed to give insight into a particular design
industry, the study options available and the selection procedures. Starting from April 2011, courses will be offered in the following areas:

- Advertising
- Building Design and Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Interior Decoration
- 3D Product Design
- Visual Merchandising
- AutoCAD

For more information or to enrol, please go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au or phone (03) 9925 8111.

**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 4 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.

**THE NATIONAL CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO IS ON ITS WAY**

Just a quick reminder that The National Careers & Employment Expo (NCEE) returns to the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre on 25 – 26 March. NCEE is the largest national series and is FREE for year 10 – 12 students to attend.

**FLINDERS QUARTET EDUCATION PROGRAM - HOW TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN**

So you want to have a career as a professional musician?

After all the hours in the practice room, it’s every musician’s dream to play to an audience and to share their passion for great music - but how do you get there?

Learn the “other” skills needed to be a professional musician and learn how Flinders Quartet set up their own concert series. There are a number of options for musicians entering the profession - Flinders Quartet will share everything they know! From registering a name to organising a Front of house to registering with AbaF. Learn the “other” skills needed to be a professional musician and learn how Flinders Quartet set up their own concert series. There are a number of options for musicians entering the profession - Flinders Quartet will share everything they know! From registering a name to organising a Front of house to registering with AbaF. Learn the “other” skills needed to be a professional musician and learn how Flinders Quartet set up their own concert series. There are a number of options for musicians entering the profession - Flinders Quartet will share everything they know! From registering a name to organising a Front of house to registering with AbaF. Learn the “other” skills needed to be a professional musician and learn how Flinders Quartet set up their own concert series. There are a number of options for musicians entering the profession - Flinders Quartet will share everything they know! From registering a name to organising a Front of house to registering with AbaF. Learn the “other” skills needed to be a professional musician and learn how Flinders Quartet set up their own concert series. There are a number of options for musicians entering the profession - Flinders Quartet will share everything they know! From registering a name to organising a Front of house to registering with AbaF. Learn

Flinders Quartet is one of Melbourne’s longest running chamber groups and has been the vanguard of the Melbourne chamber music scene. The ensemble has acted as a role model for many groups in the proactive way it has embarked on a career in music performance. Flinders Quartet will give you insight into the inner workings of a professional chamber music ensemble, and guide you step by step throughout the year to putting on your own concert and having a career in the classical music industry.

Contact the Flinders Quartet to register FOR FREE! admin@flindersquartet.com More information about the program can be found at the following website: www.flindersquartet.com

**HOLMSEGLEN'S PRE-APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES**

Holmesglen’s pre-apprenticeship programs offer students the basic skills required to apply for and enter a formal apprenticeship course. They allow students to experience the industry before taking on the commitment of an apprenticeship, and are considered an advantage with employers when applying for an apprenticeship. Pre-apprenticeships are taught on campus and are conducted within a simulated workplace environment. Depending on the chosen industry, these courses usually take between 16-20 weeks to complete, and are based on units within the apprenticeship programs.

Places are available in selected pre-apprenticeships.

- Certificate II in Building and Construction (Painting & Decorating)
- Certificate II in Building and Construction (Wall & Floor Tiling)
- Certificate II in Building and Construction (Wall & Floor Tiling)

T: 03 9564 1701 E: info@holmesglen.edu.au

**SWINBURNE AVIATION FAQs**

Understanding the application process and prerequisites for the Advanced Diploma of Technology (Aviation) can be challenging for some students. It can also be hard to know exactly what they’ll be studying, for example, what kind of pilot licence will they receive at the end of the course? The School of Engineering, Technology and Trades have put together a document of frequently asked questions, information on the entry and selection process, and the pathway opportunity into Swinburne’s Bachelor of Aviation. Download the FAQ document by visiting www.future.swinburne.edu.au/aviation-faq

**Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Supervisor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon 14 Mar</td>
<td>“Labour Day” – NO SCHOOL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue 15 Mar</td>
<td>Sandra Marziale, Lydia Scammell, Elaine Saward</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 16 Mar</td>
<td>Rosetta Sirianni, Anne Deegan, Maria Marandola, Linda Harper</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu 17 Mar</td>
<td>Josie Di Fabrizio, Dianne O’Neill, Kathyrn Schmidt, Catherine Lau</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 18 Mar</td>
<td>Rosie Jurina, Tracy Wetherill, Franca Longano</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SPORTS NEWS**

This weekend gives us all the chance to take a deep breath after the chaotic start to the year. Don’t rest too long though, as it will get even busier in the final weeks!

This week coming will see our ACC Term 1 Sports complete their home and away series, and at this early stage we are a chance to have Volleyball A and B, along with Tennis all play in Grand Finals. Our Cricketers have struggled for a number of reasons and it will be back to the planning table for these squads. What should be exciting for our Cricketers though, is the installation that Fr. Twigg gave approval for, in 2 new turf wickets. We thank Father for this, as it will give our curator Mr Brendan Rolfe 5 wickets to work with and give us a ground as well prepared as any other school in Melbourne.

Our ACC Athletes enjoyed on Wednesday enjoyed some competition with Salesian College at the Bill Stewart Athletic Track. It was a vital session for students as the ACC Carnival is only weeks away. The Junior Carnival, which comprises of the Junior Field events only, will take place on Thursday 24th March at Olympic Park starting at 11 am. The main event will take place on the following Wednesday 30th March, starting at 10 am and will finish at approximately 4 pm. Training is being held every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Luke Greco our former Junior Australian Olympian from Malaysia, is helping out with some coaching at these sessions.

While on Athletics it was fantastic to see former student Jeff Riseley return from injury and win his 3rd Australian 1500 metre title last week. Jeff has suffered from foot injuries over the past 6 months and has just recently started full training and competition. Jeff currently has the fastest 1500 time for an Australian athlete in the world, but wants to challenge himself to be the best in the world!

Last week I mentioned a number of students who are training for the National Swim Titles soon in Canberra. In a big School, you can often forget someone and I put my hand up in this case. I actually feel very embarrassed, as Trevor Felix in Year 11 was one I forgot to mention. Trevor has been a devoted swimmer to his Club and to the school. Trevor was a major part of our recent successful team at the ACC, and we wish him well in his preparations.

We recently found out that we have a record number of 5 students, who have made the final list of their TAC U/18 Football Team. This is the elite junior competition for Melbourne. We congratulate Matthew Arnot at Oakleigh, Brandon Wood at Eastern Rangers and Alex...
Woodward, Christopher Mangoni and Visesio Saina at Sandringham Dragons. We wish them all well for the season.

With so many of our students competing outside of the College in their own districts and Clubs, it is important that they get the correct balance between school commitments and academic performance. I thank the many wonderful parents who pick up their sons from school training and then take them to Club training on the same night. It shows a wonderful commitment and love for your son! We hope that the College ACC Sport program provides the same satisfaction and engagement for your son, and be even more rewarding than his other commitments in terms of his willingness to participate and make himself better. In achieving this improvement and success we hope that your son can comfortably represent his club and school at the same time. With a well-planned training and performance calendar that is fair and honest to all parties this can be achieved. If you or your son is ever concerned or worried about these commitments, you should contact your coaches immediately to get a positive and realistic commitment for your son, so as make him better than when he started!

OLD COLLEGIANS CRICKET

The Old Boys Cricket Club are wrapping up all their teams and have 2 in Grand Finals this weekend! The Third eleven and the U/16 Friday night team will all compete over the weekend for premierships. The U/16 is made up of a number of Year 11 and 10 students and we wish them all best in their attempt for finals success.

OLD COLLEGIANS FOOTBALL

The Football Club has finished up its pre-season mode and now prepares for round one with the playing of practice matches. Training has changed to Tuesday and Thursday’s and their first practice game is next weekend at Central Reserve against Forest Hill. It will be an exciting day as Elio Greco (Father of Louis Greco ’10) and Lou Cavalera (Father of Stefan ’10) make their first appearance as our new U/19 coaching team.

Mazenod Old Boys Football Club Day Out!!

Sunday 20th March will see the launch of Season 2011, and all families and friends connected with Mazenod are invited to Sandown Greyhound Complex to spend an afternoon socialising with friends and family. All races are sponsored by friends of the Club and you will get a 2 course meal and coupons for your entry price. If you are interested in attending please contact me at the College or look up the Mazenod Old Collegians website.

 ACC RESULTS - RD 2

SENIOR CRICKET VS ST BERNARD’S - Wash out
SENIOR 2nds CRICKET 10/105 VS CBC ST KILDA 8/111
Emmanuel 2no,
SENIOR TENNIS 8/84 VS Salesian 4/56
Best: Kosorog, Nguyen, Meares, Bortoli, Van Heer
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL A 3/75 VS Salesian 0/43
Melenhorst, Cincotta, Strudwick
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL B 3/96 VS Salesian 1/85
King, Trounce, Ong

ACC SPORT DETAILS – March 16th

DATE TEAM OPPOSITION VENUE RETURN/FINISH
WED 16th March 1st Cricket St Bede’s Monash Uni 5.30pm
2nds Cricket St Bede’s Mentone 6.30pm
Semi Final Volleyball TBC 3.10pm
Semi Final Tennis TBC 3.10pm

ATHLETICS TRAINING
TUESDAY 3.20-4PM
THURSDAY 3.20-4PM
FRIDAY MORNING MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNERS 7.30-8.10AM

The Sports Team

Mr May, Mr Montoya, Mr Connolly, Mr Bedwell & Mr Crabtree

On Monday 7th March, the House Swimming Carnival was held at Nunawading Swimming Pool. The day was split into two sessions; Year 7, 8 and 9 in the morning with the Year 10, 11 and 12 competing in the afternoon. Once again the House colours were well represented, especially in the early session. Since 2003 Gerard House has taken a stranglehold on this event, taking the title in 8 consecutive years. This achievement alone is a remarkable feat. The level of enthusiasm and endeavour by those in the pool representing their House was great to see and all students who took the plunge on the day, be it in the more traditional events or the novelty races are to be congratulated. Our recent triumphant ACC swimmers certainly lead the way with some high quality races. At the end of the first session, Gerard House had once again taken a lead. The second session was led by the Year 12 cohort who were well represented and in a fitting finale to the day, the Year 12 4 x 50 meter relay was a closely contested and fought out to the last touch on the wall.

In the end, Gerard House is to be congratulated on taking out the title for 2011 and keeping their streak alive for another year. Congratulations once again to all the students who participated and supported their House with pride and enthusiasm.

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).