From The Rector

Dear Parents,

Welcoming someone is one of the great human traits that can bring both parties tremendous joy and fulfilment. It allows for a sense of great belonging and familiarity and encourages each person to be more conscious of others. It also helps to overcome nerves and anxieties and help someone feel like they matter. In 1967, (Mazenod’s first year) we were welcomed by the Parish of St Joseph’s Springvale, as the College had yet to be completed. We will never forget the welcome we received then. It is in this light that I welcome you all back to the College for 2010.

This community of over 85 nationalities is a diverse, rich and lively mix of people. It is very important that we stand as a sign and force of hope in the midst of some of the racial attacks that have occurred in Melbourne of recent months. We know that Melbourne is a vibrant home to many cultures and we stand in solidarity with anyone who is a victim of racism and promise to do all we can to remove it from our society.

There are always new opportunities with a new year that brings about a freshness and sense of hope. It is in this light that I happily accept the joyous, daunting, humbling and hope-filled role as Rector of this fine school. Being here for the past seven years as Religious Education Coordinator has helped me see and contribute to a wonderful Community, where staff, students and families respect each other and work together to achieve some truly outstanding results. It will even give all of the students a chance to start again, particularly if their reports indicated areas of improvement. That improvement can begin now.

Every year as we welcome new students and families into the community we also welcome new staff and 2010 is no exception. Joining Mazenod is Fr. Andrew Chen O.M.I. and Fr. John Sherman O.M.I. who with Fr. Christian Fini O.M.I. and myself will form the Oblate Community here at the College. This Oblate Community is the direct result of an Oblate decision to be more involved in the College Ministry here in the Province. Mazenod Victoria is the first recipient of this renewed commitment to the Education Ministry and we are all very grateful.

We also welcome some new staff to the College: Camilla Elliott as Head of Library; David May as Director of Sport, Jessica Bishop as Teacher/Librarian; David Regan as PE/RE, Xin Chen as IT Teacher, Mary McGregor as English/RE Teacher, Damian Schumann as RE/Volleyball and Community Service, Marissa Bellino as Science and Professional Learning, Justine Arentz as an Integration Aide. I was fortunate to be on the Interview Panel for each of their appointments and I feel very confident that each and every one of them will make a fine contribution. These new members join with a very dedicated, qualified and caring staff who offer the very best to the students. I am very pleased to welcome them and trust that you will all welcome them as well.

A school should never solely be measured by its academic success, however, I do believe that they offer a valuable insight into the hard work and dedication of the students, staff and families. We should all be very proud of the great results for 2009. More details will be provided in next week’s Newsletter, however the following figures reveal a wonderful effort and achievement. We had 34% of our Year 12’s receive a study score of 90+ which places them in the top 10 % of the State. We also had 70% of our students ranked in the top 20% of the State. What was particularly pleasing was that we achieved a median (middle) study score of 34 for each subject (the top mark is a 50) and out of approximately 600 schools in Victoria, only 30 schools achieved a higher median than this. What made this so pleasing is that we are not a select-entry school and we are not a high fee paying school, nor do we offer external scholarships. More details on these fine results in next week’s newsletter as the insights we can discover from these results will help us learn how to continue to improve.
One of the most pleasing aspects of 2009 personally for me was seeing the renewed enthusiasm and commitment to community service. I am quite confident that Mazenod is working towards being one of the best schools in Australia and I am also sure that we are working towards being one of the best schools for Australia. By this I mean that community service and outreach to those in need are at the very core of our College. As the College is served by the Oblates who are a Missionary Congregation, a concern for others, particularly those abandoned by society, is very important to us. To that end I am pleased to let you know that the College has asked Mr. Jeremy Wright (Our Religious Education Coordinator – Faith and Mission) and Damian Schumann (Old Boy and new Staff member) to coordinate and implement a new comprehensive Community Service Programme throughout the College. This Programme will enable staff, students and families to find ways to be involved in the community. The Programmes is called F.O.O.L.S. (Focussed Only On Love & Service). Its motto is “Enter to Learn...Leave to Serve”. More information will follow as they develop the Programme throughout the year.

Over the course of the Christmas break the Ground’s Staff have continued to work and maintain the beautiful grounds of the College. They help create an atmosphere that is consistent with the values of the College. They have helped implement new water saving dispensers and other more energy efficient infrastructures in the College as well as cleaning up after storms. They deserve our thanks for their hard work.

The Oblate Cricket Carnival was held in Western Australia during January. We thank Mazenod College in Western Australia for their fine hospitality and care of our boys while they competed. I am happy to report that the team played well and treated their opponents with great respect. Thanks also to Dirk Van Heer, Michael Regan and David Regan for attending this Carnival during the school holiday period.

We congratulate Fr. Kevin Davine O.M.I. (Former Rector of Mazenod and Founder of the Mazenod Old Collegians Cricket Club) on recently being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia. We are very proud of Fr. Kevin and we all share a sense of being a part of this award. Fr. Kevin has continued to work with people over his 50 years of priestly service and he is a true friend of the College.

Your prayers are asked for the Slade Family (Brandon in Year 8, Jack in Year 10 and Andrew – Dad) on the passing of Mrs Dena Slade after a long illness. She is a loving person and we pray that she is at peace with the God who loved her so much. Our prayers also continue for Daniel Bau (Class of 2007) who is recovering after a double lung transplant. He has made remarkable progress, but would still appreciate your prayers. If there are any members of your family that you would like the Mazenod Community to pray for, please contact the College Office and they will be included in our prayers.

Our prayers are also offered for the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have served the people of Haiti for over 60 years and have suffered loss of life along with many of the families of Haiti. The College will be looking at making a donation day on Friday, February 5 to help the people who have lost so much. All money will go directly to the Province of Haiti where over 100 Oblates currently serve. This way we can be guaranteed that the money will reach those most affected and not be caught up in red-tape and administration.

Apologies for the long Newsletter, however, to conclude, I want to publically acknowledge in the first Newsletter, the tremendous legacy that Fr. Moroney has left the College. I have been watching him carefully over the past seven years and while I won’t try and imitate him, I know that I have learned much from him. Even though we argued over just about every imaginable topic, especially Football Teams (even if we secretly agreed with each other), he has left me with many insights and wisdoms for the College and for life. He truly cared about the people that he served and for this we are truly grateful. The best way to truly thank him is to remain faithful to our Catholic and College traditions and continue to Leave Nothing Undared for the Kingdom of God. This motto is our challenge and our hope.

God Bless
Fr. Michael Twigg O.M.I.

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**OTHER NEWS**

| Fri 12 Feb | Year 8 Snorkelling Day 4 |
| Tue 16 Feb | Open Day (4 pm – 8 pm) |
| Tue 16 Feb | Fathers’ Committee Meeting |
| Wed 17 Feb | Ash Wednesday |
| Wed 17 Feb | College Board Meeting |
| Fri 19 Feb | ACC Swimming Carnival @ MSAC 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm |
| Mon 22 Feb | House Swimming Carnival (Nunawading Pool) |
| Fri 26 Feb | Inaugural Mass |
| Fri 26 Feb | Final Date for Applications for 2011 |

*More dates will be added progressively*
Applications for Year 7 2011

Applications for Year 7 Students in 2011 are now being accepted and close 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

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 16 FEB 2010
4 pm – 8 pm
(last tour at 7 pm)
All families are welcome for a guided tour

TI – 30XB Calculator Sales 2010

Students in years 7, 8 or 11 and 12 (students doing Science based subjects and Accounting) can purchase a scientific calculator through the school at the student counter for $20 on or after Wednesday 10th February 2010.
Payment must be either CASH or CHEQUE. Cheques are to be made out to: MAZENOD COLLEGE

TI - N-Spire Calculator Sales 2010

Students wishing to purchase a CAS TI-Nspire calculator through Haines Educational need to bring $192 in cash or cheque to school by Wednesday 3rd February 2010.
The calculators can be collected by the students at lunchtime in Conference Room 2 on Wednesday 10th February 2010. All calculators must be pre-ordered.
Payment must be either CASH or CHEQUE. Cheques are to be made out to: HAINES EDUCATIONAL PTY LTD

If you have any queries please contact Ms Jane Cowan, 8561 1195.

We would like to welcome Antonino Nielfi who has landed on our shores to work with us in his role as Italian language assistant.
Antonino will be with us until the end of June. As well as being a fluent speaker of a number of languages including Latin, Antonino is interested in music and sport. Apparently he is also an accomplished electric guitarist.
Please make him feel welcome at the College.

Trip to Italy
There will be an information evening in the first week of March for both parents and students.
In the interim students of Italian from Year 9, 10, and 11 who are considering going should inform their language teacher.

Mr. Robert Trafficante
LOTE Coordinator

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

General Careers Update:

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Welcome back to 2010! Congratulations to those year 10 students who have already returned their completed work experience forms to the College. A reminder to all year 10 students that work experience forms must be returned to Ms. Seremetis by Monday 22nd March 2010.
This is the last week of term 1. Work Experience dates for 2010 are 14th – 25th June 2009.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A CAREER WITH ANIMALS? OR ONE THAT HELPS CONSERVE THEM?

Ideal for students in Year 9 – 12
This Careers Conference is a great opportunity to explore the education and career paths available within the Zoo industry and give you advice as to how to land the job of your dreams! Students will meet Zoo employees who are passionate about animals and their
conservation. There will be a variety of activities throughout the day from lecture styled presentations, hands on activities and question and answer sessions.

WHAT?
Careers at the Zoo cost $39.50 per student. The day includes admission to Werribee Open Range Zoo, a themed safari tour, access to behind the scenes areas and animal encounters. Morning Tea is provided. Please BYO lunch.

WHEN?
9.30am – 3.00pm, April Thurs 8th or April Friday 9th, April Thurs 15th or April Fri 16th, April Thurs 22nd or April Fri 23rd

HOW?
Please telephone 9285 9406 to make a booking and payment. Medical consent forms will be sent out with confirmations and will need to be brought with students on the day of careers day seminar.

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO, K Road, Werribee
Telephone: 1300 ZOOSVIC Website: www.zoo.org.au

RECONSIDERING YOUR FIRST ROUND OFFER?
Holmesglen is still taking enrolments for a number of business courses, many without ENTER prerequisites. All studies are sequential, offering pathways from Certificate to Diploma and Advanced Diploma. Courses available currently with places for the February or July intake include:

- Dual Advanced Diploma of Management/Marketing
- Dual Advanced Diploma of Management/Advertising
- Advanced Diploma of Business Accounting
- Diploma of Business Administration
- Dual Certificate IV in Administration/Management
- Dual Certificate IV in Human Resources/Management
- Diploma of Business Management
- Diploma of Human Resource Management
- Diploma of Project Management
- Certificate IV in Financial Services Bookkeeping

For further information please email Moorbusholmesglen.edu.au or call 9209 5868 or 9289 5706

Vivian Seremetis – Careers & Pathways Coordinator

ACC SPORT

Our representative season for Term One begun on Wednesday with our Senior Cricket team being the first side to represent Mazenod in 2010.

The cricket side also participated in the annual Oblate Cricket Carnival in late January and a detailed report will follow next week about their time in Perth. It is an action packed term for all students with major carnivals in swimming and athletics to be held in the coming weeks. We also had a number of teams participate in the National Volleyball titles in December and a report will be also given detailing the successes of this week. Good luck and thanks to all coaches and students.

Senior Cricket

Maz vs St Bede’s at Mentone.
Maz 5/134 lost to St Bede’s 2/135
(Batting: C D’Cruz 39, K Arnold 29, R Howes 23/Bowling: K Tissera 1-36, C D’Cruz 1-4, S Paris 0-9 off 6 overs)
The boys battled very hard and made St Bede’s earn a narrow victory with 2 overs to spare.

Looking forward to an enjoyable year.

Mr. Adrian Connolly
Director of ACC Sport

SPORTS NEWS

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 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).