From The Rector

At the start of this week, I genuinely wondered what topics could fill this week’s newsletter. I need not have worried for as the week unfolded, more and more areas opened up for sharing.

Here is a list of the many opportunities that exist in the College and have resulted in a longer than expected Newsletter piece:

- Fr Henry McFall O.M.I.
- Catholic Education Week
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Visit of Archbishop Quevedo O.M.I.
- Year 11 Red Cross Collection
- Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage Opportunity
- Music, Art and Drama
- Music Community Service
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Year 10 Camp
- Premierships in Tennis and Volleyball
- Mission Action Day Appeal

During the week the College learned of the passing of an Oblate named Fr Henry McFall O.M.I. Fr Henry worked and ministered here in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s and contributed a lot to College life. He passed away in peace as a member of the Fremantle Oblate Community in Western Australia. Fr John Sherman O.M.I. is representing us at the funeral as he provided considerable care to Fr Henry over the years. We pray for the repose of his soul and thank God for calling and supporting Fr Henry’s generosity.

During the WeeK we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week. This week recognises the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made within our community. Many of us will not realise that for many of the years of European settlement in Australia, Catholics were denied support for education by the British and Australian Governments. Schools could only be founded and sustained through the generosity of Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests and through the hard-work and sacrifice of Catholic families. It was only in the early 1970’s that Catholic Schools received any sustained funding from the Federal Government. Our Catholic Community has worked hard to achieve the reputation we have in the wider community.

Catholic Schools are a fundamental mission of the Catholic Church. Education has been at the core of the Catholic Church since the times of Jesus. Calling ourselves a Catholic College brings tremendous joys but also great responsibilities. We stand on the shoulders of those people of faith who have gone before us and we contribute to a living faith now. Fundamentally Catholic Education exists to pass on the faith and traditions of the Church to the students in their care.

The task of the Catholic school is “fundamentally a synthesis of culture and faith, and a synthesis of faith and life: the first is reached by integrating all different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the Gospel; the second in the growth of the virtues characteristic of the Christian. “(Congregation for Catholic Education The Catholic School, 1977).”

The Catholic School is called to build on the religious formation of the home and the parish. It provides opportunities for children to explore different elements of the Christian message with their peers, at a level appropriate to their age. The Catholic school can nurture experiences of worship and prayer, help young people explore the intellectual dimension of their faith, and provide access to opportunities for service to others through extra-curricular activities. The Catholic school can be an intense experience of a vibrant Christian Community that invites young people to a deeper commitment to their faith.

There were a number of ways that Catholic Education Week was celebrated at the College. Every student and Staff member has been offered the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful grace (gift of God) given to the College. To realize that God’s love is stronger than our mistakes is a fundamental core belief of the Catholic faith and one that should give us tremendous hope and joy. I thank the Priests of the region for their generosity and through them I pass on their thanks at the reverence and joy of each of the boys and staff who received this Sacrament.

On Wednesday March 17, Mr Riley accompanied Year 8 students to the St Patrick’s Day Mass at the Cathedral. This celebration was with every other Catholic school and highlighted that we are part of a great Catholic Education system that genuinely cares for others.

The College was also privileged to welcome Archbishop Orlando Quevedo O.M.I. The Archbishop was in Australia as part of Catholic Education Week and generously came to share with us his experiences of standing with some of the most vulnerable people of the world in the Southern Philippines. His Archdiocese is in a particularly dangerous and troublesome part of the world and he stands in solidarity (support) with the poor. He is an Oblate of Mary Immaculate so felt very much at home here at Mazenod and we have promised to keep him and the people of the Southern Philippines in our prayers.

The entire cohort of Year 11’s and Staff generously gave of their time to assist with the Red Cross Collection. The day began with Mass at 9am and then this army of volunteers ventured out to the surrounding community. They met many surprised and weary householders and through their generosity collected a great total of approx $6,000. Their very presence in this role demonstrates to the community the tremendous generosity of this generation. I thank Ms Williamson and the many staff who assisted in this very worthwhile activity. I know that the boys felt that they made a great contribution and our prayers go to those people that the donations will help most. Special thanks also goes to the VCAL boys for the installation of new
seats at the College. Their work has made a valuable contribution to College life.

Later in the year (October 17), the Church, via the Pope will announce Mary MacKillop a Saint. Through the generosity of a benefactor and the support of the College, some Year 11’s will be offered the opportunity to attend. If there are any members of our Mazenod family who would like to receive more information about this pilgrimage (costs, time etc), please feel free to contact the College Office.

Year 10’s have found themselves on Camp this week and I was very pleased to hear that through their efforts at Community Service on these camps that they made the decision to clean the camp-ground thoroughly, thus ensuring that they left the campsite cleaner than they found it. In short, the camping and environment was better as a result of them being there. This must be the goal and expectation of every activity we undertake. What a great way for our College to be known, that in whatever capacity or field, we leave a place better than we found it. Well done to all staff and students involved.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the VCE Top Performers Evening where Brenton Allen (Class of 2009) performed a Joe Satriani piece on guitar. Brenton was simply outstanding and had the entire crowd entertained and thrilled. At one stage he even played the guitar behind his back and head. That he could even find himself in that position was an achievement, however, he continued to play and the audience was most appreciative. We hope that Brenton is selected in the final concert at Hamer Hall in May.

One of our artists Paul Lemalu was selected to have his work exhibited as part of Catholic Education Week. His art piece titled “My Heritage” was a beautiful design celebrating and sharing his Samoan heritage. Malo to Paul (Congratulations).

Seeing the talent and expression of both Brenton and Paul led me to look further at the many wonderful expressions of the Arts at Mazenod. That same weekend the College Musical began its rehearsals and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and talent that descended upon the College. This year’s Musical is Beauty and the Beast and I assume that the Beast will be played by a Mazenod Student.

I see that the Arts are alive at Mazenod and we are all the richer for it. There are drama opportunities through improvisation at lunchtimes; there are music lessons and practice; there is investment in voice and choral work; there is Art being created through graphics, sketch, folio work and color. We see beautiful expressions of the students’ creativity and flair all over the College. If you love art, drama, music or creativity through Technology and Graphics, then you will love life at Mazenod. The College supports the expression that these areas bring. Music gives feelings a voice and at Mazenod that voice is allowed to shine.

We welcomed the Police Band to the College and thank them for their generosity and service. They led our Stage Band through some workshops and entertained via a concert. The boys and the College were very appreciative of this Police Initiative. This weekend our Stage Band will be involved in the Oakleigh Community Festival and this very important Community Service is an important element of the Music offerings. I thank the staff and students for their generosity in supporting this.

Next week we have Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and I encourage every family to make use of these very powerful opportunities to discuss your son’s progress. These opportunities are vital for the ongoing communication that needs to exist here at the College. Hopefully the boys have brought home the forms, however if you are concerned, please don’t hesitate to call the College to make a time.

Finally, (yes finally) it is very important that I let you know of our recent ACC Sport’s results. I am sure that more will be written in the ACC Section, however, I want to express my absolute pride in the way that our Senior ACC Teams have represented the College this Term. I witnessed fierce rivalry and a genuine competitive spirit that was balanced with a very healthy respect for our opponents. Our Cricketers finished outside the finals, yet fought out each match to the end. Our Senior Tennis Team experienced the Premierships for only the second time in our College’s history. Our Volleyballers extended their Premiership run to 12 years in both the A’s and B’s. Our opponents in all three finals were St Bernard’s and all finals were played with tremendous skill and respect. St Bernard’s are a proud and fine school who are, and have been the benchmark for sporting performances in the ACC. Our matches against St Bernard’s are always hard fought and we have the utmost respect for their College. On this occasion we have won the Premierships, but I have no doubt whatsoever that our healthy rivalry with them will reignite across the ACC in Term 2. For each Home Match of the ACC in all Senior Sports we have provided an opportunity for the teams to mix through sharing a simple meal. This sharing we hope has brought Mazenod closer to our opponents and that they have felt very welcomed to the College.

Please take note of the Mission Action Day Appeal that accompanies this newsletter. Your support is essential and necessary to help alleviate poverty in the Developing World. Every cent donated reaches people in genuine need.

P.S. I am very sorry for the long newsletter (if anyone is still reading this far)

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

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**FATHERS’ COMMITTEE**

- Fathers’ Association Golf Day scheduled for the 21st March has been postponed until later in the year due to the unavailability of courses.

- The Mazenod Fathers Committee is planning a Sportsman’s Night for Saturday 6th November. We need Fathers to assist in organising a sub-committee with Speakers/Sponsorship/memorabilia etc.
Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews

We conduct these interviews in Term 1 as we believe that early contact with parents is an essential element in successful study. All students are expected to attend one of these evenings in school uniform. Teachers are readily available to make appointments with all of their students. In class, students book interview times with teachers keeping a record of these times on their booking sheet.

**Dates:**
- **Monday March 22nd** (families with A – L surnames).
- **Thursday March 25th** (families with M – Z surnames).

Families with prior commitments are welcome to attend the alternate evening.
All classes conclude at 12:20 on these days.

**Sessions:**
- 1. 11.00 pm - 3.00 pm.
- 2. 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.
- 3. 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**MISSION ACTION DAY 2010**
*(Translation in Vietnamese of original article)*

Phụ huynh thân mến,

Trở về những năm xưa, một trong những truyền thống lớn nhất của trường trung học Mazenod là ngày quý cho nước nghèo trong một thế giới phát triển. Đây là diễm trong tâm Ngày hoạt động cho Sứ mệnh hàng năm của trường chúng tôi. Nó thể hiện một cách cụ thể trong niềm tin của chúng tôi, trong nhận Phạm của tất cả và cảm kết chi làm việc cho một xã hội. Các khoản tiền được gây quy vào ngày này, đã thúc đẩy trong quá khứ, đã được trao cho Công việc của Hiền sinh Giáo dân ở Indonesia, Việt Nam, Hong Kong, và Trung Quốc. Chúng tôi mong cũng làm việc như vậy trong năm nay.

Trong một nỗ lực để giúp đỡ các Hiền sinh Giáo dân trong công việc này, Trường trung học Mazenod sẽ giới thiệu với Ngày hoạt động cho sứ mệnh hàng năm vào Thứ Sáu ngày 26 tháng 3 năm 2010.

Vào ngày này tất cả các học sinh sẽ tham gia vào hoạt động này. Ngày hôm đó sẽ bắt đầu vào lúc 8:35 sáng và sẽ kết thúc lúc 2:00 chiều. Bạn có thể sẽ thấy một số hoạt động đã được tổ chức.

Vì vậy, đây là một kế hoạch lớn cho Công việc Hiền sinh Giáo dân thuộc nước nghèo của trường, yêu cầu mỗi gia đình đóng góp với tài ít nhất là $40. Tất cả các học sinh của trường sẽ nhận đơn đặt vào ngày hôm nay.

Chương trình của ngày hôm đó sẽ bắt đầu với sự tham gia của tất cả các học sinh trong cuộc di chuyển dài 8km. Tiếp theo cuộc đi bộ của học sinh, thì tất cả các học sinh từ lớp 7-12 sẽ quay trở lại trường và các chủ có nhiều cơ hội để tham dự các trò chơi hoạt động hấp dẫn. Hai hoạt động nổi tiếng nhất là: Tái sinh và Trở về ngày hôm nay.

Cám ơn lòng tốt, sự giúp đỡ và sự rộng lượng của quý phụ huynh.

Chân thành cảm ơn.

Thanking you,
The Organising Committee of Mission Action Day.

**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

**Date to Remember:**
Mothers Day Annual Dinner – Friday 7th May, 2010 at Dandenong Club.

Guest speaker for the evening entertainment will be Gary Pinto – ex Mazenod student currently working with Australian Idol

**Donation:**
Mothers’ Auxiliary would very much appreciate any donation of prizes for the "Mothers Day Annual Dinner Raffle" which tickets are sold and drawn on the night of the dinner. If you can help with any items that could be added to the list of prizes this would be great. Donations can be left at the front office marked “Mothers Day Dinner Raffle”

**COMING SOON**

The Ladies Auxiliary will soon be selling the “2010 – 2011 Entertainment Book”. When the book is released you will be able to purchase the book through us. More details to follow in Newsletter over the coming weeks to when the book will be available for purchase.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee:

If you can help please contact:
John Macaulay 0408 416 839 j.macaulay@unimelb.edu.au
Danny 0407 904 404 daniel.ohara@bigpond.com

**OTHER NEWS**

**THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN**
Tuesday 13th April 12.30 pm – 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
**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

Please refer to separate hand out

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**MISSION ACTION DAY**

We wish Mr Crabtree and the Athletics squad all the best over the next week. Our junior Field events team are competing today at Olympic Park to start the carnival season. Next Wednesday will see the completion of the carnival at Olympic Park with all track and Senior Field events to be run. The day begins at 10 am and should conclude at approximately 4pm. Spectators are most welcome to attend. We also have a new Australian Champion at school and a full report on his efforts will come next week in the newsletter.

A reminder that the Athletics Squad have their final training session next Monday and the Oblate Football game between our Year 9 and senior teams will be played here on Friday the 9th of April.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**ACC SPORT**

**WOW!!!** What a week in sports for Mazenod both here and a far! Yesterday was a fantastic day for the College with us being crowned Premiers in all 3 Grand Finals that we played. We are now Senior Champions in Tennis and Volleyball. We congratulate Mr Jed Wright and captain Kirobel Begashaw on their 7 sets to 5 victory over St Bernard’s. All players performed exceptionally well after leading the singles tie 5 sets to 3 and then winning 2 doubles games was enough to give us a very tight victory that was well played and deservedly won. Our Volleyballers under the guidance of Mr Joe Moore and Mr Damian Schuman had a close fought victory winning the volleyball A 3 sets to 1 against St Bernard’s and repeating the same win against St Bernard’s B winning 3 sets to 1. Congratulations to our Volleyball team and captain Paul Lemalu on a fantastic season winning every game we competed in.

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**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, 5pm(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).