During the past three weeks, I have tried to reflect on what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like. It has provided me with an opportunity to share some of the treasures and challenges of the College.

This week’s reflection moves us beyond what we might see and even beyond what we might hear. It asks us to consider what respect feels like in a healthy community. This is much harder to define than sights and sounds as it moves us into looking at emotions and feelings.

Respect is about knowing that your feelings are just as important as everyone else’s and that you deserve to be treated well...by yourself as well as by other people. Being different is OK – we are all unique and special human beings with feelings, needs and rights – there’s no one else quite like you or I!

The sense of belonging that comes from being accepted is a fundamental measure of what respect feels like. To know that you play a part and that your part is valued and appreciated are essential in any well functioning community.

At Mazenod, I would like to believe that this respect exists through the many and various opportunities for involvement. Whether a person is representing the College at Cross Country, Orchestra, Community Service, Debating or the literally hundreds of other opportunities, their contribution is valued.

We use Assemblies, Newsletters, Reports to find ways of appreciating and celebrating involvement. I get great satisfaction when I see that many boys belong to many different groups or activities.

In order for us to be a true community that is faithful to the Gospel of Jesus, we need to continuously foster this sense of belonging and involvement. Jesus constantly sought out those who were rejected and forgotten and this must be our aim as well.

While belonging is one of the great treasures of the College, we have to recognise that some people can still feel left out. It is up to every person in the school to keep an eye out for these people and constantly find ways for them to be involved. It does take genuine courage and goodwill to make a stand and include someone who has been rejected. Many times we can recognise when we have been on either side of the experience. We have probably longed to be included at some stage in our life and if that is the case then there is an extra special responsibility to look out for those in need. For those students who use facebook and MySpace, there appears to be a genuine longing for belonging to friendship networks and groups. While facebook can genuinely facilitate connectedness, it needs to be constantly monitored to make sure that it is not a tool for rejection and isolation. The College has helped form a covenant that the boys can use to help them navigate the internet and work has been done to help them become aware of the many complex issues involved with the social networking sites.

Not every act that we ever do is going to be recognised and there are many times when a thank-you might be missing but I do hope that every student, staff and family have a genuine sense that they belong to this community. We should never be complacent about our community life here. It is constantly evolving and changing with every new member. In this light, I would like to welcome Mr Ben Cunningham to the College who has replaced Mr Michael Regan. I would also like to welcome Cindy Davies who has joined the Administration Team. I hope you will find a way to make Cindy and Ben feel very welcome.

School’s Improvement Framework *

In order to renew its registration as a school, Mazenod College is required to satisfy the registration requirements of the VRQA (Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority) in 2011. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria has implemented the School’s Improvement Framework (SIF) as the vehicle for these requirements.

The SIF has two purposes:

1. To satisfy legitimate expectation of government and sector authorities about accountability for the outcomes of schooling;
2. To assist the school community in improving student learning outcomes

While both purposes are necessary, it is the second that most of the work of the review process is directed towards.

The SIF promotes an inquiry approach to learning within the school. It requires schools to incorporate ongoing monitoring and evaluation of student outcomes to ensure continuous school improvement and to regularly reflect on questions such as:

- How are we going?
- How do we know?
- What would we like to achieve?
- What do we have to do to achieve these outcomes?
- How will we know whether we have achieved what we want?

In order to obtain data and information, there will be a survey of families, staff and students. Every school has been asked to have 100 responses, therefore the first 100 surveys completed by the families of the College. The company which conducts the surveys has only been commissioned to process 100 surveys, therefore the first 100 families to respond to this invitation will be able to be involved.

The survey is either electronic or on paper and it is very important for the continued improvement of the College that we have our full quota of 100 responses met. All responses are anonymous and will greatly assist in gauging the reflections of families within the College. I will be sending an email to those who have submitted their email address for the newsletters next term. However, if any families want to be a part of the 100 responses, could you please ring 9560 0911 and ask for Aylene Robinson or send an email to rectormazenod.vic.edu.au.
The College has appointed Mr Luke Kenealy and Ms Kim Twilley as the SIF Coordinators and we thank and congratulate them on undertaking this role.

I congratulate the following teams on Premiership success: Year 10 Basketball and Table Tennis and Year 9 Table Tennis. The seniors narrowly were defeated in the Senior Table Tennis Grand Final and displayed outstanding character in the way they respected their opponents in difficult circumstances. I would also like to congratulate Joseph Perna of Year 9 for becoming the first student at Mazenod to win the State Wide Competition in the Dante Alighieri Poetry. Well done!

Please keep Mr David May in your prayers as he mourns the loss of his Mum. The College extends our full support to David and his family and we pray that his mum now rests in peace with the God who loves her.

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

*Special thanks to Whitefriars College for providing the information for the Schools Improvement Framework that we were also able to use.

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More dates will be added progressively

**OTHER NEWS**

**THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN**

Wednesday 08th September at 12.00 – 1.30 pm

We are in need of good condition school and sports uniforms, ties, school bags, new style blazers, 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

**Social Justice Committee**

Imagine how the poor of our community are feeling in the cold of this year’s winter. Please try to donate any unused shirts, pants, jumpers, shoes or any other item of clothing to the Religious Education Office. If you haven’t worn any items of clothing for at least two years, perhaps you could consider donating it to a very worthy cause. It will be much appreciated and you will certainly help the people around us who are unable to afford much clothing. Just pop your unused clothing into thick garbage bags and drop them into the Religious Education Office. The final date for donations will be 10 September. Your clothes will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

General Careers Update:

**AUSTRALIAN FILM, TV AND RADIO SCHOOL**

School Holiday Program - September

**Introduction to Radio** 13 - 17 year olds, September 23 – 24 $350
(Thursday - Friday, 9am - 5pm)
Interested in a career in radio? Want to write and produce your own radio show? Aged between 13 and 17 years?

AFTRS Introduction to Radio course is an exciting, fun and informative 2 day holiday workshop for enthusiastic and talented teens. Using state of the art facilities, participants will have the opportunity to develop and produce their own radio show. This course is taught by leading industry stars and will give you the chance to have fun and learn from the experts. For more information and how to apply, go to http://www.openprogram.aftrs.edu.au/course/1554

Introduction to Animation - 13 - 17 year olds, September 20 – 24

$520 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm)

Fan of animated films such as Sin City, Avatar and the Pixar library? Want to learn how to do it yourself? Designed for teens with a keen interest in animation and filmmaking this fascinating and hands-on course is a mixture of both traditional and digital animation. Students will get to develop their own animated productions utilising both digital and traditional animation techniques. Dynamic, fun and entertaining, students will work with creative and talented leaders in the field. Each student will get to take their film home on DVD, publish it on Youtube and join our AFTRS Stars of the Future Facebook club. Numbers are limited so book early. For more information and how to apply, go to http://www.openprogram.aftrs.edu.au/course/5578

LA TROBE TALK AND TOUR

Talk and Tour, a popular event for students and their families, will be held at our Melbourne campus on Monday 27 September and our Bendigo campus on Tuesday 28 September. This is a half day event where students and parents will have an opportunity to check out the campuses and what we have to offer before VTAC closes at the end of September. It’s especially important for those students that couldn’t attend an Open Day. Students and families can find out more, download the brochure and register at www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour

CHISHOLM INSTITUTE OF TAFE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTER ENGINEERING INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Thursday the 9th of September 2010 - 7pm Start
Where: Chisholm Berwick Campus, 25 Kangan Drive Berwick Build A Room A141

Learn about the courses Chisholm offer, meet the teachers and inspect the equipment used throughout the course. Major areas of employment at completion of the courses are, network engineering, network administrator, computer repair and web developer, just to name a few. For more information visit the website: www.chisholm.edu.au or call 1300 CHISHOLM (1300 244 746)

The University of Melbourne Scholarship Update:

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

The Melbourne Scholarships Program aims to reward and provide access to a world class university for the best Australian and international students. The following is a quick reference guide to the scholarships available to local students. Details are correct at time of printing. For comprehensive details about each of these scholarships (including benefits, eligibility criteria and how to apply) please visit the university website at www.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships.

Local Students. Australian Citizens, Australian PRs, NZ Citizens, and holders of Permanent Humanitarian Visas for Australia

Melbourne Access Scholarships

www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad/future/access.html

Annual allowance for the normal duration of an undergraduate degree: First year $6500 Second year $4000 Third year $3000

Number Available: up to 150

Applicants must belong to one or more of the following Access Melbourne categories: recognition as an Indigenous Australian; difficult family circumstances; hardship caused by socio-economic circumstances; disability or long-term medical condition; non-English speaking background; from an under-represented school; completed school in a rural or isolated area; refugee status; mature age.

How to Apply:

Submit an application online to the Melbourne Scholarships Office from 20 September 2010. Closing Date: 31 October 2010.

Number available: National scholarship applicants who have an ATAR of 90.0 or above will be offered this scholarship. At least 2 will be reserved for indigenous students who have an ATAR of 90.0 or above.

Vivean Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

CAJEE ROSTER

Mon 06 Sept
Noula Alevizopoulos, Jenny Murphy

Tue 07 Sept
Michelle McKeogh, Marie Fernando, Suzette Munasingha

Wed 08 Sept
Tina Lea, Gina D’Onofrio, June Chia

Thu 09 Sept
Bernadette O’Hara, Siew Lim, Dianne O’Neill

Fri 10 Sept
Vincent & Rozeta Ambrose, Stella Rechichi, Robyn Riley

SPORTS NEWS

‘The apple never falls far from the tree.’

This is the last week of official ACC Team Sports for Term 3. It has been and will continue to be a very hectic and busy Term, but one of great satisfaction for us all. We can proudly boast we are in every Table Tennis Grand Final which is a fantastic achievement and we are also represented in the Year 10 Basketball Grand final. Good luck to all our players and coaches over the course of the week! I will give you all an update of our successes next week.

With my own weekend football commitments over for another year, it gave me the opportunity to go and watch family and friends in both netball and football at both junior and senior level. When you are coaching yourself you get absorbed in the game and really take very little notice of the crowd around you.

Saturday was the first time I was part of that crowd. What an experience it was! To watch so many parents react in so many ways was a real eye opener to me and to first hand see the example we set for our kids. There were the quiet parents who stand at the side and watch carefully, but never say anything. They do not offer help and as quick as the game started they are gone. There are the parents who want to be coaches and yell at their kids what to do and not what to do, often saying exactly what the designated coach has told them not to do. There are the parents who are playing the game through their kids and yell at them to do this or do that. Often chastising them for what they see as poor decisions and efforts. Then there are the parents who get white line fever, even when they do not even go over the white line. They yell and scream at opposition and umpires and generally embarrass themselves. I am sure at times we have all been one of these parents on different occasions!
However, what example does it show our kids? They often react to their parents in silence and tears. They get so confused or embarrassed they do not know what to do. Then there are the ones who become just like their parents and lose all sense of respect and integrity.

I unfortunately saw this at a junior game of football last weekend, when the team I was there to follow lost a final by 1 point after siren. What followed was an embarrassing scene for the team, the coach and that club! One parent who was abusive and aggressive all day, had to have one final spray for the opposition and umpire and then low and behold, whose son ran up to the umpire called him a cheat and pushed him. Like father like son! The tribunal took care of both with the son being suspended for the entire 2011 season and the father banned as well. I saw a very similar scene at a netball game where a parent walked out onto the court to berate an umpire. Guess whose daughter was at the other end of the court crying! No need to guess.

It shows us all whether we are parents, coaches or supporters that we need to lead by our actions. The role model you are, will be the one your son will grow up to be. Remember, It is just a game!

One behalf of the Sports Department and the College Community we extend our sympathies to Mr May and his family at the recent passing of his mother.

SPORTSMANS NIGHT
A reminder to return all RSVP’s for our big night. It is on WEDNESDAY THE 15th OF SEPTEMBER, at Drum Theatre in Dandenong starting at 7pm. It is a night to celebrate the wonderful efforts of all our students and their achievements in ACC sport. The night will not be overly long.

OLD COLLEGIANS CRICKET
Training is under way starting at the college last Saturday at 10am. It continues this week at the cricket nets at Central Reserve Nets due to the weather and also on a Wednesday night between 8pm and 9pm at the Monash Cricket Centre.

OLD COLLEGIANS FOOTBALL
The Old Boys reserves had a fantastic win on Sunday winning their semi final by 5 goals. This will see them in the preliminary final this Sunday at 11.40 at Trevor Barker Oval. The under 19’s unfortunately lost by 6 goals and go on to play the Saturday morning at Waverley Reserve at 9.40am. We wish them every success.

ACC Results

Hockey
Sen vs Season Finished – 7th
Yr 10 3 vs 2 Salesian
Scorers: Munro 1, Radziminski Best: Radziminski, Munro, Noone, Urban, Lar, Coster, Harbis, Malmo, Barros, Kalumba, Strudwick
Yr 9 vs No Game – 7th
Yr 8 3 vs St Bernard’s 3 (Lost 4-0 in penalty shoot out)
Scorers: Jacobs 2, Aquino 1 Best; Bayly, Sirianni, Jacob, Gunton, Aquino
Yr 7 vs BYE

Basketball
Sen - Season Over 3rd
Sen B - Season Over 4th
Grand Final-PREMIERS
Yr 10 57 vs Whtfrs 38
Best: Ephraums, Melenhorst, Lacs scorer: Ephraums 27, Lacs 17
Yr 10 B 53 vs 41 St Bede’s – 3rd
Best: Izon, Meares, Knight Scorer: Izon 15, Meares 14
Yr 9 71 vs Whtfrs 61 -(4th)

Table Tennis - ALL TEAMS IN GRAND FINALS
Grand Final- Runners Up
Sen 7/40 vs 8/35 St Bede’s Best; Negassa, Gazukin, Ho, T Huynh
Grand Final - PREMIERS
Yr 10 9/41 vs 6/34 St Bede’s Best; Ma, Gonsalves, Yamim + Great team effort
Grand Final- PREMIERS
Yr 9 9/40 vs 6/34 St Bede’s Best; Panuzzo, Pawlukowski, Sikora, Tran
Last week’s Results/ GF results in next week’s Newsletter
SEMI FINAL
Yr 8 12/58 vs Emmanuel 3/18
Best: Gilmore, Huynh, Nguyen, Phan, Wetherill, Patterson, Arnold, Cotte, Di Palo
Yr 7 vs BYE

Sport Next week – ACC Cross Country
The ACC Cross Country will take place on Wednesday the 8th of September at Bundoola Park. We hope to continue our good results of last year, where we finished a very creditable 3rd position. The U/13 (Year 7) race begins at 10.45am and then every race is staggered at about 30 minute intervals. The Carnival concludes at approximately 2pm with the presentation. We wish Mr May, captain Thomas McMorrow and the team all the best. Buses will leave here at 8.30am with our junior teams and 9.30 with our senior teams. They should be back at approximately 3.30pm.

Year 7 Rally Days
The last week of term will see some of our Year 7 students compete in organised games of Tennis, Volleyball and Indoor Cricket. The purpose of the day is to encourage participation and sportsmanship and therefore no scores are recorded or awards given. Coaches will select squads and notify those students selected. Not everyone can be selected and we also use this opportunity to give students a chance to represent Mazenod when they most likely will not make a selected squad in term 4. Details to follow.

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