As we reach the end of another term of school, it is opportune to recognise the great achievements of the term.

On Monday night here at the College, a very significant event took place. This night saw the formal creation of the Mazenod Old Collegian’s Association (MOCA). This Association of Old Boys will be led by Mr Dean Bray and Mr Steve Fontana and a Committee of approximately 10. This new Association will cement the already existing great relationship between Old Boys and the College. It is a genuinely important development in our history. Mr Steve Putrino deserves special recognition as well as the steering committee of Mr Tony Pane, Mr Paul Faulkner and Mr John Persico. There is an Old Boys presence on the College website if you would like further information. You will come to see the many activities of support offered between the two groups over the coming weeks and years.

During this week, under the guidance of the Social Justice Committee of the School, we joined with millions of others around the world and made a Stand Against Poverty as part of the Stand Up Campaign. This campaign seeks to promote awareness of the issue of poverty as well as making a commitment to help eradicate it. We all have an obligation to be conscious of our brothers and sisters all over the world who are struggling. The Social Justice Group will produce a newsletter (called Mustard Seed) that will be a part of the College newsletter once a month and this will be another way to keep awareness high. Thanks to Mr Graeme Pender for helping to coordinate the boys. Further information can be found at http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/

Last night we celebrated the Sport’s Presentation Evening. We were able to acknowledge and appreciate the many talented student athletes in the College. We were also able to thank the staff and parents who do so much to support their sons in pursuing their dreams.

I congratulate all those who participated in sport this year and particularly the 700+ who represented us in at least one ACC event. This participation is to be commended and treasured and is something of which the College is incredibly proud. Congratulations also to the award winners too.

Special thanks to the Sport’s Department of; Mr David May, Mr Adrian Connelly, Mr Emilio Montoya, Mr Jason Crabtree, Mr David Bedwell, Mr David Regan, Mr Ben Cunningham along with Mr Simon Piasente and to all Staff who take responsibility in supporting or coaching teams. You all give a great amount of time and dedication and I know that the boys definitely appreciate it, as does the College.

I particularly enjoyed attending the VICAL [Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning] Festival at Box Hill Town Hall during the week. Under the guidance of Mr Matt Johnson and Mr Tony Rolfe, the boys experienced a variety of workshops and activities. Special congratulations to Matthew Wynne who received an Individual Award of Excellence for his efforts in VICAL during 2010.

Tonight, the Year 12’s will participate in their College Formal. This occasion sees the boys make considerable effort in appearance and demeanour. It has always been a great occasion and tonight promises the same. During the evening there will be dinner, dancing and other entertainment. Thanks to Mr Luke Kenealy and Mr Alan McAllister and the student leaders who have organised the event. I sincerely hope it goes well for all concerned.

During the holidays, Ms Kaye Williamson and I will accompany the five boys selected to go to the Canonisation of Mary Mackillop on a pilgrimage to Penola in South Australia. In order to have a more authentic experience in Rome in October, we felt it important to visit the tiny town of Penola where Mary Mackillop first began her ministry with a small school. While away we will keep all of the school community in our prayers.

Also during the holidays, we will be holding trial exams for the Years 11 and 12’s who are doing VCE Unit 3 and 4 subjects. These exams and their results will provide valuable feedback and awareness of where each student is situated. They are expected to be taken seriously so that they can have the maximum benefit. It would be really important for all families to take an active role in the encouragement of success at this time.

There are a number of boys who have not maintained the uniform and hair policies of the College over the past few weeks. In this area, they need significant improvement. It is expected that each boy maintains these standards of no hair below the collar, no hair over the eyes and hair to be kept a natural colour. It is the College’s discretion to decide what an extreme style is and I fully appreciate that my opinion may vary from the students. What I hope that they are also able to appreciate, is that I need to have the future of the College in mind, and not just the present trends when I make my decisions. It is anticipated that we will have family support on this, as all of these policies were clear on enrolment. I know for many parents the issue of hairstyle may be one of constant battle. It may have been a battle between parents and children of many generations. The way we present ourselves to each other and the wider community are crucial in showing respect.

As we now approach this period of holidays, it is important to recognise the value of gathering as a family. Hopefully these holidays will involve some genuine time together where every family will grow in their relationships.

It would be a shame if it was only Playstations, Wii, Xbox, mobiles or Facebook that received the bulk of the boys time and energy in these holidays. Obviously every life is precious and so is our time. We will never get these days back again and it is important to enjoy every single one of them. It would be great if each family could make a commitment to try and do at least two things together as a family over the break. It is these events that will be much more cherished into the future. I am sure that a great experience together will be of significantly greater value than hours spent on the computer. Have a Great Break and we will see all of the boys and staff back in Term 4 (hopefully with great and acceptable haircuts).

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

September 2010
- Fri 17 Sep: Staff Inservice
- Mon 27 Sep – 01 Oct: Year 12 Exams

October 2010
- Mon 04 Oct: Staff Inservice
- Tue 05 Oct: Students Return for Term 4
- Wed 06 Oct: Year 11 “Looking After Your Mates”
- Thu 07 Oct: Year 7 (2011) Parent Information Evening M-Z
- Thu 07 Oct: Year 8 Rock Climbing 4
- Fri 08 Oct: Victorian School Volleyball Championships
- Mon 11 Oct: Year 12 ‘It Won’t Happen to Me’
- Wed 13 Oct: Speech Night at Robert Blackwood Hall
- Fri 15 Oct: Junior Golf Tournament @ Werribee Park
- Mon 18 Oct: Year 8 Horse Riding Day 1
- Tue 19 Oct: Open Day (4pm – 8pm)
- Tue 19 Oct: Fathers’ Committee Meeting
- Tue 19 Oct: Year 8 Horse Riding Day 2
- Thu 21 Oct: Year 12 Classes finishes
- Fri 22 Oct: Mazenod Sports Night
- Mon 25 Oct: Year 8 Horse Riding Day 3
- Tue 26 Oct: Year 8 Horse Riding Day 4
- Thu 28 Oct: VCAA Exams commence

*More dates will be added progressively*

**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

The next Mothers’ Auxiliary meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 27th October commencing with Mass at 7.30 pm followed by meeting in Conference Room.

Look forward to seeing you there.

All Welcome no membership required.

We hope you all have a relaxing and stress free term break.

**OTHER NEWS**

New Principal for Avila College

Congratulations to Ms Louise Gunther who has been appointed as Principal of Avila College, commencing 2011.

We look forward to continuing our relationship into the future.

Ms Gunther succeeds Ms Liz Gleeson who will hand over the principalship at the end of the year to take up a newly created position with the Catholic Education Office as a principal consultant for the Western region.

We wish Ms Gleeson all the best in her new role.

**THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

We are in need of more 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

**Mazenod College Newsletter**

The College Newsletter will be emailed to Parents in Term 4.

For those Parents who have not supplied their email address, please ensure you provide this to the Front Office as soon as possible.

For Parents who do not have an email address, a hard copy will be available for collection by students or parents each Friday after 8am from the Student Counter.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Many of us do professional development in our jobs, but how much attention do we pay to our marriages? Our weekend helps busy couples to get in touch with each other.

We believe that the best gift you can give your children is parents who love each other.

Volunteer couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don’t need to be Catholic to attend. The next weekend will be held on 15-17 October in Melbourne. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au.

**FATHERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**MAZENOD SPORTS NIGHT**

**Friday 22 October, 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm**

$70 per head includes Food, Beverages, Entertainment and Door-Prize entry

**Featuring**

M.C. - Sean Cosgrove
Interviews by Gerard Whatley
Special Guest - Stan Alves
Geoff Risleys - Olympian
Gary Fox - Australian Women’s Basketball Team

**Please more to be announced!**

Tables of 10 available – BOOK NOW to secure your Table
Bring your friends, wife, girlfriend, partner - **ALL WELCOME**

Evening includes Memorabilia Auction, Raffle, Silent Auction
All profits go towards the College Solar Panel Project

For bookings, please contact the College Front Office on 9560 0911
Tony Patti p: 0437 241 119, e: tonypatti@sci.monash.edu.au or John Macaulay p: 0408 416 839, e: j.macaulay@unimelb.edu.au

**On behalf of the Social Justice Committee, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those families who donated clothing to St. Vincent de Paul. I am certain those who are less fortunate than us will be a little warmer now because of your kindness.**

Mr. Graeme Pender
Social Justice Committee

The Exploding Concern of Landmines in Cambodia

“Every day there are only two words ringing in my ears: Kyun Chhupnika (I am an amputee).” It seems like lightning and thunder striking my head from eight directions. My ears ring, my vision blurs, my throat tightens and there’s a pain in my chest. Oh Lord, show me the way to go, whether to struggle living in this dark world with no way, or just to leave it... I lost all my sense of being and self-esteem and filled myself instead with cowardice, fear, and despair. I did not want to live. The words wouldn’t stop ringing in my ears: “I am an amputee.” There is no reason for living found in these words...If I had money (500 riel’s or so) and went to the store (on my bottom of course) to buy something to eat, the owner yelled at me to go away. How humiliated I was! They said that they were just opening the shop and so had nothing to give me. Oh God! How ashamed I was! I had entered the shop to buy not to beg, but they did not welcome me as any customer, but as a beggar. I was a beggar! The heart of the amputee is filled with nothing but sorrow and shame. That is the gift of war and land mines to the amputee.” (Neak Luong, Khmer amputee, 1991)

The result of three decades of conflict and war in Cambodia has left a devastating aftermath. It is now regarded as a nation with one of the highest physical disability rates of any country in the world. Even now, lives are claimed and destroyed daily as a result of land mines planted by the Khmer Rouge regime, the Vietnamese, the KPNLF (Khmer People’s National Liberation Front) and various other groups and regimes throughout Cambodia during the mid-to-late 1970’s.

It is estimated that roughly 6 million land mines are scattered throughout the Cambodian countryside. Since 1979, it is accepted that more than 40,000 Cambodians have suffered amputations as a result of land mine injuries throughout the country. This can be summarized as an average of nearly 40 victims per week!

Imagine sending your son to Mazenod College every morning, praying that he arrives at school in one piece and dreading the day that you receive the call that he is in hospital and that he requires an amputation just below his right hip, or worse.

Dear Parents,

Your HELP IS KINDLY REQUESTED. In order for this night to be a success, we need your support to help sell tickets. Please consider this IMPORTANT fundraising event, where the proceeds will go towards the College Solar Panel Project.

We need people who are prepared to try and sell a WHOLE Table. You are not expected to buy all 10 tickets! The event is not restricted to Mazenod families, so please invite your friends, work colleagues and anyone else who might be keen to come along for a good night of entertainment. Helping to sell a table will be a great contribution to the fundraising effort.

If prepared to take responsibility for selling a Table, please contact:
John Macaulay p: 0408 416 839, e: j.macaulay@unimelb.edu.au
OR Tony Patti p: 0437 241 119, e: tonypatti@sci.monash.edu.au
The Mazenod Social Justice Committee wishes to raise awareness within our local community. It is an issue that largely seems to have been ignored, possibly because many people in our community just don’t know about the many problems that emerged during this period of Cambodia’s history.

John-Paul van Rensburg (Year 10)
Social Justice Committee

LOTE NEWS

On Friday September 10th, we had the finals of the internal recitation competition. All LOTE students learned a poem or a set piece and the students deemed the best, gave a final presentation. The criteria for excellence were:
- Remembering all the words
- Good pronunciation and flow
- Clear expression and good voice projection
- Ability to engage the audience
- Good use of cultural expression and appropriate body language.

Congratulations to all the finalists and the eventual winners:
The results were:

Japanese
First Prize - Phillip Nguyen
Second Prize - Marcus Barthelot
Third Prize - Benjamin Tham
Fourth Prize - Anton Le.

Italian
First Prize - Tristan Paterno
Second Prize - Nathan Di Teodoro
Third Prize - Gerard Di Paolo
Fourth Prize - Alexander Maynard.

Thanks again to our judges Ms Alice Jung and Mr Justin D’Andrea

MUSIC NEWS

Term 3 has once again been a busy one for the Music Department. Those of you who attended the musical “Beauty and the Beast” would have enjoyed the show which involved many, many hours of rehearsals. The students of Mazenod and Avila did a magnificent job and we are all very proud of their achievements, both on stage and back-stage.

Both the Stage Band and The Symphonic Wind Band performed very well at the Melbourne School Bands Festival held at the Robert Blackwood Hall. On August 13th our musicians and choir added to the Assumption Day Mass being a very special celebration with the beautiful music they provided. The students who attended the ACC Stage Band/Swing Band Workshop at Parade College, Bundoora on August 30th benefited greatly from this day. And the ACC Rock Workshop at CBC St. Kilda was also enjoyed by those who attended it. The VCE Unit 2 students came home with the winning trophy at The Battle Of The Bands, our Congratulations to them.

The big event this term was the Gala Night on September 8th held at the Alexander Theatre. It was a wonderful showcasing of musical talent and variety (instrumental, ensembles, bands, solos, vocals) and was thoroughly enjoyed by the full house that attended it. This involved many hours of rehearsing which was evident from the performances on the night. We have some truly great musicians at the College.

Finally, there are a large number of students preparing for their upcoming AMEB examinations next term.

Leela Sharma
Music Secretary

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

The University of Melbourne Update:

SEAS (Access Melbourne) WEEKEND INFORMATION AND APPLICATION HELP SESSIONS

Thinking about studying at the University of Melbourne in 2011? Are you currently in Year 12? Or are you a non-school leaver returning to study after a couple of year’s break? Have you done your VTAC application yet? You might be eligible for a SEAS (Access Melbourne) application.

The University’s Information Centre will be open on upcoming weekends with Office of Admissions staff on hand to assist with VTAC and SEAS (Access Melbourne) applications.

When: Saturdays 18 & 25 September and 4 October, 10.00am – 2.00pm
Where: Information Centre, Richard Berry Building, Swanston Street (near Gate 3), The University of Melbourne

Greater numbers of students are recognising the strengths of the New Generation BSc in terms of providing both an excellent science foundation for a range of exciting career outcomes, and as a pathway to the many graduate programs on offer at the University. 2010 saw a surge in the quality and quantity of applicants for the BSc, resulting in a Clearly-in-Rank of 89.05. In 2011, the University of Melbourne has increased the quota into the Bachelor of Science to 1500 CSPs (up from 1462 in 2010). As a result, students considering applying for the Bachelor of Science for 2011 are advised to base their application decision on the minimum ATAR of 85.00 for the degree.

CAREERS PATHWAYS VISUALISER ONLINE

The University has recently developed an online tool designed to clearly map out University of Melbourne pathways to popular careers. Students and parents tried the Pathway Visualiser on Open Day and found it both accessible and useful. The Pathway Visualiser enables students to clearly see the recommended and alternative pathways to careers through our undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as providing links to more information for the courses displayed. The Visualiser will be featured on the Future Students website by the end of September. http://pathways.unimelb.edu.au

Monash University Update:

‘EXPERIENCE PENINSULA’ IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

Interested in learning more about Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Midwifery, Emergency Health (Paramedic), Business, Early Childhood Education, Primary Education or Sport and Outdoor Recreation at Monash?

Register at http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/music/composition/ to join Monash on the 28th of September to experience the Peninsula campus’s facilities and meet our students. The ‘Experience Peninsula’ program is a free event that will run from 10am to 2pm, and is open to Years 10 – 12 students and their parents.

DIPLOMA OF TERTIARY STUDIES

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies, a one-year pathway program offered at the Gippsland, Berwick and Peninsula campuses, enables students to become eligible for entry into Monash University degrees offered by the faculties of Art & Design, Arts, Business, Education, IT, Nursing or Science. For entry in 2011 onwards, applications for the Diploma course (DoTS) will be made via VTAC.

SECOND YEAR DoTS programs are currently available in Business, Creative and Performing Arts, Health and Human Sciences, Information Technology and Nursing.

The Enhancement Information Evening provides prospective Enhancement students, their parents and teachers with an overview of the program and the opportunity to speak to past participants and academic staff who teach the subjects. Brochures and application forms are available from the School of Music website: http://www.montrealschoolofmusic.com/Enhancement

FACULTY OF ARTS – MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Music performance auditions will be held between Monday 23 November and Thursday 16 December. Composition submissions/folios are due Monday 8 November. Applications for auditions/submissions are available from the School of Music website: http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/music/

ENHANCEMENT STUDIES PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 13 October, 7pm
Building H, Caulfield Campus

The Enhancement Information Evening provides prospective Enhancement students, their parents and teachers with an overview of the program and the opportunity to speak to past participants and academic staff who teach the subjects. Brochures and application forms will be available on the night. Register online at www.monash.edu.au/study/enhancement

General Careers Update:

SWINBURNE VCAL INFORMATION SESSIONS: 2011

Yr 11 Intermediate and Year 12 Senior VCAL

Session 1: Wednesday 6th October 6.30–7.30pm
Session 2: Thursday 21st October 4.00-5.00pm

The VCAL program at Swinburne allows students to undertake studies in the following streams:
- Multimedia
- Business
- Retail
- School based Apprenticeships including: Sport & Recreation, Retail and Business

Entry requirements:
- 16-19 years of age
- Completed year 10
- Committed and interested in completing vocational studies and obtaining a Senior Secondary qualification

Application Procedure:
- Attend a VCAL Information Session
- Undertake an enrolment interview

Questions:
- Call FIRST STOP at the Prahran campus on 9214 6432

LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE - VU OPEN DAY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: MORE PLACES IN 2011

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A big thanks to the PE and Sports Department for all their support and assistance in coaching and preparing students over the term. It has been another huge term and the strain is starting to show in some very tired people. Big thanks to all those staff that give some much more than is expected, all for the betterment of the College and your son(s). Enjoy the break it has been thoroughly deserved.

ACC TERM 4

A reminder to all students that the cricket, volleyball and tennis ACC seasons all begin first day back at school. I would encourage all players to come to school prepared to play even if you are unsure of selection or weather. Final selections will continue to take part at sport this week.

OBLATE CRICKET CARNIVAL – MELBOURNE 2010/11

Early next term preparations will begin for the Oblate carnival to be hosted by us here at Mazenod. I would like to thank Mr David Regan and Mr Dirk Van Heer for taking on the coaching duties for the Carnival. We thank both for their continued support of this carnival as it will be Dirk’s 5th attempt at winning Mazenod the trophy. The carnival starts on Monday the 6th of December and concludes on the Thursday the 9th. Games will be played here at Mazenod College and also at Mentone Playing Fields Keysborough. The competing schools are: Mazenod College (Vic), Mazenod College (W.A), Iona College (Qld), Villanova College (QLD), Whitefriars College (Vic) and Mentone Grammar (Vic).

As we are hosting the Carnival we will soon be asking if parents would please consider billeting students from the 2 Oblate Colleges. Whether your son is playing or may one day play we would like you to please consider this as all 3 colleges have always taken in students from the other Colleges over the period of the Carnival. A parent information meeting will be held next term.

OLD COLLEGIAN FOOTBALL

The Under 19 team played in their Grand Final last weekend and current Year 11 students Stephen Welsford and Patrick Flanagan both played with distinction. Although the boys were unable to be Oakleigh, they can walk away proud after falling a few goals short in what was a very close and exciting game. Well done to Matthew Boyle and Aaron Holmes on their terrific games. That now ends the season for all teams.

OLD COLLEGIAN CRICKET

Cricket training continues for the Old Collegians at the Central Reserve nets while our nets dry out! Training times can be accessed on the website of the MOCCC. A big invitation is extended to all under 14 and 16 players who may be thinking of joining the club and playing in the Friday night competition.

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The Sports Team
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