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I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. This weekend is in the midst of exams and revision for Years 11 and 12 and our thoughts and prayers are with those at this time.

During the Long Weekend I accompanied Mr Damien Schumann and our Under 17 Nationals Volleyball team to SA to play some exhibition matches against two of the strongest Volleyball schools in Australia (Brighton and Heathfield). The boys ended up playing approximately 24 sets of Volleyball in two days which was a mighty effort. They were able to play and win in their own age group and were then given the rare opportunity to play against older and more experienced senior students. In these games they were able to win sets off former National Championship teams. I commend the boys on their efforts and commitment to Volleyball. On the way home, considerable time was spent on Exam revision for Year 10 exams. This ensured that the experience gained would benefit both sport and academics.

Later in the year, we will have every age group represented in the Honours (Highest) Division of Volleyball. There are only four schools in Australia who have qualified in every Honours Division (Brighton, Heathfield, Rossmoyne in WA and Mazenod). This is a tremendous achievement and I commend all of the coaches, players and family members on this achievement. Hopes are high for some great efforts and results will take care of themselves.

November is traditionally the month where we pray for those who have died. It is a month where we celebrate, that as a result of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we all have the hope of eternal life.

Death of loved ones is something that touches each and every one of us. Indeed it is not something that we can escape. Our Catholic faith makes a real and obvious connection between the communion of the dead and the communion of the living. We believe that for those who have died, life is changed, not ended.

In the midst of the sadness of death, it is our faith that gives us some comfort and hope that our loved one is with a God of Love and that that God of Love is always with us.

It is also a time for ourselves to consider the ways in which we might cope with grief and I hope that the following faith suggestions help make a positive difference in your lives. This advice is part of the Year 11 Religion and Society Course.

**Acknowledge Suffering.** Being truthful means avoiding denial and admitting the pain of the suffering, whatever the cause. We must never glorify suffering. Yes, it can lead us to deeper maturity and wisdom, but suffering can also crush the human spirit. Following the lead of the Psalmist (see Psalms 22, 44, 53, 77, 88, 109 and many others), we can express our pain in lament. The first step to grief and healing is to move from overwhelmed silence to the bold speech of lament. The psalms show us how to speak out against suffering and oppression, even to complain against God. Such crying out allows us both to grieve and to grow into a mature covenant partner with God. The old statement of a problem shared is a problem halved makes a lot of sense here.

**Trust in God.** Lament renews our relationship with God. Trusting in God, of course, is especially challenging in the dark times of suffering. Our usual response is initially just the opposite. We question how God could cause this suffering or at least allow it. We ask why? We may complain to God or even begin to doubt God’s existence. That is exactly why the lament psalms can be so helpful, matching our experience and emotions. The lament allows us to stay in conversation with God, gradually moving to a new trust.

**Act.** Trust in God both allows and inspires our response to suffering in our action. We acknowledge that at times our choices have caused personal and social suffering, so one form of action is moving toward repentance and a change of heart. We also suffer from sickness and many other personal challenges. In this suffering we need to reach out to others, to ask for help, to receive what they offer, to allow them to accompany us in “the dark abyss.” As we reach out to people, so too we move toward God, who may seem very distant. Lament, praise, gratitude—all of these are forms of worship.

Following the life and ministry of Jesus, we work as individuals and as communities to overcome and end suffering. Our actions include remaining with others in their suffering. We can also directly express our compassion by preparing meals, running errands, providing transportation and praying with those who suffer.

Awareness of the world’s suffering leads us to action concerning political and economic issues. The needs are so great and the issues so complex—what can one person do? We can search in solidarity with others for courageous ways to overcome suffering and its causes in our world. We cannot do everything, but we can at least do one thing. We can, for example, tutor in an inner-city school or organize parish groups that promote the consistent ethic of life.

**Stand in awe.** We know that it is a human reaction to ask “Why?”; to search for meaning and reasons for our suffering. Yet suffering remains a mystery, not a problem to be solved. We stand with Job (Bible identity) at the end of his bold contest with God: “What can I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth” (Job 40:4).

God does not desire suffering but works to overcome it. God did not demand Jesus’ suffering and does not want ours. Thus, we lament and act to overcome suffering, even as we acknowledge its incomprehensibility.

We marvel at God’s remarkable respect of human freedom. We know that the suffering of injustice and terrorism results from peoples’ evil choices. Yet we also know that the suffering of incurable disease or natural disasters simply happens in a world that is not yet fulfilled.

Finally, however, suffering is not fully understandable. Rather than “why?” perhaps we should be asking, “How can I respond? What can we do now?” A profound trust in a compassionate God allows us to ask these questions and then to act, with surprising peace and hope.

All families are welcome to attend our Requiem Mass for Old Boys next Friday evening November 12 at 7:30pm, here at the College. Here we will pray for Old Boys and Staff who have contributed to the life of the College.

If any family would like the College to pray for the souls of their loved ones, please contact the Front Office.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

**Christmas Party**

*Wednesday 17 November 2010*

All ladies are invited to get together and celebrate the end of another successful year at Mazenod with our final gathering for 2010 with a Christmas Party. This is a great opportunity for some to say good-bye and for some to catch up with fellow Mothers. It will also give the opportunity for Ladies to welcome the “New Mothers of 2011” into our community.

Forms can be collected from the Student Counter, so please come along and enjoy the night. For catering purposes you can please reply promptly to the Front Office.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Mazenod College Newsletter**

The College Newsletter will now be sent to you via email. 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.

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**Mazenod Old Collegians’ Association Annual Remembrance Mass**

In memory of the deceased students and staff of Mazenod College, a Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 12 November 2010 starting at 7:30 pm in the College Chapel, Kenton Avenue, Mulgrave, followed with light refreshments.

For more please contact Rosemary Sanna at the College on 9560 0911.

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**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.

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

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**Raffle Prizes**

- 50% of entry proceeds will be donated to the Mothers’ Auxiliary

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**St Christopher’s School Carnival**

**School Carnival**

27 November, 10 am - 4 pm

Come and join the Fun. Doon Avenue, Syndal.

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**Traffic Concerns**

Further discussions were had with Council regarding traffic problems and the most dangerous and pressing issue has been addressed. The students who wish to have braiding added to their current woolen blazer may do so for a cost of $45.00. The blazer will need to be dry-cleaned, labelled and dropped off at either the uniform shop at the College by 2nd December or at the Rowville store before 3rd December. As this will be done as a bulk service, any late blazers will incur additional costs and possible delay. The blazers will be available for collection after 17th January 2011.

**Track Pants**

New design Mazenod track pants will be available for 2011 at the current price of $47.00. Old style track pants are available at $29.00 (while stocks last).

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**Mazenod School Uniform**

- New uniform shop (located behind the School Chapel)
- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays (during School Terms)
- 12.30 pm – 4 pm

**Extra Opening Times in November**

- Tuesday 16th November (Orientation Day) 11 am – 4 pm
- Saturday 27th November (Second hand book sale) 8.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Tuesday 30th November 12.30 pm – 6 pm

**Extra Opening Times in January 2011**

- Thursday 20th January 2 pm – 6 pm
- Tuesday 25th January 9 am – 12 pm
- Friday 28th January (Campion book collection) 9 am – 3 pm

**Normal Opening Times recommence**

Tuesday 1st February 2011, 12.30 pm – 4 pm

**Rowville Premises**

2/9 Macro Court, Rowville

Open Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

Closes Thursday 16th December for Christmas break.

Re-opens Monday 17th January 2011.

**House Polos**

New house polos will be available for 2011 at $39.00 each. Current House polos are available at a special price of $15.00 (while stock last – Years 8-12 only)

**VCE Blazers**

New VCE Blazer are available at both Mazenod and Rowville shops. Those students who wish to have braiding added to their current woolen blazer may do so for a cost of $45.00. The blazer will need to be dry-cleaned, labelled and dropped off at either the uniform shop at the College by 2nd December or at the Rowville store before 3rd December. As this will be done as a bulk service, any late blazers will incur additional costs and possible delay. The blazers will be available for collection after 17th January 2011.


**SUN SAFETY**

Parents and students are reminded that during October-March the UV index reaches extreme levels, increasing the likelihood of skin damage and cancers caused by UV exposure while outdoors.

At Mazenod, during Physical Education and Sport in Term 1 and Term 4 we require students to wear a peak hat when participating outdoors. We encourage the use of sunglasses and SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen on uncovered areas of the skin, such as the face, neck and arms. The boys are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen and their own school hat for use at recess and lunchtimes.

**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

**General Careers Update:**

**RMIT BACHELOR OF PHARMACY – NEW FOR 2011**

RMIT is proud to announce its new Bachelor of Pharmacy degree for 2011 intake. Available by direct application, students will be provided with an education leading to registration as pharmacists. The new four-year degree also offers access to many career opportunities within biomedical research and the pharmaceuticals sector.

**Prerequisites:**
- Units 3 and 4 - English (any), chemistry and one of mathematics (any) or physics.

*Please note the UMAT will not be used as a selection mode for 2011 intake*

This late announcement follows preliminary approval by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC). Applications should be made DIRECT to RMIT. Please note an application will not affect students’ VTAC preferences. Students can visit [www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/pharmacy](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/pharmacy) to register their interest. Interested students will receive notification of when application forms will be available.

**JMC ACADEMY OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS - BOOK NOW!**

JMC Academy will be offering free workshops to students in December in:
- Audio Engineering & Sound Production
- Digital Media

**Digital Film & Television**
- Music & Entertainment Business Management
- Popular Music & Performance

Bookings are essential. Contact [melbourne@jmc.edu.au](mailto:melbourne@jmc.edu.au) or call (03) 9696 4117 for more details.

**ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING AND PLANNING SUMMER SCHOOL**

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning’s Summer School is for students from Years 10, 11 or 12 who have an interest in architecture and design and want to learn more. Over the four days, students will be introduced to the fundamental aspects of architecture or a design related career. The Summer School will be run by a team of experts from the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning who have many years experience teaching and working in the industry. New for this year will be an introductory session on Landscape Architecture.

**Dates:** 13–16 December 2010, 9:30am–5:00pm each day

**Cost:** $450 (covers all materials and lunches)

**Registration:** Interested students must register online at [www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool2010](http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool2010)

For more information contact: Andrew Middleton Email: [mj@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mj@unimelb.edu.au) Telephone: +61 8344 3111

**Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator**

**CACTEEN ROSTER**

| Mon 08 Nov | Laureen Credlin, Sally-Anne Petrie, Jacinta D’Angelo |
| Tue 09 Nov | Adriana Paterno, Jackie Theodorea |
| Wed 10 Nov | Lingga Yamin, Mirenda Lar, Jane Chia |
| Thu 11 Nov | Dilly Jayasuriya, Michelle Burgess, Josie Di Fabrizio, Louise Carl |
| Fri 12 Nov | Julie Izon, Maria Mariani |

**SPORTS NEWS**

**ACC SPORT**

A short Newsletter for a short week! We enter finals time for ACC Sport next week with Year 8 and 10’s to play semi finals, and the Year 9’s and 7’s to complete their last round. Grand finals and play offs will be in the following week. We have had a great term and are keeping our fingers crossed that we are in 14 Grand Finals across the 3 sports.

Well done to all our swimmers who continue to train in the early hours of the morning. Our numbers have been great so far with numbers averaging approximately 17 students per session, well up on previous years. Mr Montoya has done a fantastic job organising and inspiring the boys to get into their training. Also very pleasing to see a number of Grade 6 boys who are coming to the College next year involved. The boys will continue training up until the end of the year and details about the Christmas break and New Year will follow soon.

A reminder to parents that if you come across a jumper or singlet top that belongs to the school can it be returned ASAP. I thank most for their patience and understanding.

**OBLATE CARNIVAL**

A reminder that training continues with our coaches Mr David Regan, Mr Dirk Van Heer and Mr David Bedwell on Monday nights after school, for approximately an hour. A preliminary squad will be announced shortly. We are still seeking parents who can billet students from our 2 brother schools Iona College and Mazenod WA for 5 nights over the carnival.

**OLD COLLEGILIANS CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

The Old Boys got off to a start but never finished with the rain again bringing to an end to another weekends cricket! The Friday night
junior teams got a game under way with our Under 16 team making a staggering 281 runs off 30 over’s on the synthetic oval. Top scorers were Travis D’Souza with 67 and Anthony Howes with 63.

ACC RESULTS

Results

Cricket
Year 10 10/90 vs WHTFRS 4/194
Year 9 4/154 vs WHTFRS (1) 9/153
D’Souza (41 no), Gladman (25), Howes (3/22)
Year 8 3/85 vs SBM 1/82
Year 7A vs BYE
Year 7B-9/84 vs SBE 9/72
Rajasingam (11), Dixon-Mason (3/5)

Volleyball
Year 10 3/75 vs WHTFRS 0/41
Year 10B 3/75 vs WHTFRS 0/52
Year 9 3/96 vs WHTFRS 1/64
Year 9B 3/76 vs WHTFRS 0/49
Year 8 A-3/75 vs EMM 0/25
Wiley, Pham, Maniphet, Van Rensburg
Year 8B- 3/75 vs EMM 0/40
Byrne, Arena, Manzo, Stephenson
Year 7A-BYE
Year 7A/2- BYE
Best: Martin, Walsh, Dorio, Fonti
Year 7B 3/96 vs SBE 1/59
Year 7BB 2/67 vs SBE 1/67

Tennis
Year 10 11/92 vs WHTFRS 1/31
Year 9- 11/97 vs WHTFRS1/41
Best: Pawlukowski, Sperac, Stewart, Latheesh, Wickenton
Year 8 12/72 -vs EMM 0/17
Best: Pegoraro, Di Paolo, Ng, Le
Year 7A BYE
Year 7B 1/28 vs SBE 11/69

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The Sports Team

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

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).