From The Rector

Dear Parents,

No doubt you have all been reading and hearing of the very significant Stimulus Package being put forward by the Prime Minister and the Federal Government in recent weeks. As is true the world over, the Government is endeavouring to significantly lessen the impact of the current financial crisis gripping most national and international economies. The words ‘fiscal stimulus’ and ‘stimulus package’ have become second nature to most, and yet many of us would normally have shunned such phrases as mere jargon in earlier times. But the reality is that the economic downturn being experienced by so many nations, particularly in the United States and Europe, is beginning to impact significantly on our own society as is witnessed by the increasing loss of employment and the financial collapse of some well known and some relatively unknown local Australian companies. According to many pundits, there is a distinct possibility that things will likely get worse in the coming months, particularly in the area of jobs and employment. The purpose of the stimulus package currently being put through by the Government is to encourage significant work projects, particularly in the Construction Industry, so as to ensure on-going employment in a whole range of occupations and trades.

As you would more than likely be aware, a large amount of the money being spent by the Government is in the field of education, and more especially in the construction of new facilities and the refurbishment of existing buildings. This money is being given across all school systems, Government, Independent and Catholic. In many instances it is a genuine educational bonanza which, hopefully, will have a twofold effect. It will benefit education and therefore our young people both now and in the future and, at the same time, it will benefit the wider population in giving significant employment over the next couple of years. In the coming months and years many school campuses will look more like a building site than an educational institute.

What will it mean for Mazenod? Well, sadly, not an awful lot really. Most of the money is earmarked for Primary schools and so many of our Catholic Parish Primary schools will gain very significantly. In the field of Secondary Education, the money available is more explicitly and strategically directed. For secondary schools, in the vast majority of cases money is only available to schools and Colleges who can demonstrate a need for new or refurbished science laboratories or language laboratories. On top of that, there is a very stringent deadline of approximately two months for the lodging of building plans and a completion date of some 15 months. This is understandable as to ensure that the projects fulfil their crucial role of having a very immediate impact on the employment scene. Much as we would like the funding and the new facilities, the College has no immediate plans either for a language laboratory or for an increase in our science facilities.

But all is not lost! Every school is entitled to apply for a $200,000 ‘Pride’ grant to upgrade its facilities or refurbish particular areas of the school. We have applied for such a grant, the details of which we will discuss next week. Sufficient to say we shall be doing some modest building beginning in a couple of weeks.

God Bless
(Fr.) Pat Moroney O.M.I.
DATES FOR 2009 – TERM 1

March 2009
- Mon 30 Mar: Parent Teacher Interviews A-L 1.15 pm – 9 pm

April 2009
- Thu 02 Apr: Parent Teacher Interviews M-Z 1.15 pm – 9 pm
- Fri 03 Apr: Mission Action Day
- Fri 03 Apr: Term 1 Concludes at 2 pm
- Sun 05 Apr: Palm Sunday
- Fri 10 Apr: Good Friday
- Sun 12 Apr: Easter Sunday
- Mon 13 Apr: East Monday
- Mon 20 Apr: Year 10 VET Training
- Tue 21 Apr: Term 2 Resumes

LADIES’ AUXILARY
The Ladies Committee would like to sincerely thank the mum’s that attended the Year 7 Social Night to lend a helping hand.
Your help is very much appreciated.

Upcoming Event
Mazenod Mothers Day “Annual Dinner” has been organized for Friday 8 May, 2009 at 7.00pm At Dandenong Club – View Room corner of Heatherton and Stud Roads, Dandenong North.

Special guest speaker is Gerard McCulloch a past student currently writing for Rove.

The night promises to be an event full of fun, laughter, prizes, and raffles along with a delightful 3 course meal. Special dietary meals available on request with booking.

The venue has carefully been chosen for its great reputation and central location being off Stud Rd exit off the Monash Fwy.

So, why not take this chance to enjoy some time with friends and family and feel relaxed with great entertainment and meal along with beautiful surroundings.

Seats are limited so if you would like to attend please send full payment by 27 April 2009 to the Student Counter in an envelope with return slip attached to this week’s newsletter.

For more information and bookings:
Sandra: 95615731, sandracmancini@yahoo.com.au
Nancy: 97900415 pme01200@bigpond.net.au
Pena: 97951741 psacco@lives.com
Debbie: 97011679 dbau@bigpond.net.au

MUSIC NEWS
The Music Department are presenting the Mission Action Day Concert featuring several of our larger ensembles on Wednesday 01 Apr at 7.30 pm in The Founders Complex. There will be a gold coin donation per head with all proceeds going towards the missions. Please come along and support all of our musicians and enjoy an evening of music.

LOTE NEWS
HOST Family Required
The LOTE department is looking for a host family prepared to look after a Language Assistant who will be arriving to the College on April 24. The commitment would be for 4 weeks maximum. This would allow the young Italian graduate to become familiar with travel to and from the College and give them an opportunity to get used to a new environment.

If you are prepared to help you can contact Mr. Robert Trafficante by phoning the College or by email rtrafficante@mazenod.vic.edu.au

TRIP TO JAPAN
We are currently planning a trip to Japan to our sister school in Osaka for a maximum of 15 students from the College. Proposed dates are 21/11 till 5/12.

An information evening is being planned for the second week back in April after the holidays. The trip will open to students studying Japanese in Years 9 to 11.

Students are welcome to ask their respective Japanese teachers for any information and should also advise them if they are interested in taking part in the trip.

A letter will be posted shortly with details, itinerary and costs.

Mr. Robert Trafficante
LOTE Co-ordinator

OTHER NEWS
Last week, students were notified, as requested by the Public Health Department, that there has recently been a diagnosed case of measles in the College. This has highlighted the importance of your son being immunised.

It is recommended that all members of a family born after 1966 have two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella). In most cases this will have been given at 12 months and 4 years old. A further booster is not required. Any queries regarding the immunisation can be directed to Monash Immunisation Services tel. 9518 3539.

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 30th (families with A – L surnames).

Thursday April 2nd (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.

Please book in Sessions 1 or 2 if you can, Session 3 is always busy.

Sessions: 1 1.10 pm - 3.00 pm.
2 3.30 pm -5.30 pm.
3 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm.
In an attempt to assist the Oblate Missionary work in the Third World, Mazenod College will be holding its annual Mission Action Day on Friday 3rd April.

As this is the College's one big appeal for the Oblate Missions, each family is asked to support the day with a donation of at least $30.00.

Moreover, in order to make this year's Mission Action Day the most successful ever, we would appreciate any donations or goods which we might raffle as prizes, and/or monetary donations.

Donations for Mission Action Day 2009 have already been received by the College. If others would like to contribute to this very worthy activity, please send donations to either Ms. Natina Giacco or Mr. Tony Rolfe. Individuals and Companies will be acknowledged to the Student Body and School Community.

Each student has already received a Donation Form on which to record sponsorship money pledged.

Thanking you
The Organising Committee of Mission Action Day

Good Friday Stations of the Cross
All are warmly invited to attend Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 10 April at St. Mary’s Seminary 62-94 Jackson’s Road, Mulgrave, commencing at 10 am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow at the conclusion of the Stations.

As well as street parking, there will be some parking for disabled, seniors, and clergy on the property of St. Mary’s Seminary.

For more information logon to: www.oblates.com.au

Keys Please
Year 10 students from Avila and Mazenod are invited to the Keys Please Forum for Learner Drivers to be held at Mazenod on May 11 in the College Lecture Theatre (7.30pm start).

Application forms are available at the respective Colleges. Any Year 11 students who were unable to attend last year are also invited.

Traineeship Program offers are made subject to the successful completion of Year 12 and successful acceptance into the appropriate business, commerce and accounting degree.

Program outline:

Step #1 June 2009
Applications open and recruitment process takes place.

Step #2 February 2010
Trainees commence university full-time.

Step #3 July 2010
Trainees commence Deloitte full-time and part-time at university.

Step #4 July 2011
Trainees work part-time at Deloitte and full-time at university until completion of degree.

Information sessions:
Deloitte will be holding an information session at Mazenod College on Friday 1 May, period 6 in the College Lecture Theatre. All yr 12 Accounting students have been invited to attend this session and find out more information. A further information session will be held at the Deloitte in-houses information evening on Thursday 11 June, 2009, 5:30pm–7:30pm at 550 Bourke Street Melbourne. Bookings are essential for the June session. Please email Kerry Marshall on kermarshall@deloitte.com.au

LA TROBE TALK & TOUR
An introduction to the Melbourne campus in the School holidays

Tuesday 7 April & Thursday 24 September 2009
Students and parents are able to spend the day getting to know La Trobe’s main campus. The program begins with a general talk about La Trobe’s undergraduate courses and all the campus has to offer. Parents can attend a separate session tailored just for them. Faculty representatives will be on hand to chat and answer student and parent questions, along with some current La Trobe students. Bookings essential – register online at www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour or call 1300 135 045 to secure your place.

THE AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO 2009
A reminder that The Age VCE & Careers Expo will be held on Friday 24 April from 12.00pm to 7.00pm, Saturday 21 and Sunday 26 April from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The Expo provides students, teachers and parents with a unique opportunity to obtain VCE, VCAL and Career Information and Resources in one location. This year a total of 150 organisations will take part in the Expo and will feature more than 120 seminars on VCE subjects and topics. A $10.00 admission fee (which is valid for all 3 days of the Expo) includes seminars and a copy of The Age. For more information go to www.education.theage.com.au

TOYOTA APPRENTICESHIPS

CHEF APPRENTICESHIPS

1. APPRENTICE CHEF (Vacancy ID192944091) - An apprentice chef is required to work for a busy restaurant and function centre in the Box Hill area. Applicants are required to have excellent communication skills, enjoy cooking, good organisational skills, punctuality, an ability to work under pressure and stay calm in difficult situations, own transport and licence and an ability to listen and follow directions accurately.

2. APPRENTICE CHEF (Vacancy ID 195350550) A cook is required to work for a busy café located in the Dromana area. Applicants are required to be willing to learn a café,
breakfast style menu, have a high level of cleanliness, can plan their time and work well under pressure, have good communication skills, have an ability to stay calm in difficult situations, work well in a team or individually, want to learn and are willing to work hard. First year apprentice chefs are encouraged to apply. Please quote vacancy ID when applying

Please quote vacancy ID when applying and contact Mira Schaefer, Customer Service Officer, VECCI Apprenticeships, 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002, telephone 86625183 or Email: Mschafer@vecci.org.au

ENGINEERING CAREERS EXPO
29 April 2009, 1-7pm, Melbourne Town Hall
Engineers Australia invites all students and parents to attend the free Engineering Careers Expo to be held on Wednesday 29 April 2009 at the Melbourne Town Hall, Cnr Swanston & Collins Streets Melbourne, 1-7pm. Gain the knowledge to make a choice regarding the education and career opportunities available to you in Engineering. Meet with more than 60 employers and recruitment experts to explore career options and seek employment opportunities. This event is designed for those seeking vocation, graduate or senior employment in engineering. Enquiries: Noel Dos Santos, Manager – Membership Marketing, Engineers Australia, Tel: 9321 1726.

PART-TIME POSITIONS AT SUBWAY
The owner of five Subway stores, Mount Waverley, Brandon Park, Oakleigh, Springvale and Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, has contacted the Mazenod Careers Office in regards to a number of part-time positions available across all 5 stores. Positions are available for students to work part-time as Sandwich Artists. Students must have a current resume and can apply by collecting an Employment Application Form from the Careers Office or can email: careers@subcatering.com.au

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE - REMINDER
A reminder to all Year 10 students that work experience forms must be returned to Ms. Seremetis by Friday 3 April. This is the last day of term 1, only 1 week away! Work Experience dates for 2009 are 15 – 26 June, the last two-weeks of term 2.

Vivian Seremetis – Careers and Pathways Coordinator

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open for sale this Saturday 28 March 2009 at 10.00 am - 12.00 pm and reopen when new building works are completed (approx 2-3 months).

If you have any queries please contact Debbie Bau on dbau@bigpond.net.au 9701-1679 or 0407 774 476.

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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, 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).

SPORTS NEWS

ACC Athletics

Congratulations to our ACC athletics team who finished third in Wednesday’s ACC carnival at Olympic Park, behind Salesian College and eventual winner St Bernard’s. Wednesday’s effort was outstanding when you consider there were 21 forced changes due to injuries, illnesses and other reasons from midday Tuesday through until 11 AM on the day. The College is extremely proud of all the students who represented us both on Wednesday and last week’s junior field events at Williamstown. While athletics is often seen as an individual sport, our students proved, through their performances over the last two weeks, that athletics is very much a team sport and level of support the students gave each other was amazing. As with all carnival sports, some outstanding individual achievements were evident and these will be acknowledged at the next College assembly and a more detailed write up of Wednesday’s carnival will appear in the next College newsletter.

I would like to thank all the students who willingly involved themselves in athletics over the season and to the many parents, families and staff of the College who supported the students and enabled them to participate in training sessions, trial carnivals and the actual ACC event. Wednesday’s performance by the students was courageous and one the students will long remember.

Yours in athletics,
Stephen O’Donohue
Athletics Coach