Dear Mazenod Families,

There has been an overwhelmingly positive atmosphere at the College to begin the 2012 year. Last week the Year 12’s participated in the Camp and the boys really made the most of the great opportunity that the camp presented. The Mass on Thursday night was a genuine highlight.

This week saw the commencement of the ACC Season and I was once again impressed with the enthusiasm and pride of the Senior students as they represent the College. Cricket, Volleyball and Tennis are the Sports for Term 1 and I wish all teams and coaches well.

During the week, two new initiatives started in Year 7. The first initiative is the introduction of Mandarin to the College LOTE Department. At our College Assembly, we heard from students in Italian, Japanese and Mandarin which was welcomed formally. Mandarin is clearly a language that will have ever greater significance within Australia and our region. We have also developed very close ties with China through Mission Action Day and our Senior Mission Experience to the orphanage in Beijing. The College is now committed to the three languages of Italian, Japanese and Mandarin.

On Thursday, we commenced our new Year 7 Chess Initiative. Every student in Year 7 will experience some of the great skills and enjoyment of Chess through Sports afternoons and four academic classes. The experience aims to help the boys in many areas of College life: thinking before acting, accepting consequences for action, thinking ahead and strategy are just some of the hoped for benefits of the Programme. I do sincerely thank everyone who has helped launch this new initiative for our Year 7’s. I have attached the Year 7 Chess brochure to this newsletter to let you have a look at the Programme if you are interested. Our Chess Club for the boys.

I am very proud to announce the Year 12 Prefect positions for 2012. Each of the boys listed below made an application and were interviewed before the final decisions were made. I congratulate each and every boy who applied. In interviewing each candidate, it was obvious that the boys most definitely wanted to give their gifts and talents back to the College. All of our Year 12 students are most definitely making a great leadership contribution to the College. Joining Sean Paulding, Christopher Chew and Patrick Noone (Our College Captain and Vice-Captains) in leadership positions for 2012 are:

- Liturgy - Adrian Ng and Michael Selvadurai
- Sport - John-Paul Van Rensburg, James Munro
- Environment - Tony Pham, David Tobin
- Mission Action Day - Keegan Coulter, Eugene Ng

House Leaders and Student Representative Council Members will be announced within the next few weeks.

This week also saw us celebrate the 90+ ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) Day. This day honours and recognises the efforts of all of our students who achieved academic results that placed them in the top 10% of the State. This year approximately 40% of the year level were placed in the top 10% of the State. Attached to this Newsletter is a more complete breakdown of the achievements and they are certainly worthy of celebration. I encourage each and every family to have a look at the great achievements of our Class of 2011. What is particularly pleasing is that we have remained a non-selective entry School. We do not poach other students with the lure of external scholarships. We remain a Christ-centred School where we care for each other and our community is central. And finally, we remain committed to keeping Mazenod’s fees as accessible as possible to all families.

During the week, the College Fees and Building Fund Donation Information were mailed out. I do ask for your prompt attention to the fees, however, I do understand that every family circumstance is different. There are many payment plans and we are always willing to communicate with families who are in genuine need. As I hope you are able to appreciate, we have aimed to provide the best facilities, while at the same time keeping the fees as accessible as possible to all families. I do encourage you to make a contribution to the Building Fund so that the College can continue to provide facilities that will help our boys grow and develop.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped make Kernot Avenue a much safer road for the boys.

Please remember to pass on to your friends and neighbours that our Open Day will be held on Tuesday, February 14th (4 pm - 8 pm). All enrolments for Year 7 2013 will need to be lodged by Friday, 2nd March 2012.

Please keep Friday 24th February free as the College celebrates the Inaugural Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. More details will come out during the week, especially regarding the subsidised bus trip into the Cathedral, however, I do sincerely hope that everyone is present for it. You are all asked to be seated by 7.30 pm. This year we are very pleased that Bishop Vincent will be our Main Celebrant. Bishop Vincent is the former Parish Priest of Springvale and is a great friend of the College.

Take Care and God Bless

Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
DATES

February 2012
Sat 11 Feb  VCE Academic Detention (9 am - 11 am)
Mon 13 Feb  VCE Information Evening
Tue 14 Feb  Open Day (4 pm – 8 pm, last tour 6.45 pm)
Tue 14 Feb  Fathers’ Committee Meeting
Tue 14 Feb  Year 7 Icons of Melb & Cathedral Tour 1
Tue 14 Feb  Year 9 Surf Camp & Activity Programme
Wed 15 Feb  Year 9 Surf Camp & Activity Programme
Thu 16 Feb  Year 9 Surf Camp & Activity Programme
Thu 16 Feb  Year 8 Rock Climbing 2
Fri 17 Feb  Year 7 Icons of Melb & Cathedral Tour 2
Fri 17 Feb  ACC Swimming Carnival @ MSAC 7pm – 10 pm
Fri 17 Feb  Year 9 Surf Camp & Activity Programme
Sun 19 Feb  Interviews for Prospective Students for 2013
Mon 20 Feb  Calculator Sales (12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)
Tue 21 Feb  House Swimming Carnival (Nunawading Pool)
Wed 22 Feb  Ash Wednesday
Thu 23 Feb  Year 8 Rock Climbing 3
Thu 23 Feb  Rehearsal at the Cathedral for Inaugural Mass
Fri 24 Feb  Inaugural Mass
Mon 27 Feb  Year 7 Camp Week
Tue 28 Feb  Interviews for Prospective Students (2013)
Wed 29 Feb  Year 12 (2011) Musicians Dinner
March 2012
Thu 01 Mar  Year 8 Rock Climbing 4
Thu 01 Mar  ACC Deputy Principal’s Meeting @ Mazenod
Fri 02 Mar  Final Date for Applications 2013
Sat 03 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students (2013)
Mon 05 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students (2013)
Tue 06 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
Wed 07 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
Wed 07 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students (2013)
Thu 08 Mar  House Athletics (Knox Athletics Track)
Fri 09 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3

Canteen Roster

Mon 13 Feb  Barbara Bailouni, Lorraine Dorio, Mary Warren
Tue 14 Feb  Suzanne Glennon, Rozanne Liyanage, Lisa Driscoll, Paul Decleva
Wed 15 Feb  Rachel Tancredi, Lin Tie, Isabel Hernandez
Thu 16 Feb  Kerry Olds, Sofia Iudica, Toula Moutsopoulos
Fri 17 Feb  Maria Mariani, Rosie Jurina, Anita D’Mello, Sally-Anne Petrie

Fathers’ Association

Fathers’ Association first meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 14th February starting at 8 pm in the Conference Room. All welcome in particular new Fathers of Year 7 students.

Mothers’ Auxiliary

Thank you to all who attended this week’s Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting. The meeting’s main focus was finalizing “The Annual Ladies Auxiliary Mother’s Day Dinner” and looking at this year’s social calendar for the Ladies at Mazenod.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th March.

Up and coming events/notices for Term 1:
Keeping watching the Newsletter for updates.

- 2012/13 Entertainment book will be available soon. (Please support the Mothers’ Auxiliary and buy a book) Great savings to be made.
- Invitation for Mother’s Day Annual Dinner

Inaugural Mass

Mazenod College’s Inaugural Mass this year will be held on Friday, 24th February at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Students are required to attend.

Applications for Year 7 2013

Applications for Year 7 Students in 2013 are now being accepted and close on Friday, 2nd March 2012. If you currently have a son at the College, you are still required to submit an application for any younger siblings.

Applications are available from the Student Counter

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be opened Wednesday 15th February 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

If your son has grown out of his Good quality School/Sports Uniforms. Now is time to sell! We have a huge demand for all ‘second hand uniforms.

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. Great opportunity to sell your son’s outgrown uniform before the end of the year. Get them in as soon as possible to the Front Office with your name and address clearly attached to each item. Clothing must be clean and blazers dry-cleaned.

Old style blazers are no longer accepted in the second hand uniform shop.

Nancy 0418 553 191 nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au
Amanda 0401 194 799 diamanta@bigpond.net.au
Homework Program 2012 commences 15th February. This program is held each Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm in the Learning Centre. Teachers and Support personnel are available to assist you with your homework/work requirements/assignments. If you would like to attend, please obtain an enrolment form from Student Counter or the Learning Centre. Any queries please contact Mrs Anne Johnson.

Education Maintenance Allowance/School Start Bonus 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), and School Start Bonus (SSB) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012)

The EMA application and copy of valid health care card/pension card must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first instalment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2012 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 29 February 2012 and prior to or on 3 August 2012, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment. Contact: College Reception for application form and further information.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

Work Experience:

Work Experience Forms

Students are reminded to return the Work Experience Forms as soon as placements are organised. Some students have been very prompt in returning the forms but there are some boys who have not even organised places at this point. Please get this done as quickly as possible.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Melbourne Football Club has an opportunity for students to be a part of their industry-leading work experience program for one week. Students will have the opportunity to spend a week embedded in the football club and will gain exposure to areas of the club including media, events, football operations, technology, sport science and all the excitement of an AFL match day. Applications are now open and all applications must be submitted on line at www.melbournecf.com.au/workexperience. All applications must be received by close of business on 31 March 2012.

Students requiring more information can see Mr. Kenealy in the Careers Office or visit the Work Experience page on the website: www.melbournecf.com.au/workexperience.

Australian Defence Force:

Defence Technical Scholarships

The Australian Defence Force is currently offering scholarships to Year 11 and Year 12 students in trade careers from motor mechanics to electricians to avionics Aviation Technicians. They have over 30 trades available under the DTS program. Interested students should see Mr. Kenealy in the Careers Office to pick up a ‘2012 Defence Technical Scholarship Student Application Pack’ or visit dencejobs.gov.au/dts for more information.

Holmesglen:

HOLMESGLEN SEMESTER 1 2012 SHORT COURSES

Holmesglen is currently offering short courses to anyone over the age of 15. Courses are offered in the following study areas:

- Computers
- Art
- House & Garden
- Business
- Food and Beverage
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A full listing of courses is available online at: www.holmesglen.edu.au/shortcourses

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HOUSE SPORT

House Sport resumed this Tuesday for Year 9 & 10 students, Wednesday for Year 11 & 12 and Thursday for our 7 & 8 students. Students are permitted to wear their sport uniforms on the day with a reminder that their white polo must be worn to and from school. Students are permitted to wear Mazenod College shorts only during terms 1 and 4 on warmer days. It is also worth reminding students and parents that appropriate footwear should be worn for Sport. That means laced up shoes for support and protection. The casual slip on shoe is not allowed to be worn. Students will be advised soon as to the Sport selection for the next Term.
ACC SWIMMING 17TH FEBRUARY
Preparations are well under way for the ACC Swimming Carnival next week on Friday 17th February. Training continues at Monash University Pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for the next 2 weeks starting at 7.00 am. The team are into its last part of training and we will see how this is all going at a Trial Carnival against Whitefriars this Monday at Doncaster Pool.

ACC RESULTS – OUTSTANDING EFFORT!
As most were aware, we started our ACC competitions yesterday with some close results. Our Volleyball players again have shown they will set the standard for the Senior competition with a very comfortable win. The Tennis Squad had a narrow win over De La Salle with Adam Turlejski winning his last match narrowly to give the team a win.

The Cricketers got off to a slow start and the Senior team had an off day and were easily beaten by Whitefriars.

THE MASTER DISPLAY – DYLAN MASTER
In the seconds we were all entertained by one of the best innings seen here at Mazenod in a long time! Dylan Masters who was part of our Oblate Squad and used his time away to great effect refining his batting skills. Dylan came in with the team in a poor position having lost some early wickets and not many runs on the board. From the start Dylan decided to attack the bowlers and with every boundary gained more and more confidence.

Dylan in no time was hitting the ball to every part of the the synthetic oval and was well place to become our first centurion in 4 years. Dylan batted extremely well and was on the brink of a century when he was dismissed for 97. Dylan made just under half of his teams score of 212. Keegan Coulter made a sparkling 28 and Josh White contributed 26. Unfortunately the team was unable to contain the Whitefriars team and lost in the last over of the game.

ACC ATHLETICS – Wednesday 28th March
Trials and training will begin soon for our Athletics season. I encourage all students to stay alert for messages regarding training times over the next few weeks. Mr Cunningham, Mr May and Mr Connolly will be the contact people for this event if you have any queries.

Mazenod Old Collegians Cricket Club- Club record goes to current Year 12 student Xavier Patti
The Old Boys have struggled for consistency over the past month and are looking at developing more Junior players for the future.

One of those players is Xavier Patti in Year 12. Xavier has gone from a wicket keeper to strike bowler in 2 seasons and on the weekend had his best day ever with the ball. His day was in fact so good that he set a new Club record taking 14 wickets for 30 runs over the 2 innings. His tally included 8 for 17 in the first innings and 6 for 13 in the second. Congratulations to Xavier and long may his record stand at the Club, or unless he can go even better.

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, 3.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian)

SENIOR ACC SPORT RESULTS
1st XI Mazenod 10/61 vs Whitefriars 1/63
P Noone 23, Z Chanel 1/23
2nd XI Mazenod 7/212 vs Whitefriars
Masters 97, Coulter 28, White 26
Sen A Volleyball 3/75 vs De La Salle 0/37
Better Performers: Cincotta, Van Rensburg, Melenhorst
Sen B Volleyball 3/75 vs De La Salle 0/58
Better Performers: R Wood, J Dalzotto, Joseph
Sen Tennis 6/74 vs De La Salle 6/69
Better Performers: C Wickerton, B Nguyen, Pawlukowski, Turlejski

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The Sports Team
Mr Cunningham, Mr Montoya, Mr Connolly, Mr Bedwell, Mr Regan & Mr Phibbs