Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Monday, 20th February, the Australian Government will release its report of the Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling. This report is the first step towards the Government’s plan to introduce a new funding system for Australian schools from 2014, and it could have significant consequences for Catholic schools.

We believe it is vital that Catholic school communities are well informed of the facts about school funding and are able to constructively participate in the discussions that will follow the release of this report.

Some of the key facts about funding for Catholic schools are:

- On average, Catholic schools receive just 73% of the annual recurrent government funding (per student) received by government schools. Catholic schools receive $7,708 per student while government schools receive $10,562 per student.
- Including government funding + parent contributions, Catholic schools have an average annual income of $10,008 per student, while government schools receive $11,132 per student and independent schools $13,711. (MySchool website 2011)
- Through parent and community contributions to school costs, Catholic schools deliver savings to Australian tax-payers of around $2.2 billion per year.
- The school funding debate should not be reduced to an ‘us’ or ‘them’ argument. The success of Australia’s education system relies on children in all schooling sectors – Government, Catholic and Independent – receiving fair and equitable government support.

Fair and equitable government support for Catholic schools guarantees real parental choice in education.

Catholic education authorities are seeking a modest increase in funding that will assist Catholic schools to build on their capacity to provide high quality education while keeping school fees as low as possible and striving to address educational disadvantage.

We encourage you to take note of the recommendations of the Gonski Report and remain vigilant of the school funding policies that will be framed by government and opposition in the weeks that follow its release.

For further information we invite you to visit www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

ACC Swimming
We wish our entire ACC Swimming Squad best wishes as they prepare to defend the Championship that we won last year. I have been very impressed with the training involved and I am very confident that the team will represent us well. I extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr Montoya and his team of dedicated staff who have helped prepare the boys so well. Whatever the result, I could not be prouder of the boys and their efforts.

Open Day and Enrolments
I thank each and every student and staff member who made such a valuable contribution to our recent Open Day. We received approximately 1000 visitors to the College. Just a reminder that the final date for enrolments for Year 7, 2013 is 2nd March, 2012. After this date, applications are unfortunately unable to be accepted.

Congratulations to Liam Sieker on receiving a top 5 finish at a Snowboarding Tournament in the United States. Well Done!

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
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February 2012

Sun 19 Feb Interviews for Prospective Year 7 Students 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 Year 7 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 Year 7 Applications for 2013
Sat 03 Mar Interviews for Prospective Year 7 Students (2013)
Mon 05 Mar Interviews for Prospective Year 7 Students (2013)
Tue 06 Mar Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
Wed 07 Mar Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
Wed 07 Mar Interviews for Prospective Year 7 Students (2013)
Thu 08 Mar House Athletics (Knox Athletics Track)
Fri 09 Mar Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3
Mon 12 Mar Labour Day – No School
Tue 13 Mar Fathers’ Committee Meeting
Tue 13 Mar Catholic Education Week commences
Wed 14 Mar Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting
Wed 14 Mar Year 8 Snorkelling Day 4
Wed 14 Mar Mazenod Invitational Athletics Carnival
Thu 15 Mar Year 7 Anti-Bullying Programme (9 am – 11 am)
Thu 15 Mar Year 8 Enhancement Information Evening
Fri 16 Mar Year 7 Games Evening
Sat 17 Mar Feast of St Patrick
Sun 18 Mar Red Cross Doorknock Appeal
Sun 18 Mar Catholic Education Week concludes

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 20 Feb Mary Clayton, Rita Lokuge, Merita Wijeyesekera
Tue 21 Feb Michelle McKeogh, Susan Natoli, Sally O’Brien
Wed 22 Feb Kerry Olds, Sofia Iudia, Toula Moutsopoulos
Thu 23 Feb Joanne Signal, Sharon Connolly, Miranda Dinyo
Fri 24 Feb Cathy Scott, Helen Gubbels, Karen De Wilde, Melinda Raffa

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

The next Mothers’ Auxiliary 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

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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.

- 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

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

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.

Homework Program 2012

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.

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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 either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
- 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.

Bayside Film Festival 2012

Call for Entries

JUMP CUT is on again! Young people aged 10 - 26 across Australia are invited to submit short films for screening throughout the Bayside Film Festival. Jump Cut gives young filmmakers an opportunity to screen their works alongside professional filmmakers.

Young filmmakers can submit short films in any genre up to 15 minutes in length. This is a great opportunity for media students to get their works seen! All works submitted will be subject to a competitive selection process, with the strongest films showcased during the four-day event. Screenings are scheduled during the day, making it a perfect excursion for a media class.

In addition to this, a panel of industry members will determine which films will be awarded prizes in each category, the Jump Cut Primary Award (10-13 years), the Jump Cut Secondary Award (14-18 years) and the Jump Cut Tertiary Award (19-26 years). Films must have been completed within the last two years (2010 onwards). Selected films will be screened at the Bayside Film Festival, July 25 – 28 at Palace Brighton Bay, Melbourne.

For entry details: www.bayside.vic.gov.au/jumpcut
Closing date for films: Monday 30 April 2012
For more information, please see Mr Becker
**MUSIC NEWS**

*Are you a Musician?*

For students intending on purchasing instruments instead of hiring from the College, the following prices maybe useful to you if you wish to buy them outside:

- Violins $250.00
- Flute $600
- Trumpets $600
- Trombone $750.00

The Music Staff are more than happy to assist you with great advice and recommendations. Call us at the College on 8561 1108.

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**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

In the absence of Ms. Seremetis who is currently on maternity leave Mr. Luke Kenealy will be assuming the role of Careers Coordinator. Please direct any queries relating to Careers/University etc to myself on 8561 1147.

**Year 10 Work Experience:**

**Work Experience Forms**

Congratulations to those students who have already returned Work Experience forms and another reminder to all Year 10 students that Work Experience forms must be completed and returned to Mr. Kenealy – Careers Coordinator as soon as possible preferably but no later than 29th March (last day of Term 1). Many students have indicated that their placement is organised so the next step is to get the employers to sign the forms and return them ASAP.

The two week work experience placements commence on June 18th and finish on June 29th which is the last day of Term 2. A reminder for students also to adhere to the following suggestions whilst on work experience:

- be punctual
- be polite and well mannered
- be prepared to show some initiative
- enjoy the experience

Further reminders will continue to be given to students who have not returned forms over the coming weeks. Any questions should be directed to the Careers Coordinator on 8561 1147.

**2012 University Placements:**

**Class of 2011**

The College is very proud of the graduating VCE class of 2011 as is now in the position to announce, after second round and supplementary offers this week, that 100% of students who applied for tertiary education have now received an offer of a course. Congratulations to you all.

**Victoria University**

**Sample a future career**

Victoria University is offering exciting short courses within the fields of, carpentry, welding, make up, hair styling, massage and hospitality, these courses can be taught at your school or students can experience our state of the art facilities and learn in a fun and interactive environment in specialised classrooms. Short courses give students an opportunity to sample a future career! For more information or to register please phone 9919 6100 or email tt.shortcourses@vu.edu.au

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**New Courses In Banking For 2012**

Certificate IV in Banking Services (FNS41010) leading into Diploma of Banking Services Management (FNS50910).

Provides students with the knowledge and skills to work in banking or retail financial services environment promoting customer/client service, coordinating implementation of customer service strategies and assessing a credit application which is the role of a first line supervisor.

The primary pathway from this qualification is employment in banking and related organisations involving:

- senior sales consultant
- lending consultant
- lending officer
- team leader or supervisor
- customer contact centre service consultant
- team leader or manager roles in branch environments
- sales and marketing
- small business banking

For further information contact Stephanie Lidis on 9919 7058 or via email to stephanie.lidis@vu.edu.au

**Engineering Activities May-December**

A range of hands-on engineering activities are available for students in Years 7–10 at our Footscray Park Campus. Each activity is of three hours duration and is available by request throughout the year. No charge.

For further information or to make a booking, please contact Santa Giordano on 9919 2103 or via email to santa.giordano@vu.edu.au

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Year 9 student Liam McLellan (right) used his determination and experience to become victorious in the highly competitive Junior Max field in the Rotax Pro Tour in January, a race that attracts nearly 40 drivers.

The CC Racing driver qualified second, then won all three heat races to start on pole for the pre final. After changing leads numerous times throughout the pre final, McLellan finished second. However from the beginning of the final McLellan took the lead and finished convincingly ‘first’ as his nearest competitor was two seconds behind.

If Liam continues to finish in the top three he will represent Australia in the World Championship in Portugal in November.
MAZENOD SPORT
Sport is certainly back up and running this week with every student in the College involved in some sporting activity. Tryouts have begun for our Term 2 Sports Football, Soccer and Badminton.

ACC SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Friday night
Tonight will see another 6 months of hard training and dedication comes to a culmination as we try to defend our ACC Swimming Title. Mr Montoya has trained the boys well since last August and we have no doubt the boys will give their best efforts in the pool. If everyone can do a personal best then we have certainly achieved our goals.

On Tuesday at lunchtime Mr Montoya and Fr Michael announced the Captain of the Team and squad for the night. We are delighted to announce that Trevor Felix is our Swimming Captain. Trevor thoroughly deserves the appointment and has all of his 6 years at Mazenod with pride and distinction.

Trevor will lead the following boys on the night:
**U/13 Squad:**
- Danny Luong
- Nam Huynh
- Stefan Moutsopoulos

**U/14 Squad:**
- Brian Fogarty
- Kevin Phan
- Andy Park

**U/15 Squad:**
- Joel Watson
- Nathan Huynh
- U/16 Squad:
- David Joseph
- Zythiel Espedillon
- Jonathan Tang

**Open Squad:**
- Trevor Felix
- Mitchel Sammut
- Tony Pham

Good luck to Danny Luong, Lachlan Bray, Nam Huynh, James McPhee, Stefan Moutsopoulos, Qeev Espedilllon and Jackson Myers who will all swim for Mazenod for the first time. We wish the squad every success for the night and hope the all perform to the best their abilities!

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 shorted 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 ATHLETICS – 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.

SENIOR ACC SPORT RESULTS
Wednesday saw our Volleyball and Tennis players continue their great start to the ACC Season.

All teams remain undefeated and with only 3 more games until Semi-Finals will need to keep on top of their games. Our Cricket teams were very competitive with our senior boys pushing St Bernard’s right to the end. Xavier Patti continues to take more wickets and Josh White impressed with both bat and ball in the seconds.

Results:
- **1st XI** Mazenod 10/131 vs St Bernard’s 6/163
- X Patti 4/27, Hope 2/26, A Howes 27
- **2nd XI** Mazenod 10/140 vs Emmanuel 8/214

Better Performers:
- Sen A Volleyball 3/75 vs Salesian 0/39
- Sen Tennis 8/86 vs Salesian 4/61

UP COMING SPORTING EVENTS

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Mr Connolly, Mr Montoya, Mr Cunningham & on behalf of the Sports Department.

**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(Fri), 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)
### MAZENOD COLLEGE CANTEEN 2012
(NO CREDIT AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN)

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**Procedure for ordering Lunches:**
Please PRINT STUDENTS NAME, YEAR & HOMEROOM, and ORDER on a paper bag and include CORRECT money in the bag (if possible). Students are to place these orders in boxes provided in Corridor before school.

**CANTEEN DOES NOT PROVIDE BROWN PAPER BAGS**

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN TERMS 2, 3 & 4