Dear Mazenod Families,

This week has been another one filled with significant activity. I am currently involved in an Oblate Education Conference with our fellow Oblate Schools in Queensland and Western Australia. The focus and purpose of this gathering is to strengthen our links, while at the same time looking at the ways in which the Oblate values of St Eugene de Mazenod O.M.I. can best be lived in each of our communities. It is genuinely pleasing that there is so much that unites us with our fellow Oblate Colleges and there is indeed much we can learn from each other.

Congratulations to Charlebois on the recent success of their team in the House Athletics competition. Charlebois are known as the Polar Bears and a warm day at the Athletics was always going to test them. In an amazing display that came down to the final event, the Open Triple Jump, they were able to edge out the Rhinos from Gerard for the title. I thank all of the Staff and Students who made the day so enjoyable.

Our Year 9’s have been experiencing one of the real highlights of the Outdoor Education Programme in the Surf Camps. I do sincerely recognise the work of Mr Matthew Johnson and all of his team of Staff for the care and support that they offer to our boys. We certainly never take for granted the effort of preparation that is needed for these experiences to be worthwhile, engaging and above all, safe.

Thank you to all of the families who attended the VCE Information Night. Even though many of the messages have been articulated before, the reality is, that this time the message is specifically referring to your sons and the unique circumstances that they face. I honestly have every confidence in both the pastoral and academic support that is available to the boys and I encourage every family to communicate as often as you feel the need.

Our College Open Day is being held next week on Tuesday 19th February from 4 pm to 8 pm. Please encourage any of your neighbours or friends to come and have an experience of the College. A gentle reminder that enrolments for Year 7, 2014 are due by Friday 1st March. Last year we had two current Mazenod families unable to secure a place for their younger sons because they had not submitted an application form in time. Because of the extremely high volume of enrolments, it is especially important to make sure that you meet the necessary time lines.

I would also like to recognise and acknowledge any annoyance at the closure of Year 9 and 10 on Thursday as a result of the Day of Protest concerning teachers’ wages as well as work conditions. From the outset, I have tried to communicate clearly with you all, the many complex issues, however, it must be noted that this dispute has gone on far too long. An incredible trust is placed with teachers who are working hard to support the education of our youth. The vast majority of teachers take this very seriously, including those at Mazenod. I am certainly resolved to do all that I can to support the teaching staff at the College in their legitimate pursuit for fair and just wage conditions. The dignity and respect of the teaching profession is being placed at unnecessary risk. I have written to the Education Minister, Mr Martin Dixon as well as the Premier, Mr Ted Baillieu. I am pleased to say that they both personally responded to my emails and I will continue to try and advocate in as many ways as possible. I ask you to all pray for a just and fair outcome for the teachers who look after our students.

Please remember the Inaugural Mass on Friday 1st March at 7.25 pm. Every Student and Family are expected to be present for this very important and beautiful Liturgy.

Next week you will all receive a new Mazenod Calendar which will hopefully help keep every family up to date regarding the activities of the College. As an incentive to make sure your son brings it home, we will be offering prizes at each Year Level to those boys who deliver the calendars safely to their house.

On Wednesday, the Church celebrated Ash Wednesday as the beginning of the Season of Lent. The College also participated in this very important celebration. Essentially this season is given to us to prepare ourselves for the Easter celebrations, however it is not just about looking forward to something. This season gives us all every opportunity to look at our outward and inward lives and see if these are in union or if there might be more work to do. The truth is that we are all on a journey of life and faith that calls us to reflect and at times make necessary changes. I sincerely hope that this Lent may be a time of discovery of the goodness and dignity that is in every person and that we make an effort that our outward behaviour matches that dignity. I hope it is a great season for you.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
**January 2013**

- Sun 17 Jan: Author’s Book Launch
- Mon 18 Jan: Interview for Prospective Students (2014)
- Tue 19 Jan: Interviews for Prospective Students (2014)
- Wed 20 Jan: ACC Athletics Trials after School
- Thu 21 Jan: College Board Meeting
- Fri 22 Jan: Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
- Sun 24 Jan: Applications for Year 7 2014 Close

**February 2013**

- Mon 18 Feb: Jacinta D’Angelo, Lorraine Dorio, Sophie Ludica
- Tue 19 Feb: Julie Cauchi, Karen Davine, Carmel Sullivan, Suzanne Glennon
- Wed 20 Feb: Maria Gentile, Maria Weniger, Angela Aivaliotis
- Thu 21 Feb: Josie Di Fabrizio, Connie Singe, Vicky Colasante, Mirela Tufan
- Fri 22 Feb: Robyn Armitage, Rosie Jurina, Catherine Schumann, Connie Mannix

**March 2013**

- Fri 08 Mar: Year 8 Rock Climbing 2
- Thu 07 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
- Wed 06 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
- Tue 05 Mar: Year 8 Rock Climbing 3
- Mon 04 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3
- Fri 01 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
- Thu 28 Feb: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3
- Wed 27 Feb: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
- Tue 26 Feb: ACC Swimming Carnival @MSAC 7 pm
- Mon 25-1 Mar: Year 7 Camp Week
- Fri 22 Feb: ACC Swimming Carnival @MSAC 7 pm
- Sun 24 Feb: Interviews for Prospective Students (2014)
- Mon 18 Feb: Year 12 Library Lunch & Orientation
- Thu 21 Feb: Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
- Wed 20 Feb: Year 12 (2012) Musicians Dinner
- Tue 19 Feb: Year 7 Camp Week
- Mon 18 Feb: Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
- Fri 01 Mar: Inaugural Mass
- Fri 01 Mar: Applications for Year 7 2014 Close
- Mon 04 Mar: Interviews for Prospective Students (2014)
- Tue 05 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
- Tue 05 Mar: M.O.C.A. Insight Night – Mentoring
- Tue 05 Mar: ACC Athletics Trials after School
- Wed 06 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
- Wed 06 Mar: Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3
- Thu 07 Mar: Year 8 Rock Climbing 2
- Thu 07 Mar: Interviews for Prospective Students (2014)
- Fri 08 Mar: Year 8 Rock Climbing 3

**Mission Action Day 2013**

In an attempt to assist the Oblate Missionary work in the Developing World, Mazenod College will be holding its Annual Mission Action Day on Thursday 28th March. 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 $40.00. The needs of the poor in the Developing World are dire. These have been intensified by both the current global recession, as well as, by the natural disasters which have had a devastating impact on the lives of so many people. We assure you that EVERY cent raised by our Mission Action Day will be distributed to the poor in the Developing World.

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. If others would like to contribute to this very worthy activity, please send donations to either Ms. Natlina Giacco or Mr. Tony Rolfe, and Companies will be acknowledged to the Student Body and School Community.

**Eligibility:**

- To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, 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 temporary foster parent.

  i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

  The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

**Payment Amounts - 2013:**

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Applications for Year 7 2014**

Applications for Year 7 Students in 2014 are now being accepted and close on **Friday 01st March 2013**.

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 will be held on **Friday, 1st March** at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Mass will commence at 7.25 pm. Students are required to attend.
THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT 2.30 PM TO 3.30 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

MUSIC NEWS

Last week we had our Year 7 Music Evening. It was a very successful evening with lots of Students expressing interest in starting music lessons.

If you wish for your son to study Instrumental Music, please hand in your enrolment forms to the Music Office by Friday 22nd February. You can obtain a Music Enrolment Booklet from the Music Office if you do not already have one. Included at the back of this booklet is the Music Enrolment Form.

If you have any questions about your son starting a musical instrument, please speak to Mrs Leela Sharma or Ms Georgina Walton in the Music Office on 8561 1108.

A reminder to all Students that Saturday 23rd February, Students in the Stage Band will be performing at the St. Leonard’s Twilight Fair. Students are required to be at St. Leonard’s Springvale Road, Glen Waverley at 5 pm for a 5.30 pm start. Students are required to wear all black. Please ensure you return your permission forms as soon as possible to Mrs Sharma or Ms Walton in the Music Office. Students will not be able to attend if they do not hand in their permission forms.

HOMEWORK PROGRAM

The Homework Program is designed to provide an opportunity for students to access assistance with organising and undertaking their Homework on a weekly basis. In 2013 some changes will be made to the Program. Firstly from February 20th, the program will run over two nights as follows:

Wednesday afternoon 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm Years 7 & 9
Thursday afternoon 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm Years 8 & 10

Each session will commence with a 10 minute teacher directed mini lesson on study skills & time management skills. The students will then focus on study skills & time management skills. The students will then focus on

The sessions will be held in the Learning Centre and commence on Wednesday 20th Feb/Thursday 21st February.

Students are still required to sign up for Homework Program. Forms are available from the Learning Centre or Student Counter.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Anne Johnson on 8561 1146 or the Learning Centre 8561 1145

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Thank you to all those who attended the first Ladies Auxiliary meeting for 2013, it was fantastic to see familiar and new faces.

The meeting was very productive with Mother’s Day Annual Dinner being the major discussion. A huge “Thank you” goes out to Fr Andrew for celebrating a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass with the mum’s and to Mr Tony Coghlan for joining the ladies for mass and then attending meeting. Both were filling in for Fr Michael who is currently away.

Entertainment Book for 2013 Is on its way!

Please support the Mothers’ Auxiliary and buy a book, heaps of savings to made.

You can pre-order your Entertainment Book and start getting the benefits as soon as the book arrives.

Contact: Front Office or Nancy Mete 0418 553 191
nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au

Mother’s Day Annual Dinner

This year’s Mother’s Day Annual Dinner will be on Friday 10th May. More details to follow in coming up Newsletters.

Prizes for the Mother’s Day Annual Dinner raffle are needed. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle which will be drawn on the night. It will be greatly appreciated.

Please leave it at the School Office marked “Ladies Auxiliary Mother’s Day raffle”. Your generosity will be acknowledged.

CAREERS & PATHWAYS

RMIT Update:

SHORT COURSE INFORMATION

Nurture your talents with a short or single course!

The new 2013 RMIT Short and Single Course Guide is out now, featuring over 250 short courses and approximately 450 single courses. Whether you want to update your skills, pursue your passion, or prepare for university, RMIT offers a variety of short and single courses to suit your needs. Taking a short or single course with RMIT gives you access to:

- Industry experts with a passion for excellence and innovation
- Cutting-edge technology, equipment and facilities
- Current and relevant course content
- Convenient Melbourne locations.

Further Info: Short Courses, tel. 03 9925 8111

Folio Preparation and Career Discovery Courses

Folio preparation and career discovery courses, designed for Year 11 and 12 students, are held at the RMIT City and Brunswick campuses throughout the year. Students will gain valuable insights into study options and will:

- learn about the design industry
- try new techniques that can be used for a folio
- experience projects and exercises particular to a design area.

Further info: Email RMIT to request brochures on shortcourses.fashionandtextiles@rmit.edu.au or tel. 03 9925 8111

Design Bytes

“Design Bytes" is a short course which would be of interest to anyone wanting to know more about design, preparing folios and interviews. This course is suitable for those interested in entering the design field and wanting to gain an insight into design trends, educational and career opportunities.

Further Info: Short Courses, tel. 03 9925 8111

Science in the City – Lab Tours

RMIT would like to invite students, parents and teachers to visit the state-of-the-art learning laboratories, and see first-hand the broad range of sophisticated equipment and facilities and discover what science at RMIT is all about. Lunch or refreshments provided.

Tour dates:

- Thursday 11 April, 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 2 July, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 25 September, 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Register at: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

Experience RMIT in 2013

Back by popular demand in 2013 is a range of Experience Day programs aimed at years 10, 11 and 12 students to get hands on and interactive experience of courses on offer at RMIT. Undertake hands-on activities and learn more about careers in:

- Accounting and Finance
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Fashion and Textiles
- Community Justice
- Aerospace, Mechanical and Manuf. Engineering
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Media and Communications
- Advertising, Marketing and PR
- Environment
- Computing and IT
- Art and Design.

Places are limited. Register your details to be notified when events are open.

Register at: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

General Careers Update:

Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to all year 10 students that work experience forms must be returned to Ms. Seremetis by Thursday 28th March 2013. This is the last week of term 1. Work Experience dates for 2013 are Monday 17th - Friday 28th June 2013.

Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer Programs

For any Year 12 students keen to learn more about Project Abroad’s volunteer and work experience programmes, an open day will be running in Melbourne on Saturday 9th March from 1.00 – 5.00. The Open Day will allow people to drop in
SPORTS NEWS

MAZENOD SPIRIT ALIVE AND WELL

As you can tell from the above photo the 2013 Inter-House Athletics Carnival was a fantastic day yet again and is probably the biggest and best sporting day of the year. In an all-day Carnival we had over 1100 Students participate in an event. Truly amazing to see the Student body as a whole work together to make such a memorable day.

A big thanks must go to all our House Leaders who I will introduce in a Newsletter soon. They all worked tirelessly to ensure that each event was full with eager Students willing to win points for their House. The day was certainly full of colour and the Year 12 Students certainly know how to dress up for the occasion.

We again uncovered some rising and news stars and were reminded of some unbelievable talent amongst the Students. The glamour event is certainly now the Senior High Jump and at one stage we had over half the College cheering on College Captain Stephen Bruce to keep jumping higher. It certainly helped as the Senior High Jump and at one stage we had over half the College cheering on unbelievable talent amongst the Students. The glamour event is certainly now the Senior High Jump and at one stage we had over half the College cheering on College Captain Stephen Bruce to keep jumping higher. It certainly helped as the Senior High Jump and at one stage we had over half the College cheering on

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As mentioned there were many wonderful individual efforts over the day. Students received points for every event they participated in as well as extra points for placing in the top 8 positions. Student accumulated points over the day and the following students were announced as age champions:

Under 13 – Lachlan Viney
Under 14 – Ruergan Braganza
Under 15 – Zac Ryan
Under 16 – Tom McKenna
Under 17 – Albin Cotte
Senior – Angus Carney

On the day we had one existing College record broken Aron Handakas (21.41s) who broke the U/16 200 metre record held by 2010 Student Luke Greco (23.53s).

ACC SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Time Trial Carnival- Noble Park Swim Centre
Our final time trial meet will be straight after School this Monday 18th February. The boys will get a bus to the pool from School and we will run some timed trials between 3.45 pm and 4.45 pm. The afternoon will conclude with a BBQ at the pool and parents are welcome to join us.

ACC CARNIVAL
The Carnival will then be held on Friday 22nd February at MSAC Albert Park with the first event at 7.00 pm. We have good numbers of approximately 20 Students training 4 mornings a week and we are encouraged by their enthusiasm. Team details will be released early next week by head coach Mr Montoya.

ACC ATHLETICS TRAINING
We have now identified 140 Students whom we think can make a difference to our chances of finishing in the top 3 of the Athletics Competition. Invitations have been given to all these Students and we expect to see them participate in this program. Training will begin on Tuesday 26th February during Sport and after School. Training will continue then on every alternate Tuesday and Thursday until the Carnival on Wednesday 27th March. Training will finish no later than 4.30 pm.

ACC RESULTS
Due to the tight schedule this week’s results will appear in next week’s Newsletter where I will hopefully be telling you of our fantastic 4 wins. All our details for next week’s ACC are below:

The Sporting Team