Dear Mazenod Community,

I would like to offer a sincere thanks to everyone involved in our recent Inaugural Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The celebration was a wonderful way to formally begin our School year and it again demonstrated the joy of our Mazenod Community. Bishop Vincent gave a wonderful and warm homily about the value of being involved and of overcoming the many obstacles that are in front of us at times. He spoke of his journey as a refugee and the wonderful embrace that he felt from the Australian people. I sincerely hope our community here at Mazenod continues to give this warm embrace to all those who have struggled in their lives.

Year 7 Camps

During the week our Year 7’s attended camp under the direction of Mr Matthew Johnson, Mr David May and our dedicated Staff and Year 11 Students. I ventured up to each of the two camps at Rawson and was very pleased to have done so. I was able to witness the wonderful behaviour of the Year 7 class, as well as offer support and gratitude to the generous staff who accompanied the boys. The weather proved very difficult for everyone involved, but I was very pleased to see and hear that the boys did not complain but entered wholeheartedly into every activity fully. In a very busy Term, our Year 7’s have experienced a range of activities and on each occasion have been fine examples of great Mazenod behaviour. Thank you to all involved in the camps, including those Staff who covered for classes back here at Mazenod.

Canteen Thanks

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our canteen volunteers. I am very pleased that such a warm community feeling exists in the canteen and I believe that the care that Mrs Margaret O’Sullivan, Mrs Virginia Nisbet and Mrs Sandra Mancini provide to our volunteers is exemplary. I know that we are one of the few Schools who are still able to fully provide a canteen service through parent volunteers and I am sure that the caring and enjoyable environment created there is the reason for that. I am glad to see that the mums and dads continue to help the boys remember their manners. The service that every volunteer provides to the school is greatly appreciated. If there are any more mums and dads who would like to volunteer, please contact the College on 9560 0911 whenever you get the chance.

Mission Action Day 2012

During these past few days, we have been launching the annual Mission Action Day Appeal and I am grateful to Keegan Coulter and Eugene Ng our Mission Action Day Prefects for their leadership in this area. Some of the boys from the China Orphanage Experience also shared their stories with the boys and this was received very well. It is an integral part of the Mazenod Experience to stand with and for, those who have been left out or neglected in society. This year, we have been very happy to include tax deductibility status for the donations as our donations will be heading to overseas areas of great need. Each family is asked to willingly make a contribution of at least $40 to this appeal. Many families give considerably more than this amount. We do understand that many families already donate to various charities and that is something to cherish. We also understand that in our own economic climate that many families are struggling financially as well. However, we also know that there are people all over the world who are in such huge need, that our support is vital for their survival. Every cent donated reaches some of the most struggling families of the world. Our donations will reach families in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India. In each and every case, the Oblates ensure that the money reaches the intended recipients. I encourage each and every family and each and every staff member to support this important initiative of our Mazenod Community. It is also important that the boys do not just go to each of their families and put their hand out for money. My suggestion would be for the boys to offer to do some extra work around the house or use part of their wages if they have a part time job. Learning the value of sharing resources is an important and necessary tool in combatting poverty all over the world. For everything that you are able to give, I say a sincere thank you.

Meeting Professor Ed Byrne – Vice Chancellor of Monash University

During the week, I was invited to a lunch held at Monash University by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor of a University plays a similar role as a Principal does in a Secondary School. At the lunch, Professor Byrne indicated a strong willingness on the part of the University to foster and cultivate healthy relationships with the local Schools of the area. Approximately 40% of Mazenod graduates continue their tertiary studies at Monash and we gladly welcome this commitment and initiative from Monash University. We will be actively seeking greater access to some of the University’s facilities, particularly in the area of Science and look forward to some collaborative projects with the University. This development will hopefully continue to ensure that every Mazenod student is given the opportunity to succeed in any area of life. We also will continue to pursue relationships with other Tertiary Institutions such as the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and Australian Catholic University.

Mr Peter Janssen RIP

This week saw the death of a wonderful friend, former parent and neighbour of Mazenod College, Mr Peter Janssen. Peter and his wife Margaret have been neighbours of the College in Kernot Avenue for 40 years and during that time, their sons and grandson attended the College and Peter served on the College Board for 11 years. He was a genuine man of family, faith and community and he will be sadly missed. His funeral, led by Fr Moroney O.M.I. at St John Vianney’s was a wonderful testament to a life well lived. Peter, Margaret and all the family will remain in our prayers and may he Rest in Peace.

Developing Floods

Our prayers and thoughts are with those people within Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland who are experiencing floods at this time. We pray for all rescue workers and hope that each community supports each other in the recovery ahead.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
TOM’S SCHOLARSHIP TAKES HIM TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

After picking up a $20,000 scholarship to the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) this year, Tom Machniak (Year 12 2011) is getting ready to pack his bags.

The 18 year old will begin his studies at the South Australian ICHM campus in July, joining students from as many as 20 countries.

Tom is no stranger to hospitality—he’s been Crew Trainer and Crew Chief at the Dandenong Plaza McDonald’s for the past few years and holds a Certificate 111 in Retail. His efforts in Business Management in Year 11 earned him a gold medal.

But ICHM will take his hospitality career ambitions to a whole new level on the way to achieving his aspiration to lead the human resources department of a five-star hotel.

Over the next three or four years Tom will study for two degrees—the Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) and Bachelor of International Hotel Management, which has been endorsed by the Swiss Hotel Association. This is the first and only degree in the world badged by this famed century-old association.

The two degrees comprise four academic semesters, 1500 hours of industry placement and proficiency in a second language.

Like all ICHM students, Tom will undertake paid industry placements in international hotels for six months every year. From second year these could take him anywhere in the world.

Since ICHM started 18 years ago, scholarships have been worth in excess of $2.5 million. In 2012 there were two other winners from Victoria and one from Queensland.

ICHM, the Asia-Pacific basin campus of the Swiss Hotel Association, is widely regarded as up with the best hotel schools in the world. Its graduates are in top positions internationally.

ICHM’s Australian students are eligible for Fee-Help.

www.ichm.edu.au

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MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Guest Speaker for next Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting
14th March, 2012

Fr Christian Fini O.M.I. will be the guest speaker at our next Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting on Wednesday 14th March, 2012. Fr Christian will start the evening by celebrating Mass with the Ladies at 7.30 pm in the School Chapel. He will then join everyone in the Conference Room where he will be giving an informative talk on the Orphanage in China.

This will give the ladies more understanding and knowledge on how the orphanage operates and also how the Oblates and Mazenod are involved.

The evening will finish with a light supper and drinks. All ladies welcome.

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

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THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENED
MONDAY 5TH MARCH FROM 2.30 PM TO 3.30 PM

If your son has grown out of his GOO quality School/Sports Uniforms. Now is the 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

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PARENTING ADOLESCENTS 10 - 15 YEARS

Parenting adolescents is a program for parents of young people aged between 10 - 15 years of age. Over 2 weeks the program will cover a number of topics including:
- Understanding Adolescent Development
- Setting Boundaries & Limits
- Respectful Communication
- Problem Solving - Conflict Resolution
- Self Care

In addition to these topic areas, the program will give parents the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other.

When: 6th and 13th March 2012
Time: Tuesday’s 7:00pm – 9:30pm
Where: Monash Youth and Family Services
14 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley
(Pree 3 & 4 hour parking available opposite MYFS in the triple story carpark)

There are no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited. To book call MYFS on 9518 3900

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SPRAY (AEROSOL) DEODORANTS
Because spray deodorants can trigger asthma attacks, they are banned from the College.
If the students intend to bring toiletries to the College or to College activities, they need to be the roll-on type.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
We all do things to enhance our lives; Fitness programs and diets to improve our health; Professional Development programs to improve our job skills. We offer you an opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enhancing your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. Good marriages need some attention occasionally. Please join us in 2012. Take a look at our website on www.wwme.org.au
Our weekends in 2012 are: 20-22 April, 15-17 June, 10-12 August and 12-14 October.
For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03)9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Please support Sue Leydon and her team in the Oxfam 100km walk for charity
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This year Brock Leydon of Year 8, his mum Sue, together with 3 work colleagues, will bravely put their legs and feet on the line and walk 100km’s to raise funds for this great charity. We ask that you please support this team in their efforts by making an online donation. I am sure, when they feel they are on their last legs, and their blister ridden feet just don’t want to walk any further, the fact that they are supported by you will help them over the finish line.

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CAREERS AND PATHWAYS
Summer has drawn to a close (did it even begin?) but don’t let the autumnal change prevent you from venturing out and into the Careers Office for a quiet chat about your future direction. It is never too early to start the ball rolling so make an appointment via the intranet or simply drop in and speak with Mr. Kenealy.

Year 10 Work Experience:

Work Experience Forms
We are well and truly into the swing of things but the Year 10 students are still behind the eight ball in returning their forms. Please make every effort to return the signed Work Experience forms to Mr Kenealy – Careers Coordinator as soon as possible preferably but no later than 29th March (last day of Term 1). Students who have not yet organised placements for the two weeks need to begin this immediately. Students who have misplaced their Work Experience Forms need to obtain another one from the Careers Office urgently. It is imperative that students organise this NOW!!

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.

Monash University:

‘At Monash Seminar Series’

The ‘At Monash Seminar Series’ provides an opportunity for students, parents and secondary school teachers to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields across the faculties and campuses of Monash University.

Seminar program
While each seminar is unique to the faculty and disciplines it is promoting, generally they will involve a Faculty and discipline overview, a current student and a graduate student perspective encompassing a personal account of their experience within the faculty. Finally, sufficient time will be provided for questions from the audience to pose to the panel of academics, administrative staff and current and graduate students.

Seminar times
All ‘At Monash Seminars’ will begin at 6.30pm and finish around 8pm. Attendance registration is essential on the website: www.monash.edu/seminars

- 7th March - Architecture and Interior Architecture
- 8th March - Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics
- 13th March - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 14th March - Business and Economics
- 19th March - Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- 20th March - Information Technology
- 26th March - Health Science and Social Work
- 27th March - Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation
- 28th March - Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography & Nutrition and Dietetics
- 29th March - Arts (Social Sciences and Humanities)
- 18th April - Design and Fine Art
- 19th April - Psychology
- 8th May - Science
- 15th May - Performing Arts
- 17th May - Law
- 23rd May - Berwick Campus Showcase
- 30th May - Gippsland Campus Showcase
- 28th June - Engineering Information Evening (*Please note that this event will finish at 9:30pm)

More information and to register: www.monash.edu/seminars

Open Days
As information regarding dates and institutions becomes available about Open Days it will be relayed to students via the weekly newsletter, daily bulletin announcements and flyers posted in relevant year levels. Please remember to check Careers Noticeboards regularly.

Luke Kenealy – Careers Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS
This week starts the build-up to our Athletics Season for 2012. The season launch was held on Monday and it was very pleasing to see over 50 students attend. This was a great number given the Year 7’s were on Camp. We have just less than 5 weeks to get our team ready and Fr Michael and Mr Cunningham both spoke about the need for the students to enjoy the experience and to give their best effort. In such a short time, we can do very little to make great improvements to techniques and times, and we rely greatly on the natural ability of students to perform. What Luke Greco, former Old Boy and Australian Junior World Olympic Representative reinforced to the boys is that we need to make sure we get the little things correct. If we can get our baton changes, block starts and starting
positions right then we give us every chance to perform to the best of our ability. Training times and venues are listed below.

Next week on Thursday 9th March, we will see the whole School attend the College Athletic Meet at Knox’s. No doubt this is one of the biggest events on the School calendar for the year. Like the previous years, we encourage all students to participate in as many events as possible.

ACC Soccer & Football Tryouts
As we start to prepare for our winter Sports, coaches will begin tryouts during School hours and after School. The idea is to give students as many chances as possible to show their skills to coaches before we select our squads. I remind students not to worry if they are unable to attend a session. We also look favourably on students who may be training for Athletics and also another ACC Sport. The best way for your son to combine all these commitments is to talk to his coach. It is a busy Term and we do not expect students to attend every session.

ACC Squads
Every year we have students who are very excited about playing ACC Sport which is fantastic. The reality is we can only pick so many students. 2 years ago Fr Michael gave us the go ahead to get 2 Teams registered at both Year 7 and 8 levels for most ACC Sports. This obviously doubles the number of students that get the chance to represent Mazenod each week. For Soccer, we have approximately 30 spots available at each year level and 60 for Football.

I ask students to keep in mind when trying out for these squads that we have 214 students at each Year Level and when you try out for a squad, it can be like trying out for a representative squad at local level. The standard can be very high and though your son may have been the best player at his primary school or local club it does not necessarily mean he will be the best player at Mazenod.

We also remind students that if they are playing for a local club on a weekend we EXPECT them to be available to play for Mazenod every week. Coaches will coordinate training so as students can do both local and school sport, and Mazenod will NOT be seen or treated as the second tier team. One of the great things about the ACC is that we play mid-week which gives your son the opportunity to stay involved in local weekend sport, unlike many other Grammar, Private and Public schools that have compulsory weekend sport.

LIAM SIEKER FINALLY RETURNS TO EARTH
While most of us were enjoying the many beautiful beaches around Victoria during the School holidays, Liam Sieker of Year 12 travelled to the American Winter Sports Academy in Colorado. Liam was invited over to train with an eye on improving his snowboarding techniques so as he can compete this year in the elite category at Mt Buller. Liam had a great time as you can see from the photo below and was able to tell us all the tales of his near misses and perfect landings.

Liam will continue to train on trampolines and nets until the Australian Winter Series that starts later this year.

Students will be advised soon as to the sport selection for the next Term.

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. At our Season launch on Monday students were informed that training will be on a Monday afternoon at Knox Athletics Club. A bus will leave here at 3.20 pm and return by 5.15 pm. Students may be picked up at the track. We will then hold follow up sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon here at the College. These sessions will go for between 30 mins and an hour depending on the event. We are very excited to have a number of Old Boys involved coaching this year and we welcome back Luke Greco, Jared Blatancic and John Paul Maletzis to help support the students. We also have assistants to our students Mr Mick Whiteoak and Mr Chris White who are both accredited Athletic coaches and who have worked with the boys before. Mr Cunningham, Mr May and Mr Connolly will be the contact people for this event if you have any queries.

ACC Results
A great win to our Volleyball teams on Wednesday. Playing our arch rivals in St Bernard’s you can see how close the scores were and the A team and B team all managed to hold on for great wins. No doubt we look forward to playing St Bernard’s again later in the season. The Tennis team was hit hard by injuries and camp and we were not expecting a great result against St Bernard’s. To the credit of Mr Kenealy and the team, they went out with a fantastic attitude and pulled off one of our best wins in years. Our Cricketers continue on with some consistent form but not enough to get us over the line for a win. Dylan Masters of Year 12 continues his good form with the bat making 36 in the firsts and Rob Howes who made 47 in the seconds.

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