Dear Mazenod Families,

This week has seen the conclusion of the interview process for Year 7 Enrolments for the 2013 academic year. It was very humbling to have so many people seek admittance to the College and each and every family that were interviewed were full of hope for their sons. One of the genuinely pleasant aspects of the interviews were the number of families who indicated the tremendous commendations that you (our families) have made to them about the College. The way in which you have shared your impressions of Mazenod has been a major factor in so many people seeking to gain admission. The behaviour of the boys was also consistently mentioned as being a major factor in the decision making process. Obviously, we as a College, are not perfect and we must constantly remain vigilant, however, the good name that the College has worked so hard to form, is being respected by our current students. This is very pleasing. As you all know, we are a non-selective entry School, yet I must now make a decision about offering approximately 200 places to over 500 applicants. This is an extremely difficult and time consuming task and I can assure you it is not taken lightly. The enrolment process concludes in late April and I ask you to keep all families in your prayers.

The week also saw the College Athletics Carnival where participation levels were at a record high. The senior students made a great effort to encourage maximum participation and there were some creative costumes and demonstrations of House spirit. Some the costumes were truly frightening and one Year 7 was heard to say that he thought that one of the Year 12’s was the "ugliest girl I have ever seen in my life". The senior high jump saw a crowd of 200 cheer on Dean Izon, John Paul Van Rensburg, a Barbie try-hard and the Cookie Monster! The day saw a combination of serious Athletics and also genuine humour. I witnessed Visesio Saina throw a new shot-put record of 14.66 m and I also saw a blow up Santa try and unsuccessfully pick up a shot-put thrown 7m. I thank all of the Staff, Students and Families involved in helping ensure this day was a great celebration of the Mazenod Experience.

Hopefully you will have all received a letter about Mission Action Day which highlights our hopes for the experience and I do sincerely hope that everyone has an enjoyable Long Weekend. I know many students will make use of the extra time for study, while others will simply enjoy a good sleep in. Just in case you were wondering, the holiday is for Labor Day where we celebrate the dignity and value of work, by having a holiday.

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

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.

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

LOTE NEWS

Trip to Japan

The trip to Japan will be taking place this year for two weeks from 20th September. The trip is open to all students of Japanese from Year 9 to Year 11 inclusive. An Information Session is being held next Thursday 15th March at 7.00 pm for any interested Parents. Please refer to the notice sent home via your son’s Japanese teacher and return the reply slip confirming your attendance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the College on 9560 0911.

Mrs J Noone
LOTE Coordinator

Year 7 Family Fun Evening

New families to the College Community are invited to the Year 7 Family Fun Evening on Friday 16th March 2012, at the College, starting at 6.45 pm and concluding around 9.00 pm.

This is a friendly social night to give us all a chance to meet and get to know each other, with beverages and BBQ food provided at no cost as the evening is funded the Mothers’ Auxiliary and Fathers’ Committee.

Invitations have been forwarded to all new families and Year 7 families - please help us with organization and catering by ensuring you RSVP by Monday 12th March 2012.

If you have any questions about the night, please feel free to contact: John Macaulay on 0408 416 839.

Mothers’ Auxiliary & Fathers’ Committee

MISSION ACTION DAY 2012

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, 30th 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.

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. All donations received by individuals and companies will be acknowledged to the Student Body and School Community via the Mazenod College Newsletter.

We wish to recognize the very generous donations of:

The Skrzyniarz Family (Daniel Yr 11) and Toshiba Australia
Richard Faragher and the Knox Environment Society

Thanking you,

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There are plenty of opportunities available for students to sample different career opportunities at many of the tertiary institutions in Melbourne at the moment. Look for the ‘Keeper for a Day’ program in this newsletter for students interested in a career with animals and the William Angliss ‘Trial-a-Trade’ program. 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 about your subjects or tertiary study.

**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.

**William Angliss Institute:**

**Trial-a-Trade**

William Angliss Institute is offering young people aged 14-18 the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers for an evening as part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. This program will give participants a hands-on feel for a working life as a chef, baker, barista or patissier.

Trial-a-Trade promises to be fun, affordable and a great opportunity for young people to learn new skills and explore the broad range of career options in the foods and hospitality industries. Due to its popularity it is advisable to book early.

Date: Sunday 18 March 2012
Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm (arrival 8:50)
Venue: William Angliss Institute
555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

**Werribee Open Range Zoo Opportunity**

**Keeper for a Day**
Keeper for a Day is a hands-on school holiday program for students interested in a career working with animals. Participants will help out our animal keepers and learn about one of the most rewarding jobs. You have the opportunity to speak with animal keepers about their jobs and experience. Be prepared for the smell, sweat and of course, the fun of it all!

**Werribee Open Range Zoo**
3rd, 10th and 12th April
Times: 9.30am – 4.00pm
Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee

**Healesville Sanctuary**
Years 7 & 8: 3rd, 5th and 10th April
Years 9 & 10: 4th and 11th April
Times: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
Location: Healesville Sanctuary, Badger Creek Rd, Healesville
Cost: $102.00 includes morning tea (BYO lunch)
Age: Secondary students (13-18 years).

**Bookings:** (03) 9285 9406
Pre-payment essential at time of booking. Please click on the following link for further details on this school holiday programs.

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**

A busy week with a number of activities on around the College so this will only be a short edition. The big event obviously was the House Athletics held yesterday at Knox Athletics Track. It was another fantastic day and it was great to see nearly every student compete in at least one event and most in more than 3 events. I will have a more detailed results and age champions in next week’s Newsletter. A big thanks to Mr Cunningham and Mr Montoya for their organisation of the day, as well as the entire Mazenod Staff who supervised and marshalled every event.

A special note of thanks must go to our House Leaders, who again shone on the day with their enthusiasm and encouragement of their fellow House teammates. The boys excelled this year in unifying their teams and ensuring they had representatives at every event. Their assistants from Year 11 were always there to back their leaders and the partnership of both students worked extremely well in organising their house colour.

**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.

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 Malietzis 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
ACC Sport heads into Semi-Final week with our Tennis Team and Volleyball teams playing off for positions in Grand Finals. It will definitely not be easy but I am sure our teams are up for the challenge. Our cricket teams play their last games of the season and hopefully can finish off with good wins!

1st XI Mazenod vs St Joseph’s-TBC
2nd XI Mazenod 4/95 vs St Bernard’s 94
Ng 3/38, Cherukara Matthews 2/12, Di Nezza 2/33, Howes 46, Kennedy 27

Sen A Volleyball 3/75vs CBC St Kilda 0/16
Better Performers: Van Rensberg, Melenhorst, Legrand

Sen B Volleyball 3/75 vs CBC St Kilda 0/0
Better Performers: Sieker, Trounce, Joseph, Sikora

Sen Tennis vs CBC St Kilda-TBC
Better Performers: Nguyen, Pawlukowski, Turlijski, Wickerton

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