Term 1 Newsletter No. 2

Today we celebrated the success of the students who achieved an ATAR score of 90+ in the recent VCE Examinations. Present with us were their families, Primary School Principals and their Parish Priests. This combination of support is crucial in any of these celebrations. A more full report of the academic achievements of the College accompanies this newsletter.

We are fully aware that each student is worth more than a number and next week we will hold a breakfast for our Year 13 students (i.e. those who graduated in 2010). At this breakfast we will renew acquaintances and let each of the boys know the tremendous support that they will be offered. We were particularly pleased that 97% received a first-round University Offer and will work with the further 3% to support them in their next phase.

Yesterday we joined as a community and had a Uniform Free Day in support of the victims of flooding in Queensland, Victoria, Sri Lanka and Brazil. I would like to thank you for your generosity and announce that we raised a combined total of $16,244. This money will be sent to the Toowoomba Diocese where the devastation was at its most severe as well as to Oblate Communities in Sri Lanka and Brazil that were affected. Any student or family wishing more information about volunteering in Queensland and Victoria is invited to contact the College on 9560 0911. We are planning a College trip in the Easter holidays to Queensland.

Last week was the Year 12 Camp/Retreat and I thank all those involved in its smooth running. The attitude and behaviour of the boys was excellent and the care, support and compassion of the staff was very much appreciated by all. A beautiful and moving Mass was celebrated on the Thursday night and the boys fully participated and became involved in the Liturgy. The Camp/Retreat was held at Portsea, which is in the Oblate Parish of Sorrento. Our Year 7 Camp in a few weeks time, will be held in Rawson which is in our Oblate Parish of Moe. We thank all of those Oblates who welcomed us into their Parish.

The Music Department has resumed its learning and practice programme and has the full support of the College. As a community, we invest significant resources into the programme, because it has such great social and artistic benefits. I congratulate and encourage all musicians for the fine way they allow music to influence their lives and our College. We are blessed to have such patient and supportive teachers and parents who are sometimes asked to endure many hours of practice until that piece is played well. I encourage and expect all students to attend their allocated lessons as considerable effort has been placed in the timetabling and staffing of such lessons. Even if reluctance sets in, it is expected that every student honours their commitments. I also thank those Music Teachers who support the College and the boys through the leading of Ensembles and Choirs. This work enables the boys to perform for an audience and continue to improve.

As we begin our ACC Sporting commitments, I would like to again remind the community of the great place that sport has in the fabric of the College. I know that our good name and reputation are safe in the teams’ hands. This Semester sees us compete in Cricket, Volleyball and Tennis in the Senior Competitions. I have been very impressed with the reports of sportsmanship, behaviour and respect shown by Mazenod students so far in the Cricket and encourage and expect that to be the case in all sports. It is expected that each and every student gives ACC Sport their full support through participation. The way we present and represent the College is of far more significance than a score at the end of the day. I believe that sport does not just build character, it reveals it.

Mr David May, as Director of Sport is the College’s liaison with our elite sportsmen and the coordination of their programmes. Any student with special needs at an elite level of sport should make an appointment to see Mr May. Our College sport and its representation is crucial and Mr May will coordinate and facilitate the many demands placed on our elite sportsmen.

The College took part in our photo day and the vast majority of students came prepared and ready for the occasion. There were some boys who needed some hair adjustments and uniform checks. The support of families is crucial in the presentation of the boys. The haircut and uniform rule exists because our good name and character are important to us.

I have heard some reports of some less than satisfactory behaviour on public transport. It is fully expected that each boy’s conduct is exemplary on public transport and that respect be shown at all times to all fellow passengers. We obviously take very seriously any breach of that respect and consequences will follow where necessary.

May I please ask you to note in your diaries and calendars the date of the 25th February, which is the College’s Inaugural Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. This celebration brings together the whole community and asks the Holy Spirit to guide, support and inspire us in 2011. Buses will again be provided and more information will be given soon.

I am aware that accounts for fees have recently been sent out. I ask that your prompt payment of these fees be a priority. Some families, in the past, have needed to be pursued for fees and this is never pleasant for anyone. Of course the College would wish to cooperate with families in all circumstances, however, in justice a prompt payment of fees is crucial. We endeavour to be supportive of families and communication of special needs is very important.

The College’s Open Day will be held on Tuesday, February 15 and if you know of anyone considering Mazenod as their school, it would be important they attend this day. Enrolments for Year 7 2012 students close on March 2. This date is set by the Catholic Education Office across the Archdiocese. As demand for places is much higher than vacancies, it is important that all enrolments are received on time. Mrs Aylene Robinson can be contacted on 9560 0911 if you have any questions regarding enrolments.

The College congratulates Fr Pat Moroney O.M.I. on his installation as Parish Priest of St John Vianney’s in Springvale North. Fr Pat is a great supporter of the College and contributed many years of service here. He is always welcome and it is great to have him back locally. He informs me that St John Vianney’s Parish is in need of more Altar Servers. If you are a parishioner and can assist, I am sure the community would be very grateful.

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

February 2011

Mon 14 Feb  VCE Information Evening
Tue 15 Feb  Open Day 4 pm – 8 pm
Tue 15 Feb  Year 7 Icons of Melb & Cathedral Tour 1
Tue 15 - Fri 18 Feb  Year 9 Surf Camp & Activity Programme
Wed 16 Feb  College Board Meeting
Wed 16 Feb  Year 7 Icons of Melb & Cathedral Tour 2
Wed 16 Feb  Calculator Sales 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Thu 17 Feb  Year 13 Breakfast
Fri 18 Feb  ACC Swimming Carnival @MSAC 7 pm – 10 pm
Wed 23 Feb  Year 12 Library Lunch & Orientation
Thu 24 Feb  House Athletics at Knox Athletics Track
Fri 25 Feb  Year 10/VCAL Vocational Prep Careers Expo
Fri 25 Feb  Inaugural Mass
Sun 27 Feb  Interviews for Prospective Students Year 7 2012
Mon 28 Feb – 4 Mar  Year 7 Camp Week

March 2011

Tue 1 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students Year 7 2012
Wed 02 Mar  Final Date for Applications for Year 7 2012
Sat 05 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students Year 7 2012
Mon 07 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students Year 7 2012
Tue 08 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
Wed 09 Mar  Ash Wednesday
Wed 09 Mar  Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting
Thu 10 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
Thu 10 Mar  Year 7 Anti Bullying Programme (9am – 11am)
Thu 10 Mar  Interviews for Prospective Students Year 7 2012
Fri 11 Mar  Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3

More dates will be added progressively

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Next Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March, 2011 commencing with Mass at 7.30pm.

Coming Soon

Once again the 2011 Entertainment Book will be available to purchase from the Mazenod Ladies Auxiliary. More details in future newsletters.

OTHER NEWS

Mazenod College Newsletter

The College Newsletter will now be sent to you via email. For those Parents who have not supplied or have updated their email address, please ensure you provide this to the Front Office as soon as possible.

For Parents who do not have an email address, a hard copy will be available for collection by students or parents each Friday after 8 am from the Student Counter.

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN

Wednesday 16 February 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

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.

Nancy 0418 553 191  nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au
Amanda 0401 194 799  diamanta@bigpond.net.au

HOMEWORK CLUB 2011

The Homework Program has now resumed at Mazenod College and is open to all students every Wednesday after school. The Program provides the opportunity for students to complete their homework with the completion of home assigned tasks.

Students who wish to attend the Homework Program must complete the registration form which can be collected from the Student Counter.

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 15 FEB 2011

4 pm – 8 pm
(last tour at 7 pm)

All families are welcome for a guided tour of the College

Contact: College Reception for application form and further information.

Edication Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) 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 2011)

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: College Reception for application form and further information.

Mazenod Boys are very fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist at 8.30 each morning. The Eucharist is at the core of the College’s values and teachings, and we would like as many students as possible to take part in the Mass.

The Mass of each day is organised by a particular Homeroom, but all are welcome to attend.

Monday – Year 7
Tuesday – Year 8
Wednesday – Year 9
Thursday – Year 10
Friday – Year 11 & 12

Your support in getting the boys to school early is appreciated,

Mr. Jeremy Wright
Religious Education Coordinator (Mission & Liturgy)

Parent Learning Disabilities (LD) Education & Support Group

A support group for parents/carers of teenagers and young adults with LD, including dyslexia

Next Session:  Wednesday 16th February 2011
Time:  7 pm – 9 pm
Venue:  Matsuda Room, Box Hill Town Hall Box Hill
Cost:  Free

Session Topic: Practical Strategies to support your child at school and at home including building a successful partnership with your child’s school. Presenter Joanne Webber

Book now for February’s Session!

Booking is essential and spaces are limited. To book please email Deborah at info@ldnetwork.net.au with your name and contact details.
All prospective students and their parents are invited to our first round of information sessions and College tours for 2011 on Saturday, February 19. Our new Principal, Ms Louise Gunther will conduct the information sessions which start promptly at 11 am and also at 2 pm, and which are followed by student-led tours of the campus. Please note that the closing date for applications for Year 7 positions in 2012 is Friday, March 2, 2011.

While the open days are the best way to view the College and gain information, a meet-the-Principal-morning will be held on Thursday, March 10. Numbers for the session are limited. For further information, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Maria Nankervis on 9831 9600.

**General Careers Update:**

DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP (DTS)

A Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects. Year 11 recipients will receive $2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive $3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, students will be required to explain why they are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

**Pre-Requisite Subjects**

Please TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Students must be enrolled in at least one subject in Section A or B, and must be enrolled in Maths (section C) in order to have an eligible application.

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Interested students must see Ms. Seremetis in the Careers Office for a DTS application kit. Applications close 31 March 2011.

**CABINET MAKING APPRENTICESHIP**

Cabinet Making apprenticeship position (first year) is available in the Keysborough area for any student who may have completed year 11 or year 12 in 2010. Interested students are asked to contact Ms. Seremetis in the Careers Office for more information.

**Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Today we acknowledged the outstanding achievements of those students who acquired an enter score of 90+. I have the utmost respect for every student that achieves such great results due to the hard work and commitment they show to their studies. What impresses me even more, is that of the 54 students who achieved this result 45 of those...
students represented Mazenod at an ACC Sport during their final year. That is not to mention those who took part in the musical, debating and bands.

This just goes to prove that we need balance in all we do in life! When we put everything into one thing we can easily lose perspective of the opportunities that exist around us, and as the saying goes ‘you should not put all your eggs into one basket’!

We at Mazenod, are the only school within the ACC that runs a Year 7-12 sport program, and we are the College that all other ACC school’s respect most for our outstanding VCE results. I do not think there is any doubt that our boys achieve as well as they do, due to their balanced work load that includes focus on their academic studies and also involvement in all school activities. This is not just a point for our VCE students, but the whole school body.

As our newly appointed School Captain Stephen Welsford said at our first assembly on Tuesday, it is important that students make the most of all the opportunities they have here at Mazenod. With that, should be the chance to represent Mazenod at ACC Sport. When you accept your position to join Mazenod you accept wholly to participate in everything we do, including sport! We encourage all students with talent and those wishing to develop, to try and get involved in sporting teams. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain!

We expect that students who play chosen sports outside of school to also play for Mazenod during the week. We will always work with clubs and coaches in the community to achieve the best outcome for our students, but we will not do this at the expense of our teams and programs.

Thankfully we have the majority of our students who wish to participate and involve themselves, and in the end the reward they get in improvement, pride, passion and commitment is worth more than going along and not doing anything at all.

Our Swimmers will next week compete in the ACC Carnival at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park. The Carnival begins at 7pm and will conclude around 10pm. Transport details will be given out next week. Good luck to Mr Montoya and the squad for the night.

Wednesday saw all our senior teams compete in the ACC competition. Pleasing results for all and details are below.

Mr May has Athletics under way and has organised a number of training sessions for students to take part in. Again this is another opportunity to be taken, and students can only benefit from participating.

OLD COLLEGIANS CRICKET AND FOOTBALL
Both clubs have a strong link with the College as they both use the College oval for training and playing. (Football played at Central Res.) It is fantastic to see many past students continue friendships and play with their school mates at these clubs. It is also great to see many current students playing at both clubs, and the invitation is always there for students to involve themselves in the Old Boys while still being a student. The cricket club trains every Tuesday and Thursday here at 6pm (4 senior teams & U/16 team) and the Football club trains here every Monday and Wednesday starting at 6pm (3 senior teams & U/19 team). For details please contact the school or check out the website of each club.

ACC RESULTS – RD 2
SENIOR CRICKET 10/95 VS WHITEFRIARS 3/97
Highlights: R Howes 29, S Riley 20, Tissera 1/6, K Rodriguez 1/11
SENIOR TENNIS 8/79 VS DE LA SALLE 4/70
Best: Meares, Kosorog, Del Vecchio, B Nyugen, J Souter
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL A 3/75 VS DE LA SALLE 0/37
Best: Melenhors, Vong, Strudwick
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL B 3/75 VS DE LA SALLE 0/35
Best: Goullet, Blatancic, Phan

ACC SPORT DETAILS – February 16th

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Students welcome to make own way in and home with parents.

The Sports Team
Mr May, Mr Montoya, Mr Connolly & Mr Bedwell

Uniform Free Day in Support of the Flood Victims

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 Austin’s, Wheelers Hill, Sat 5pm, 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, 5.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian).