From The Rector

During the latter part of last week, Ms Giacco, Mr Putrino, Adam Reeves, Tom Gubbins, Justin Hilliard and I travelled to Mazenod, Western Australia to join with our brother school as they celebrated their Opening School Mass and the Opening and Blessing of a new Senior Complex. We were warmly welcomed and experienced the joys of West Australian life. During our time there, we gathered with the Prefects of their College and developed a joint venture of leadership values. I include them for you to see in this week’s newsletter and I hope that they form the basis for leadership in the College.

Both Mazenod Colleges have agreed to the following expression of leadership:

- Leadership should bring people together for purpose
- Leadership should involve participation and inclusion
- Leadership should not have favourites (ie higher or lower positions of importance)
- Leadership should involve creativity and action. It should not just involve words.
- Leadership should be about service to others.

All of these goals of leadership are consistent with the model of leadership inspired by Jesus and expressed by St Eugene de Mazenod. These will form the basis of all expressions of leadership at the College and for which we will be accountable.

We are very grateful for the hospitality and generosity of our brother school. Their school leaders are very capable and impressive young men. During their time away, the boys also completed Year 12 homework, assessments and study. We visited many of Perth’s sights and even managed a pilgrimage to Fremantle (Home of the Mighty Dockers), and to New Norcia (Australia’s only Monastery Town).

We hope to welcome the Mazenod Leaders over here to Melbourne later in the year where we can return some of their fine hospitality. During the holidays there will be two Football games between Mazenod VIC and Mazenod WA. These matches will be played at the College on April 9. Feel free to come along and watch a Mazenod victory.

While we were away we missed the storm of the century and could only watch in surprise from the distance of thousands of kilometres away. We have become aware of some families who experienced significant damage to their homes and property and we have offered some assistance where necessary. If any family is in genuine need, please let us know at the College so that we may be supportive of you at this time.

I would like to thank all of the Camp Staff and Year 11 Leaders who supported the Year 7 Camps last week. Your generosity and service are an example to all and on behalf of all the boys, I thank you most sincerely.

During the week, I had the opportunity of visiting Killester College at the invitation of Ms Leanne Di Stefano. It was a genuine privilege to meet and share ideas. Many of our boys have sisters at Killester and we share a lot of values in common. I thank Ms Di Stefano for her wonderful welcome. It is great to know that we have such a great rapport with Killester, Avila, Sacred Heart Oakleigh and Star of the Sea. We are committed to continuing and growing strong relationships with these fine schools and continually learning from each other.

I was very pleased to see that the Professional Learning for the Staff was concerned with the College’s Anti-Bullying Strategy and that all Year 7 and 8’s involved in a Bully Busters Program. The College is fully committed to a whole school approach to the issue of bullying in its various forms. Bullying at Mazenod, is when someone, or a group of people, who have more power at the time, deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion.

Over the coming weeks, resources of support will be available for all in the community to be aware of this issue. These resources will involve strategies for students, staff and families in addressing bullying behaviour. Mazenod College is not immune from these issues and will make every effort to address legitimate concerns. Communication continues to be crucial in working together to help the boys as they grow to maturity. At times, there will be some challenging conversations that occur and I hope that these can take place within the context of honesty, trust and sensitivity. The modelling of appropriate behaviour will be crucial in the boys’ lives.

It has been said that “Hurt People, hurt people.” This statement points to the consequences of not dealing with the hurts we experience and therefore running the risk of hurting others. Dealing with hurts effectively, can provide a healing that will last our lifetime. We are committed to the creation and maintenance of a learning environment in which students, staff and members of the Mazenod Community can feel supported. The College’s values include: mutual respect; consideration of others and the acceptance of individual differences.

Next week we will be celebrating Reconciliation Week where each and every member of the community will have the opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are very grateful to the many Priests who will generously respond to our invitation and share in the celebration. During this Sacrament, we believe that God forgives sins because we believe that God’s love is greater than our mistakes. This Sacrament provides us with a wonderful opportunity of experiencing God’s mercy and is a wonderful preparation for Easter.

Congratulations to our ACC Tennis Team who are in the Grand Final against St Bernard’s and to our two Volleyball Teams aiming for the 12th Premiership in a row. You have represented the College well over 6 years and our blessings are with you as you give of your best.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr. Michael Twigg O.M.I
**Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews**

We conduct these interviews in Term 1 as we believe that early contact with parents is an essential element in successful study. All students are expected to attend one of these evenings in school uniform. Teachers are readily available to make appointments with all of their students. In class, students book interview times with teachers keeping a record of these times on their booking sheet.

**Dates:**
- **Monday March 22**th (families with A – L surnames).
- **Thursday March 25**th (families with M – Z surnames).

Families with prior commitments are welcome to attend the alternate evening.

All classes conclude at 12:20 on these days.

**Sessions:**
1. 1.10 pm - 3.00 pm.
2. 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.
3. 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

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**MISSION ACTION DAY 2010**

In an attempt to assist the Oblate Missionary work in the Developing World, Mazenod College will be holding its annual Mission Action Day on Friday 26th 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. Natina Giacco or Mr. Tony Rolfe. Individuals and Companies will be acknowledged to the Student Body and School Community.

If you have any queries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to either e-mail or to telephone us at the College.

Natina Giacco --- ngiacco@mazenod.vic.edu.au
Tony Rolfe --- trole@mazenod.vic.edu.au

Thanking you very much,

The Organising Committee of Mission Action Day.

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**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

Thank you to all who attended this week’s monthly Ladies Auxiliary meeting. The meeting was very productive with the Mother’s Day Annual Dinner high on the agenda. Our thanks also go out to Fr. Michael for celebrating Mass and attending the meeting.

**Date to Remember:**
Mothers Day Annual Dinner – Friday 7th May, 2010 at Dandenong Club. Look out for Invitation in Newsletter over the coming weeks.

**Donation:**
Mothers’ Auxiliary would very much appreciate any donation of prizes for the “Mothers Day Annual Dinner Raffle” which tickets are sold and drawn on the night of the dinner. If you can help with any items that could be added to the list of prizes this would be great. Donations can be left at the front office marked “Mothers Day Dinner Raffle”

**COMING SOON**
The Ladies Auxiliary will soon be selling the “2010 – 2011 Entertainment Book”. When the book is released you will be able to purchase the book.
Deakin University Update:

DISCOVER DEAKIN
Discover Deakin will be commencing again in 2010. It is a great opportunity for students to visit any of the Deakin Campuses during the 2010 school holidays and find out about Deakin University and what it can offer them. The dates for Discover Deakin this year are:

- 30 March – Melbourne Campus at Burwood, Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds, and Warrnambool Campus
- 29 June - Melbourne Campus at Burwood, Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds, and Warrnambool Campus
- 8 July – Geelong Waterfront Campus
- 21 September - Melbourne Campus at Burwood, Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds, and Warrnambool Campus
- 23 September – Geelong Waterfront Campus

To register for these events, visit the website: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/news-events/discover-deakin-form.php

WHAT’S NEW AT DEAKIN

Deakin Gap Year program: As many students take a gap year before beginning university Deakin has developed a program to keep these students in touch with each other through social networking sites, Deakin Services Online and the Library. Students can also choose to get a head start in their course by studying one or two subjects on or off-campus. Further details about this program can be found at www.deakin.edu.au/future-students

Two-year deferral period: Deakin has made deferral of studies easier and most courses will allow students to defer their studies for up to two years. This will suit those students wanting to take time off for work or travel.

Off-campus studies: Previously first year students who had come straight from school weren’t allowed to undertake off-campus studies but this has now changed and students will now be able to study in off-campus mode in their first year.

Deakin Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences: This is a new two year course that is designed for students who require a supported pathway to degree studies. This course can also be undertaken in conjunction with a TAFE diploma at our TAFE partners at Chisholm, East Gippsland and Sunraysia. More details can be found at: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/doorstep/

DEAKIN IN DEMAND
Deakin has again shown itself to be a popular choice with a 14.8% increase in first preferences in comparison to 2009. This growth is well above the average 6.7% increase from across the university sector.

Deakin has achieved a 17.2% share of first preferences, up from 16.0% in 2009. Increased first preferences were recorded for the Melbourne Campus at Burwood (up 17%), the Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds (up 11%), the Geelong Waterfront Campus (up 21%) and for off campus courses (up 18%).

Increased first preferences were also recorded for each Faculty – Arts and Education (up 12%), Business and Law (up 15%), Health, Medicine, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences (up 20%) and Science and Technology (up 12%). Across all campuses Natural and Physical Science courses had the largest increase in demand with a 21.9% rise, followed by Education courses with a 14.3% increase, Architecture and Building courses with 9.2% and Health with a 9.1% rise.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

WHAT'S NEW AT DEAKIN

For the first time, there is the opportunity to apply through VTAC for mid-year entry into tertiary courses. A number of courses will have places available for entry in second semester. Applications are open between April and June.

An online supplement will be available in April on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) listing the participating institutions and the courses offering mid-year entry including prerequisite studies and extra requirements for applicants such as interviews and STAT sitting (if required). There will not be a hard copy mid-year VTAC Guide published.

Advice to past students

It is important to note that the concept of “current Year 12 student” has no relevance at mid-year as all applicants at that time will be “non-Year 12”.

Applying for mid-year?

New applicants must register and will have a VTAC ID created for them (the same process as last year). Anyone who applied for courses between August and December 2009 will have the option of reactivating their application for mid-year entry. There will be a maximum of eight preferences per applicant. Preferences from 2009 will not be carried forward. 2009 applicants can provide further study claims. Applicants cannot remove or edit previous verified study claims. Pi form information will not be carried forward from the 2009 application. 2009 SEAS applicants can edit their 2009 SEAS application and use it as part of mid-year 2010. Applicants must pay online via Postbillpay or PayPal (no invoices will be available).

Applicants who registered and applied for a tertiary course pay a $16.00 fee to reactivate their 2009 course application. New applicants will pay an application processing fee of $37.00. Failure to pay the appropriate fee will result in the application not being processed and sent to institutions.

Applications for mid-year open: Monday 19 April 2010 9am
Applications for mid-year close: Friday 11 June 2010 5pm

VICTOR 2012 PREREQUISITE UPDATE

Monash University- Science Scholar Program

The prerequisites for this course have been updated to read: Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 35 in English (ESL) or 30 in any other English, and a study score of at least 30 in mathematical methods and in two of biology, chemistry, geography, physics or specialist mathematics.

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 Monday 22nd March 2010. This is the last week of term 1. Work Experience dates for 2010 are 14th – 25th June 2010. Please note that places for work experience fill up quickly and students are likely to miss out on worthwhile opportunities if this placement is organised at the last minute.

KEEPER FOR A DAY PROGRAM AT HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Keeper for a Day is a full day of animal keeper related activities and involves students in years 9 and up in the real tasks that keepers do in their working day. Career and course information, possible pathways and the chance to speak with keepers about their jobs are all a part of this day. Participants also get the chance to go ‘behind the scenes’ and see the inner workings of the Sanctuary. Keeper for a Day runs during the school holidays throughout the year. Term One dates are March 30 and 31, April 7 and 8. For bookings please call 5957 2818 or register on the internet on the following website: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers/Keepers

INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE CAREER INFORMATION

The Institute of Forensic Medicine is running its first Career Information Afternoon for 2010 on Friday 9th April. There are 46
places remaining for students. Career Information Afternoons have been developed at the Victorian Institute of Forensic medicine in response to the large number of enquiries they receive regarding Work Experience. Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the work carried out at the Institute, the IFM is unable to offer work experience. In response to this, Career Information Afternoons have been developed for Secondary School students in years 10, 11 and 12 to offer them an insight into the various career options in the forensic sciences. IFM holds 2 Career Information Afternoon sessions per year. The afternoon commences at 12.30pm and generally concludes by approximately 4.00pm. It is held at the Institute in the Lecture Theatre (Coronal Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh Street, Southbank), there is NO tour of the building available. Please note places are limited. Anyone wishing to attend must complete the registration form on the web to secure their place. Priority will be given in order of forms received. For more information please email jobs@vifm.org or refer to the website: https://webmail.iliesys.com.au/src/compose.php?send_to=jobs%40vifm.org or contact IFM by calling 03 9684 4342 or 9684 4412.

Vivian Seremetis – Careers & Pathways Coordinator

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SPORTS NEWS

**ACC SPORT**
We are heading into the final weeks of sport and we are on track for a very successful Term’s sport!
Athletics is well under way and the boys competed in a trial carnival at Burwood on Wednesday. Mr Crabtree was very impressed with the way the boys performed and team selection will be very difficult. Next Thursday the ACC Junior Field events will take place at Olympic Park starting at 12.30 pm. We wish them all the best.
Our ACC sporting season concludes this week with Mazenod fielding 3 teams in Grand Finals out of the 4 Finals being played next Wednesday. Congratulations to our Tennis and Volleyball teams that will play for Senior Championships. Please feel free to come and support your sons next week!

A big thanks to Mr Michael Regan and Mr David Regan for taking the coaching duties of our cricketers who have completed their seasons. Both staff gave up a week of their holidays to go to Queensland for the Oblate Carnival and also have had many a late Wednesday night taking cricket. I thank them and the boys who have represented the College proudly. The Oblate carnival is being held this **December (6th to the 9th) in Melbourne** and as host there will be much planning and preparation in the months to come.

During the holidays we are hosting a visit from Mazenod College Western Australia. They are bringing out their Year 9 and Senior Football teams to play against our boys here at the College Oval. We are playing a double header on **Friday the 9th of April** with the Year 9 boys starting at 11 am and the Seniors starting at 1 pm. We would love a big crowd to come and watch on the day!

**Results Wednesday 10th March**

**Senior Cricket**
Mazenod 7/151 lost to Parade 9/171 in a 20/20 game here at Mazenod.
Best performances: C D’Cruz 62, S Paris 21, K Arnold 2 for 20, K Tissera 1 for 21

**Seconds Cricket**
Mazenod vs St Bede’s game washed out.

**Senior Tennis**
Mazenod 11 sets 94 games defeated De La Salle 1 set 35 games.
Better performers: S Albanese, K Begashaw, M Gojszyk, A Kosorong

**Senior Volleyball**
Mazenod A 3 sets 75 points defeated De La Salle 0 sets 36 points
Better Players: D Nguyen, Peter Lemalu, M Young

Mazenod B 3 sets 75 points defeated De La Salle 0 sets 48 points
Better Players: C Vong, D Bampton, A Wiles

**Next Week in Sport:**

**Wed 17th March**
Senior Tennis Grand Final Vs St Bernard’s Essendon 1.30 pm
Pinewood Tennis Club
Senior A & B Volleyball Grand Finals Vs St Bernard’s 1.30 pm
Dandenong Basketball Stadium

**Thursday 18th March:**
ACC Junior Field Events (Yr 7-9) Olympic Park Begins 12.30 return 4 pm.

Adrian Connolly
Director of ACC Sport
Mazenod College
aconnolly@mazenod.vic.edu.au

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(Viet), 4.30pm; St John Vianney’s, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.00am, 5.30pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 7pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian).