Dear Mazenod Families,

During the week, there was an announcement by the Premier, Mr Baillieu and the Attorney General, Mr Clark that the Government has decided to proceed with a Parliamentary Inquiry into how religious and other organisations handle allegations of criminal abuse of children within their organisations. This announcement has been welcomed by the Catholic Church as an opportunity to work fully with the Inquiry and to clear the air. There is no doubt that the pain of both the criminal abuse of children and the subsequent response of all organisations is in need of investigation to try and ensure that these events never occur again. It is my hope and prayer that the Inquiry will recommend the best practices possible to ensure the safety of all children and also the appropriate responses to any abuse that has occurred. As we are a member of the Catholic Education Sector, I felt it important to acknowledge the Inquiry in our newsletter, to pray for its success and also to pray for any child who has ever been a victim of abuse by any member of our society.

Over the holiday period, a number of groups represented the College with distinction and their achievements are worthy of mention here in this Newsletter.

Our Symphonic Wind Band competed in the Junior Concert Band Section of the National Band Championships and found the experience thoroughly worthwhile. Every single member of the SO strong band was able to see and hear some of the finest bands in the country and I thank every single one of them and their families being present and representing us so well. I would like to thank Mr Doug Leutchford, Mr Jason Mears, Mr David Neville, Mr George Melitsis, Mr Chris Lee, Mr Danny Kennelly and Mr Tony Coghlan for their care. This further highlights the great support that the Music Department give to our boys. This is not taken for granted.

During the second week of the holidays, we played host to our brother school in Western Australia in an eagerly anticipated Football Match. After many close losses and not so close losses to our Western brothers, 2012 proved to be the breakthrough year. Our team, coached by Mr Adrian Connolly was able to defeat Mazenod WA by a solitary goal and regain the Oblate Cup. We wish the Football (Australian Rules) players well in the upcoming season.

I have written previously on some of the achievements of our Volleyball teams, however, the Under 15 team (Year 8’s) have managed to do something never before achieved in Schoolboy Volleyball. At the recent Under 15 National Championships, the State of Victoria decided to not field a team for a number of reasons and Mazenod made a submission to represent our State against the State teams from the rest of the Country. Our Year 8’s had won the National Schools Cup as Year 7’s and these matches were to be against the combined talents of a State team rather than School teams. I had originally expressed concerns that the competition may be too strong for our boys and I was assured by the coaches that it would be good for their development. In an extraordinary display of disciplined, skilful and tenacious Volleyball, Mazenod reached the Grand Final against the mighty Queensland State Team who had previously won most of the recent National Championships. In a very even Grand Final, Mazenod emerged victorious 15-4 in the final set to achieve the unthinkable and become the National Under 15 Champions. Never before had a School team won a National Championship. Congratulations to every player involved and to the adult support offered by Mr Damien Schumann, Mr Matthew Persico, Mr Josh Cowan and Mr Matt Young. We wish all Volleyballers success in their preparation for our own State Championships within the next few weeks.

Our Mission Action Day was a wonderful occasion that will help so many people in great need. Through your generosity, we were able to raise just over $72,000 for those in genuine need. In next week’s Newsletter, I will offer a more complete understanding of where your generosity will reach but I did want to make sure that the very first message was one of heartfelt thanks and gratitude to every family who made a contribution. There are still some students who are finalising their contributions and a more complete total will be offered next week. The generosity of the entire community is a treasure of the College.

One of the areas that I would like to contribute via this newsletter over the next few weeks is a small reflection on the person of Jesus so that we can all remain focussed on the core mission of our College, which is to help make Jesus known in the world. I am hopeful that the small reflections from the Catholic Enquiry Centre (www.catholicaustralia.com.au) might help assist families in helping to work with us to pass the faith on to the boys. I will continue these reflections throughout the term and it would be great if you could share it with your boys.

Who Is Jesus?
The Jews in the Roman Empire
Jesus (c.1 BC-c.30 AD) was a Jew who lived and taught a small band of followers, which included members of his own family, in Israel at the time of the Roman occupation. The Roman Empire had grown out of the ancient Roman republic and by 146 BC covered all the lands of the conquered by the Greek hero, Alexander the Great. The Roman Empire stretched from the north of Britain to the Sahara in Africa, from Spain in the west to the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the east.

Jesus lived at the time of the Pax Romana, the Roman Peace, one of the best times of antiquity, which conventionally is said to have lasted from 27 BC with the accession to Emperor Augustus until 180 AD with the death of Marcus Aurelius. For the Jews however, the Pax Romana was not a good time, it was oppressive. While the Romans were tolerant overlords by and large, and even exempted the Jews from compulsory Emperor worship, which would have transgressed their religious rules, the Jews heavily resented their political dependency and they hated the blatantly idolatrous culture of their rulers.

Next week we will look at the life of the Jewish people of the time.

Take care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
The Mothers’ Auxiliary welcome back Staff and Students from a well-deserved break.

Donations:
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 of the dinner, it will be greatly appreciated.

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

If you have any queries please contact:
Sandra 0418 177 283, sandracmancini@yahoo.com.au
Nancy 0418 553 191, nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au

Date to remember: The next meeting will be a combined Ladies Auxiliary and Father’s Association on Wednesday 9th May, 2012. The night will start with celebrating mass in the school chapel at 7.30pm followed by meeting and light supper in conference room.

All welcome. No membership required.

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
If your son has grown out of his GOOD 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

Entertainment book for 2012/13 has arrived!
Can be purchased from School Reception
Start using your book NOW!Heaps of savings to be made.
Thank you to those that have already pre-ordered, book can be picked up now from the School Reception.

Please support the Mothers’ Auxiliary and buy a book
Year 10 Work Experience:

Work Experience Forms
Thank you to all the students who have organised and returned Work Experience forms. There are still a number of students who have not yet organised any work placements and some students who are still waiting for forms to be returned to them. I would ask that you make every effort over the next week to get this done. Some students have great difficulty in organising placements even after making in excess of 40 phone calls and emails.

If there are any parents in the College who are able to and willing to take on students for work placements for two weeks or even a week I would appreciate you contacting me on 85611147 to see if we could arrange something.

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.

Year 10 Job Guidelines
The job guides for Year 10 students have arrived at the College for use by Year 10 students. In the past all Year 10 students have received a copy of this valuable resource to assist them with their career planning. Unfortunately the Federal Government has reduced funding for this resource and they are now only providing class sets to schools. They will still be available for students to use in the Careers room. These will be available next week.

The Age VCE and Careers Expo

Just a reminder that all Year 12 students will be attending The Age VCE and Careers Expo on Friday May 4th departing the College at the end of lunchtime and returning by the close of the school day at 3:10.

A letter will be given to the students next week with a permission slip that will need to be signed and returned to Mr Alan McAlister (Year 12 Coordinator) before May 4th.

Holmesglen Open Day and Vocational Evenings

Saturday 23 June 2012 10am – 3pm Chadstone campus only

Students can:
- Discover course and career options
- Attend information sessions
- Get involved with hands on activities
- Explore our facilities
- Talk to current students
- Meet our teachers

Holmesglen Vocational College is an exciting concept in upper secondary vocational education, offering students the opportunity to undertake the Victorian Certificate of Applied learning (VCAL) program as an alternative to VCE within a tertiary environment.

Feedback from Vocational College students
- 95% feel they belong at the Vocational College
- 94% say it was the right decision to continue their education at the Vocational College

Students and parents are welcome to attend one of our information nights to learn more about the Vocational College. Each session will run from 6.00pm-7.00pm

Moorabbin campus
488 South Rd, Moorabbin
Building 4, Level 2, Room 301

Waverley campus
595 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley
Building 12, Level 1, Room 01

Wednesday 30 May
Thursday 31 May

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

We start this week after 2 fantastic victories over the holidays. As already mentioned by Fr Michael we are genuinely thrilled at the outstanding effort of our U/15 Volleyball Team that is now National Champions. In many ways this could be considered the greatest victory of any team Mazenod has ever had. Well done to Mr Damien Schumann, Mr Matthew Persico and Mr Josh Cowan for their coaching and support of the team.

Our Senior Footballers had a great win over our brother School Mazenod WA in the second week of the holidays and the details are below. Thanks to all those who played and those who supported.

We begin this week with a number of ACC Football games and also the Annual Dave/Egan Soccer match against Salesian. We hope to play the Johnson/Davis Cup game for Football in early Term 3.

On Wednesday, we had 60 Year 7 students attending a Rally Day in Soccer, Football and Badminton. They are a great day for our Students to represent Mazenod, participate in Sport in a fun way and also to mix and socialise with Students from the other ACC Colleges.

Good luck to our Golfers who will next Tuesday tee off at Northern Golf Club for ACC glory. This date has been brought forward a week from that in the diary.

Term One ACC Sport Awards

Today at the College assembly we spent most of our time honouring and acknowledging the fine achievements of all our senior ACC Students of Term 1. The students were presented with personal awards for exceptional performances and all students who competed over the Term were invited to lunch in the canteen. We realise that student do sacrifice an enormous amount of time to represent the School. For every students, this experience is important in their own personal development. Former Staff member Mr Damian Carroll who is now a Development Coach with Hawthorn told the visiting Mazenod WA Football team that the most important quality they look for in drafting players is being of fine character. They ring Schools, work places and families to ascertain whether boys are worthy of being drafted. Just ask Mr Kenealy who spent an hour on the phone last year with an AFL Club wanting to know about our 2 drafted students Alex Woodward and Matthew Arnot.

Commitment, sportsmanship, ability to work in a team, leadership, sacrifice, time organisation are some of the many skills students learn apart for playing sports when they take part in an ACC Team. We look forward again to having over 900 students this year represent Mazenod in an ACC event.

Here is a list of student who was presented with awards at the assembly:

- Senior Cricket Batting Award: Travis D’Souza, Zaron Chanel
- Senior Cricket Best Team Man: Patrick Noone
- Senior Seconds Cricket Batting Award: Athul Sajeevan
- Senior Seconds Cricket Bowling Award: Adrian Ng
- Senior Seconds Cricket Best Team Man: Rhys Clayton
- Senior Tennis MVP: Chris Wickerton
- Senior Tennis Runner-Up MVP: Bob Nguyen
- Senior Tennis Best Team Man: Tom Odrowaz
- Senior Volleyball A MVP: Torn Cincotta
- Senior Volleyball A Runner-Up MVP: Nicholas Melenhorst
- Senior Volleyball A Best Team Man: Joel Goullet
- Senior Volleyball B MVP: Ryley Wood
- Senior Volleyball B Runner-Up MVP: David Joseph
- Senior Volleyball B Best Team Man: Jarrod Dalzotto

Our Senior Footballers had a fantastic win over our brother School Mazenod WA over the holidays. The team comprised Year 10 students Tom McKenna and Patrick Cincotta who acquitted themselves extremely well in the match. Given our Mazenod boys have been on holidays, I was very nervous about how our preparations would hinder our success on the day. To my surprise the boys started very strongly and kicked out to a 4 goal lead at quarter time. This was largely due to our Year 12 students in Joel Goullet, Joshua Trounce, Jordan Wachter, John-Paul Van Rensburg, Michael Selvadurai and Year 11 stars Thomas Gladman and Liam Riley having a big impact on the game.
WA suffered injuries to aid our cause the boys kept attacking strongly and though the boys from WA kept closing the gap our team was not in the mood to let them get in front.

In a very tense and close last quarter, we managed to hold on for a 13 point win. All the team should be pleased with their efforts on the day and I thought we showed a lot of character in defending our lead. Well done to Joel Goulet who was named best on ground for Mazenod and John Paul Van Rensburg who was awarded the Spirit of de Mazenod Award.

Final Scores:
Mazenod Vic 10.5.65 def Mazenod WA 7.11.53
Goals: Wachtler 4, Canavan, Durdin, Cincotta, Kovac, Gee, Palleschi
Better Players: Goulet, Van Rensburg, Riley, Gladman, Kovac, Wachtler, Durdin, Patti

ACC Athletics Breakfast
Over the holidays invitations were prepared for the ACC Athletics Breakfast to be held on Friday the 4th of May. The morning is a way to recognise the efforts of the team and those who trained over the term on a regular basis. The morning begins at 7.45 am and will involve some presentations and recognition of students who have performed exceptionally well. If all RSVP’s can be returned as quickly as possible to help with catering.

ACC Awards and Recognition
After some positive feedback we have decided to do away this year with our sportsman Award evenings. Instead we will present our award winners at a Sports assembly at the start of each Term. Today we had our first one presenting awards for the summer season of Cricket, Volleyball and Tennis. To also recognise the input of all students we will also introduce an ACC Lunch for all those students who have represented Mazenod each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As above we will recognise our Carnival Sports (Swimming, Athletics, and Cross Country) with a breakfast ceremony in the canteen.

Sporting Uniforms
Over the next few weeks Mr Bedwell and I will be issuing jumpers and tops for our football and soccer teams. We will keep a register of all jumpers distributed. We ask that these jumpers be kept by each player for the entirety of the season and then they will be collected at the end of the season cleaned. Students wishing to buy shorts and socks for their respective teams can also purchase these at the Sports Office for $8 socks, $15 shorts or $23 for both. Year 7-10 wear royal blue socks and shorts for football. Seniors wear black shorts and socks.
Soccer teams wear royal blue socks and black shorts, while seniors wear black socks and shorts. If students wish to purchase jumpers they may do so by seeing Mr Bedwell and I so we can organise the ordering of the jumper. It will be at cost price to you. Jumpers not returned at the end of the season will see families billed a $100 for the replacement costs.

Old Collegians News

Mazenod United News
Our newly formed Soccer Club has started thei...