During the course of the week we saw tens of thousands of teachers strike across the Government sector. This strike ultimately concerns the insulting backflip by the Baillieu Government on its promise to make Victorian teachers the highest paid in the country. His attempt at changing the tone and content of his promise does not resonate with those who believe politicians should be people of their word. It appears that at both the State and Federal level of Governments, the ability to keep promises is an ability forgotten.

Many years ago the Catholic Education sector adopted a parity model which ensured that teachers in Catholic Schools were paid at the same rate as Government teachers. Therefore the current dispute with the Government does have significant consequences for us. After the current negotiations conclude with the Government sector, the Catholic Education Commission will communicate with Independent Education Union to form an agreement on conditions for the next period of time.

As a School community, I believe that it is vitally important that we understand and affirmed the tremendous value that teachers provide to our community. As parents, you chose Mazenod College and its Staff to work with you in the education of your sons. The Staff and College have not taken this responsibility lightly, with many of our teachers going well beyond any job description or workplace conditions to provide our boys with the best possible education. Teachers are most sincerely expecting that their wages reflect the value and esteem with which they are held. Our nurses in Victoria were subjected to outrageous treatment by the Government for their wage negotiations and it is guaranteed that the teachers will not receive the same abusive treatment. Currently the Government is offering a 2.5% pay increase, while the cost of living increases at 3%. This effectively means that for teachers promised to be the best paid in the nation, they are effectively getting a pay cut.

In one newspaper report of the Industrial Action, David Adamson, Principal of Essendon Keilor College in Melbourne's north-west, says the Government's offer of a 2.5% pay increase is inadequate and rejects the argument that performance-based pay will improve teaching standards and lead to higher salaries.

"Teaching is a collaborative profession, people work together in teams and to single out some people as being eligible for performance pay and not others I think is going to be divisive for teachers," he said.

As the process moves on, I do hope that you will make it known to our politicians the esteem with which we hold teachers. I would like to publically state that I believe that our society needs to better recognise the community contribution made by teachers and offer a pay scale that is both attractive to prospective teachers and also one that keeps the good teachers in our profession. I will continue to communicate any developments as they happen and try to ensure that our community is as informed as possible.

An accidental omission from last week’s Newsletter was the wonderful achievement of our College Choir. Our Senior Choir performed in the South East Music Festival and represented the College with distinction. The choir were named as Champions and this is a just reward for all of their hard work. We congratulate the following boys: Dwight Rogers, Patrick Ryan, Nicholas Johan, Joel Watson, Patrick Espiritu, Tom Solari, Mathew Bratina, Tishan Lokuge, Adrian Lapiz, Austin Jacob, Paul Solari, Connor Van Doorn, Lachlan Cauchi, Martin Nguyen, Patrick Maslamoney, Lawson Kennard, Rhys De Wilde and Albert Lai. I thank Ms Claire Patti as well as Mr Tony Coghlan for all of their hard work in supporting the boys.

During the week, the College was very pleased to welcome back five of our most successful Sporting Champions (Sylvio Foschini 1983, Heath Black 1995, Matthew Boyd 2000, Jeffrey Risely 2005 and Jack Cummings 2011). Between them they have achieved over 500 VFL/AFL games experience, All-Australian representation, Club Captaincies and Awards, Dual Olympic representation, current Australian Champion for Athletics and 2 World Records and 2 World Championships in Cycling. While these achievements have been significant, it was wonderful to see how committed they are to being real and down-to-earth. There was a genuinely common trait of respect present in each of the Old Boys and this is something of which we are immensely proud. They shared their insights on sports and determination and they presented everyone with positive messages and sound advice and are to be thanked for their generosity. I thank the Mazenod Old Collegian’s Association for their co-ordination of the night and I thank Nick Parry (Old Boy) for doing such a wonderful job of facilitating the night. Keep an eye out for Jeffrey Risely at the London Olympics in either the 800m or 1500m.

Attached to this Newsletter are the ticket options for the 2012 Mazenod/Avila Musical. This Musical is one of the major music events of the College calendar and a significant amount of time has already gone into the costumes, staging, choreography and musical arrangements. This year’s musical is the Hot Mikado and it promises to be another show of exceptional standards. The cast and crew have been preparing since February and once again Mr Ken Nails, as Director, has provided outstanding service to the young people in his care. We encourage you to get your ticket requests in early as there has already been tremendous interest shown in this production. It is my hope and aim that every one of the 2500 seats are occupied over the 5 performances. The dates of the production are July 25-28. The attached flyer should contain the necessary details. Please do support this major production. You will most definitely enjoy it if you do.

Finally, I would like to make a special request on behalf of our China Oblate Mission. On July 15th, we will be welcoming 3 students from Hong Kong to spend three weeks with us on a cultural exchange. We are seeking the assistance of families who will accommodate 1, 2 or all 3 of the boys. The boys will be in Year 11 for the time of their stay but the billeting can come from any Year Level. The College will make a financial contribution towards the living expenses of the boys to help alleviate the costs. Ultimately the boys are looking forward to being part of an Australian family, no matter which cultural background we come from. Please do consider billeting the boys from July 15-August 3 by contacting Mrs Aylene Robinson on 8561 1103.

This long week-end, I will gather with Fr Mark Edwards O.M.I., Principal of Iona College in Queensland, to discuss common areas of support and challenge. We also continue to pray for Fr Brian Maher O.M.I., Principal of Mazenod College WA, who was unable to gather, due to ill health.
Take care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.

DATES

June 2012

Mon 11 Jun  Queen’s Birthday – No School
Tue 12 Jun  Year 12 Mid Year Exams
Tue 12-14 Jun  Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition
Thu 14 Jun  Semester 1 Concludes for Years 7-10
Thu 14 Jun  Year 11 & 12 GAT
Fri 15 Jun  Student Free Day – Correction Day
Fri 15 Jun  Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fri 15 Jun  Year 11 Exams Finish
Fri 15 Jun  Year 12 Mid Year Exams
Mon 18 Jun  Semester 2 begins for all Classes
Mon 18 Jun  Year 10 Work Experience commence
Mon 18-22 Jun  Year 11 Business Week & Retreat
Tue 19 Jun  Fathers’ Association Meeting
Tue 19 Jun  Year 12 Mid Year Exams
Wed 20 Jun  Year 11 Subject Interviews
Wed 20 Jun  Year 12 Exams (Period 5 & 6)
Thu 21 Jun  Year 11 Subject Interviews
Sat 23 Jun  All School Cross Country Championships
Mon 25-29 Jun  Year 11 VET Furnishing Training
Tue 26 Jun  Music Tour to New Zealand
Thu 28 Jun  Term 2 Concludes
Fri 29 Jun  Staff Inservice
Fri 29 Jun  Year 10 Work Experience Concludes

July 2012

Sun 01 Jul  Victorian School Volleyball Titles
Sat 07 Jul  Computer Games Boot Camp Begins
Fri 13 Jul  Computer Games Boot Camp Concludes
Mon 16 Jul  Students Return for Term 3

LOTE NEWS

Visiting Japanese Students from Osaka Monday 23rd July to Monday 30th July 2012

We would like to say a huge どうもありがとうございます (Dōmo arigatō, thank you) to the Mazenod families who so generously offered to host a visitor from Japan. Unfortunately, we cannot allocate a Japanese student to every family as we have more offers of assistance than visitors seeking accommodation. The Japanese guests will predominantly be assigned to the families of students from Years 9 to 12. We are confident our current Year 7 and Year 8 students will have another hosting opportunity in the future.

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Thank you to all who attended this month’s Mother’s Auxiliary meeting. It was a very productive meeting.

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.

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Amanda 0401 194 799 diamanta@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE! PLEASE! BUY A BOOK - SUPPORT THE MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Entertainment book for 2012/13 HAVE ARRIVED
Pick up from School Reception
Start using your book NOW – Heaps of savings to be made for only $65

LIBRARY NEWS

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge News

We had a great time at the midway celebration morning tea on Tuesday with many students sharing the books they have enjoyed reading during the Challenge.

Congratulations to Ryan Monteiro of Year 8 for being the first to complete the challenge, with Rehan Maniyar of Year 7, coming a close second.

Most participants are well on their way to completing the challenge in time with several of the students almost finished already. We have had some great conversations about the books the boys are reading and look forward to celebrating with them at the end of the Challenge.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

Now is the time for Year 12 Students to start seriously preparing their careers pathway plan for the end of the year. With Open Days fast approaching it would be a great idea to go and visit a few of the institutions you are interested in attending. 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
ALL Work Experience Forms should be now be finalised. ALL students yet to arrange a placement have been spoken to including those

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 11 Jun  Queen’s Birthday – No School
Tue 12 Jun  Maria James, Mary Mascioli, Stella Rechichi
Wed 13 Jun  Toula Moutsopoulos, Justine Schaefer
Thu 14 Jun  Josie Di Fabrizio, Lucy Phillips, Rachna Gupta
Fri 15 Jun  Correction Day – No School
students who have organised a placement but have not returned forms. Any students who have not met the mandatory requirements of 10 days will need to arrange a place during the September school holidays.

Students will be given important documentation next week that will need to be handed to employers on the first day of work experience. Students will also be required to complete a job investigation for each of their work experience placements (if students have more than 1). Students should try to phone their employers next week to determine clothes to wear, time to be at the workplace etc to begin on a positive note and make a good first impression.

**Careers in Medicine Dentistry and Physiotherapy**

**FINAL REMINDER**

Once again it is timely to remind students who are considering careers in medicine, physiotherapy and dentistry at Monash or La Trobe universities that registrations for the UMAT closed last week. Late applications with an additional late fee will be accepted up until Friday 15th June after which point no applications can be made to sit the exam.

**Cadetships**

Students considering studying accounting or other business related courses at University should be aware that organisations such as Ernst and Young do offer cadetships for the right candidates. Ernst and Young applications for cadetships are now open and interested students can apply online at www.eyp.com.au/careers. In addition there is an information session at the Ernst and Young offices on 7th and 13th June commencing at 5:30.

KPMG are also offering cadetships and applications can be made online on the ‘JOIN us” section of kpmg.com.au

**University of Melbourne**

ALL Year 12 students have alerted to this wonderful opportunity to attend The Melbourne JD Showcase on Wednesday 4 July. This one-day showcase is specifically designed for Year 12’s who are interested in pursuing law at university. There will be workshops and discussions and students will get a real feel for life as a student in the Melbourne JD.

When: 4 July

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm

Cost: $65 includes morning tea and lunch

Online registration and payment is available at www.jd.unimelb.edu.au/schools

As any new information regarding dates and institutions becomes available about Open Days contrary to the above 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.

Lucie Kenealy – Careers Coordinator

**SPORTS NEWS**

**ACC SPORT NEWS**

**PAID UP. PASSIONATE AND COMMITTED**

One of the very “catchy” slogans used by many AFL teams luring members to pay up as Club Members. With it comes the expectation that you will attend every game and buy all the apparel. We do the same when we enrol our sons at the College or any other School for that matter. You pay your fees and expect your son to attend every day where possible.

The same motto should be for Sport as well. We don’t run Sport for students to commit to only certain games. When you commit to a team then you commit for the entire season and for both home and away games. We have at the moment a number of students who are not playing games and are not informing coaches. Many come up with excuses that are very questionable and it always seems to be the games at Parade or St Bernard’s that we struggle to get numbers.

The Senior Football Team who has enjoyed its most successful season ever and was still a chance to make the ACXC Grand Final, had 15 students on the bus ready to go at the designated time. Thankful is due to the good nature and commitment of a few to the College we were able to get 20 players to leave for the trip to Essendon. It amazed me for such an important match we had such poor commitment from our students. This is an example that is seen throughout all our Sports this Term.

I ask all parents to help support your son by not making appointments for them on their designated Sport day. It is very frustrating for staff when students say they have driving lessons, work, orthodontist, doctor’s appointments on the afternoon of sport, when they are fully aware of their commitment for that afternoon. In the end the people they really let down are their fellow mates and team mates. A big thanks to Ricky Ruffolo, Matthew Acciarito, Christopher Urban and Ryley Wood who all came out to Essendon at short notice last week and joined in the historic last match for our current Year 12 students. We lost the game but it was not due to a lack of effort or commitment on those who went.

**OBLATE CRICKET CARNIVAL**

This is another reminder to parents of interested sons that the Oblate Cricket Carnival will be hosted by Mazenod WA from Sunday 9th December and Friday 14th December. We have started to put together an initial squad to start training in Term 3 and parents will receive a letter soon notifying you and your son. The early notice is also to inform parents that the trip will cost approximately $900 for everything, including team clothing and equipment. We hope to have our final squad of 13 selected by the end of Term 3.

**RUNNING CLUB**

In preparation for the upcoming Cross Country in Term 3 and to promote health and fitness, we have started a running club. Those interested are invited to come to the Mazenod Tan Monday and Friday lunchtimes and Wednesday mornings at 7.30 am. We will supply a warm breakfast for those who make the effort. We will have plenty of incentives for those who train regularly. Whether for fitness or competition I encourage all students to get involved. See Mr Cunningham or Mr May if interested.

**JUMPERS- FOOTBALL AND SOCCER**

It seemed only weeks ago we were getting started, but as time flies the ACC Season is starting to finish up for a number of teams. Year 10 Football and Soccer as well as senior Football all finish their seasons in the coming weeks. Could I remind all students to please get their jumpers washed and returned to the College within 2 weeks. Students who do not return jumpers will be issued with an invoice for $100 to offset the cost of ordering replacement tops.

**Old Collegians News FOUNDERS DAY CLASHES**

**Mazenod United News**

The Old Boys continue their fine first season with another convincing win. This puts the team back on top in equal second position. The Reserve also had another good win and sit in second position.

**Old Collegians Football Club**

The U/19 team had another 10 goal win, this week against the second placed team Old Camberwell. They have now beaten the two top teams in the past 2 weeks. Louis Greco kicked another 4 goals and John Paul Van Rensburg was named in the best for the second week in a row.

The senior team had its second win in a row defeating Banyule by 70 points. It was a great team display with Josh Cowan playing very well. All teams have the weekend off for the Long weekend and resume on June 16th at Central Reserve.

**U/19 Players**

The club is looking for more U/19 players to help with a long season ahead. If you would like to play but cannot commit to training that is fine as we understand students need to balance work with sport. The team is playing in an 8 team competition in Division 3 and it would be great to see more current students join Liam Riley and Chris Mangoni on our playing lists. Interested students should see Mr Connolly.

**Seniors**
Old Collegians Cricket Club

The Old Collegians Cricket Club is on the lookout for a new Captain Coach for season 2012/13. Currently in Second Division Turf in the Eastern Cricket Association, and with 3 other teams the club needs someone to continue the development of its young and talented list. With many current students playing and strong links to the College with the use of its facilities, it will be an exciting opportunity for any keen cricketer wishing to go to a new challenge in their career. If interested please contact the club president Mr James Dobeli on 0400 099 070 or check the links on the club website. http://www.moccc.com.au/

Results

Year 10 Football 3rd vs 4th 2.9.21 vs Whitefriars 9.13.67

Year 7 A Football 1.7.13 vs Parade 12.13.85

ACC SPORT DETAILS – TERM 2 June 11th 2012

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The Sports Team

Mr Connolly, Mr Montoya, Mr Cunningham on behalf of the Sports Team

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), 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)