Dear Mazenod Community,

This week has seen the entire Catholic Community of Australia celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. The theme for this year’s celebration is Living Waters with a focus of Tides. The use of the image is to help; visualise the concept, cause moments to ponder the concept and also to deepen reflection by meditating on the concept.

God calls every Christian to Seek God, to Know God and to Love God. Being baptised a Christian is the beginning of sharing in the ministry of Christ’s ministry of love. Through Baptism Christians are gifted and called to live lives of love in response to God’s action.

The following reflection comes from the National Vocations website.

In scripture we read that fundamental encounters take place beside wells or springs and like any holy place, the waterside plays an extraordinary part. At these places in scripture love comes into being and marriages are solemnized. The wanderings of the Children of Israel and the earthly pilgrimage of the human soul are intimately involved with external or internal contact with water, the latter becoming an oasis of light and peace.

What is a tide?
Simply is a movement of waters around the world that ebbs and flows through other environmental factors. As a result of the ebb and flow of the waters marine life maintains its equilibrium.

What’s the purpose of a tide?
A tide nurtures life and is never stagnant. It recedes from and flows to the land. Tides help a huge number of species around the world to move to a new destination where they'll be nourished. Just as tides provide a structure that assists the environment, discovering the source of our own vocation drives us with a purpose for life.

Are there influences in tides?
The moon, atmosphere, undercurrents, wind, energy, rips, are just a few factors that influence tides. Just as these factors provide great influence on the waters, the vocations in the Catholic tradition also influence a person’s sense of fulfilment which then impacts on our living, relating and working with one another in a spirit of mutuality, respect and love as Christ intended.

What is the significance of Baptism for a Christian?
Each person has a part to play in God’s mission of love and has a particular vocation to assist in this mission. Baptised people belong to God and live in communion with the one body in one Spirit; through baptism Christians can be formed into the likeness of Christ. Christians are reconciled to God through Christ and are never alone in their journey. The Holy Spirit provides guidance to live a fulfilled life through their vocation.

It would be important to acknowledge that there are many ways to follow God and live a life of dignity and love. This dignity and love comes from our inner being and has been gifted to each of us by God. Communicating and praying for each of the Christian vocations is a very important aspect of our faith.

It is indeed hoped that each student at the College considers carefully the way in which they will attempt to live their dignity. We hope that each boy grows into a good man, whether that be as a husband, son, brother, father, uncle or priest.

The Oblates support and promote each vocation in life that God is calling each person to. Fr John Sherman O.M.I. is the National Oblate Vocations Coordinator and this role sees him experience the great variety of Oblate ministries and people. He encourages each and every Oblate to promote God’s calling for people. He encourages each person he meets to sincerely search for the most appropriate way to live out their Christian dignity.

We do sincerely ask each and every boy to consider a range of options, among which is to remain open to God’s calling to single life, married life or religious life. Any member of the community that is seeking any discernment of a vocation is encouraged to speak to any Oblate or trusted member of Staff.

I have been extremely blessed in my vocation to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. I have sincerely and honestly believed that this way of life has been offered to me by God and that I needed to respond generously to it. Through community life, prayer and ministry within the School, I do sincerely feel valued and cared for. I remain a member of my family (mum, dad, sister, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins etc) and I also belong to an Oblate Family (Brothers, Priests, Staff, Students, Families). I do know that there are some Mazenod Students who are seriously considering the Oblates as a way of life and I ask for your prayers for them. Some of these boys may one day be ministering back here at the College and this would be necessary if the Oblates are to continue to provide Priests and Brothers here at Mazenod.

I also believe I am blessed to be a member of this community at Mazenod. I know so many people who have given so much of themselves to help develop our community and not a day goes by that I don’t thank God in prayer for the opportunity to lead the College. I definitely don’t take it for granted and I remain committed to constantly trying to lead well.

Ultimately our College motto of Leaving Nothing Undared for the Kingdom of God compels all of us to find new and creative ways to live out our vocation in life. Our prayer is that you continuously look for those ways.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely invite every member of our Mazenod Community, especially mothers, grandmothers, aunts etc to our College Assumption Day Mass on Wednesday, 15th August at 11am in the Gym. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies that we celebrate and it would be wonderful if you were able to join us.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
The focus of these mid-unit interviews is on feedback and follow up regarding issues that may have arisen in second semester study, or in the mid-year reports. They provide an opportunity for:

- our VCE Students and their Parents to focus on the all-important last few months of study,
- for Teachers to discuss with parents any major difficulties that Students may be experiencing,
- for Parents to discuss any concerns they may have, and
- for years 9, 10 and 11 Students to discuss issues regarding the upcoming Subject Selections for next year.

A new system for booking interviews will be used this Semester. Parents will book directly online with Teachers using Parent Teacher Online. This will be available from the Mazenod website. In the coming days, families will receive more information and a family login username and password. Students are expected to attend the interviews in School uniform.

**TERM 3 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**Date:** August 28 & 29th

**Sessions:**

- 1: 3:45pm – 5:30pm
- 2: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Term 4 Parent/Teacher interviews for all students are on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th August 2012**

I had the pleasure of being serenaded by 4 Mazenod Year 11 “Tenortones” in the foyer of the Melbourne Recital Centre recently. Patrick Ryan, Tishan Lokuge, Martin Nguyen and Dwight Rogers sang with gusto and confidence, impressing the crowd around them, proud parents standing by their side, listening intently.

The boys sang four songs, which attracted a large crowd, cheering and applauding after every song.

The boys were the chosen entertainment for the internationally acclaimed German a cappella group ‘Amarcord’, who are members of the choir originally started by Bach in the 16-1700’s.

They were then treated to some time with ‘Amarcord’ back stage where they were given the opportunity to listen to their rehearsal. This was fantastic cultural exposure for the boys who learnt a lot and gained a greater understanding of how a cappella music can be crafted.

We should all be very proud of the boys and their fantastic achievement. Thank you to all who came to support them.

Ms Georgina Walton
Music Secretary

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**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

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**MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY**

A huge thank you to Mrs Lucy Poretti for a fantastic evening. Lucy demonstrated how to apply make up for day and evening and also pasted on many useful tips, which were very much appreciated. Also thank you to the Ladies that attended and to Ms Stefania Sepe and Mrs Bernadette O’Hara for being Lucy’s models for the night. The feedback from the Ladies that attended was very positive. Thank you to Fr Michael for making it in time to draw the door prizes. Congratulations to all the Ladies that won a prize.

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**CAFE ROSTER**

**Mon 13 Aug** Colleen Connolly, Mary Clayton
**Tue 14 Aug** Adriana Paterno, Daniella Scandizzo, Miriam Ferrada
**Wed 15 Aug** Tina Lea, Mary Carmerota, Ileana Izzo
**Thu 16 Aug** Jackie McLellan, Rosie Welsford, Josie Di Fabrizio
**Fri 17 Aug** Nicole Guarascia, Melinda Raffa, Dimitra Stabelos, Julie Izon

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Support the Mothers’ Auxiliary**

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**Fathers’ Association Meeting**

**Weekly**

- Aug 14 - Adult Education Night
- Aug 21 - Sport/Leisure Day
- Aug 28 - Special Needs Cabaret Night

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**Student Selection Forms due for Student (Student Free Day)**

- 9th September
- Year 9 City Day 1
- Year 9 City Day 2
- Year 9 City Day 3
- Year 9 City Day 4
- Year 10 City Day 1
- Year 10 City Day 2
- Year 10 City Day 3

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**Other News**

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CAREERS & PATHWAYS

There are plenty of opportunities available for students to sample different career opportunities at many of the tertiary institutions in Melbourne at the moment. 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

Subject Selection Information Evening

All Year 10 students who were unable to attend the Information Evening on Monday should have seen Mr. Ferizis this week to collect the handouts from the night. Any students who have yet to do this must see Mr. Ferizis ASAP. All students should have received the additional student booklets and supplementary material last week during a Year Level meeting.

Final Date for subjects to be entered into the online system is Friday 31st August. Some students have been having difficulty locating the section of the job guide required for their career research section. I have included below the section of the job guide from the internet where students can find this.


Once students have accessed this page they need to click on the individual categories to see what careers fall under each of them and the skill levels required. If students have difficulties doing this they can always visit me in the careers room and we can work through it.

Year 11

Year 11 students have begun their subject selection this week with an initial year 11 meeting and explanation of the processes involved in making their selections for 2013. It is imperative that Year 11 students make use of the resources available in the Careers Office and speak to teachers and, where possible, Year 12 students. Year 11 students have received a copy of the Open Day Information that was published in last week’s newsletter.

Year 12

Term 3 is crunch time for Year 12 students who will be deciding on VTAC preferences in the last week of term. NOW is the time to make an appointment with Mr. Kenealy to get your course information together or to start thinking about VTAC guides have arrived at the College and have been distributed to students this week. Any student who did not receive one must see Mr. McAlister before Monday afternoon’s session. If a student loses his VTAC guide we will not be able to replace it.

VTAC SESSION

ALL Year 12 students will be involved in a VTAC Information Session on Monday August 6th with Mr. Kenealy in the Lecture Theatre during periods 5 and 6. This is imperative for all students to understand the processes involved and to familiarise themselves with documentation.

Open Days

This weekend sees the beginning of the Open Campus season – most campuses have their Open Days this month. Below are the institutions open this weekend:

- **Saturday 4th August** – Monash University: Gippsland, Berwick and Peninsula Campuses 10.00 – 4.00
- **Sunday 5th August** – Monash University: Clayton and Caulfield Campuses 10:00 – 4:00
- **Sunday 5th August** – William Angliss Institute of TAFE 10:00 – 4:00

Students should be trying to visit as many campuses as they can over the next number of weeks to get a feel for what each institution offers. 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.

Luke Kenealy – Careers Coordinator

**SPORTS NEWS**

**ACC SPORT**

**Mazenod Legend Returns**

In this week when the Olympic Triathlon was about to be run it was fantastic that arguably Mazenod finest ever athlete Mr Peter Robertson returned to the College for the first time in many years. Peter left Mazenod in 1993 and has from that time forged a record in his chosen Sport that is the equal of any person in the world. Peter left Mazenod with the aim to compete against the world’s best Triathletes and succeeded. Peter did more than succeed. He became World Champion in 2001, 2003 and 2005. He represented Australia at 2 Olympics and was for a long time, not the best Triathlete in Australia but the world.

Peter came to Mazenod to help launch our Cross Country season and spoke fondly of his running days at Mazenod. He said he first developed his love of Triathlon from his running and representing the College. He said it was never about winning but getting the best out of him. He spoke to the boys about his dedication to his Sport and the balance of life and Sport. His story was very inspiring and we only hope that the boys take some of this forward into their own lives as well as the Cross Country season ahead.

Peter has generously offered to take the squad on a training session later in the Term. We cannot thank Peter enough for his time as he approached us about helping out after a chance meeting with Mr Cunningham at the ACC Athletics in March. Peter is currently based in Melbourne coaching and mentoring Australia’s finest young Triathletes. We will keep the squad posted on this follow up session.

The chance to get up close and personal with a world champion is something one should never take for granted and all the boys who attended will be wiser for the opportunity.

**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.

Here is a look at our new running singlets. They can be purchased at the PE office for $10.

**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to Year 10 Student Alejandro Aquino who has been selected in the Victorian U/16 Hockey team that will compete in the National Titles to be held in Tasmania next week. We wish Ali every success and hopefully this may be another step in the following the footsteps of our current Australian Kookaburra player and former student Chris Ciriello.

**AFL Visit**
The College was also very fortunate to have Tiger ruckman Angus Graham visit on Tuesday afternoon. As part of an AFL imitative all clubs are required to do some many hours of community work, which includes School visits. Angus spent an hour with Year 9 & 10 Students during their Sport time. He put the boys through a number of drills before spending an exhaustive 30 minutes answering questions about the discipline required to an elite Sportsman. We are very grateful to Angus and the Richmond Football Club for his time. We only ever get the bad stories in the media when an AFL player gets up to something wrong, but Angus was fantastic with the Students and was a great role model to them with his story in getting where he is today.

**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 of December and Friday 14th of December. We have started to put together an initial squad to start training in Term 3 and Parents should have received a letter notifying you and your son. The early notice is also to inform parents that the trip will cost approximately $800 for everything, including team clothing and equipment. We hope to have our final squad of 13 selected by the end of Term 3. If your son did not receive a letter but would like to trial for the team they are most welcome to attend the sessions.

**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** – The Old Boys had a loss on the weekend 3-1 and now are in a 3 way race to win the Title. We are on equal points as the other 2 teams and have a smaller goal difference so we will be out to win all of our remaining games. Captain Rob D’Angelo scored our only goal and continues his great season. Current student Christian Lar of Year 12 also made his senior debut on Saturday and did very well. This week we have a big game against Caulfield Grammar Old Boys at Mazenod. The Reserves start at 1 pm and the Senior game at 3 pm. Why not come down and support the team.

The Mazenod United Football Club is also in an exciting stage of its development years and is starting to look for players to begin their Junior teams for season 2013. The Club is holding a clinic with former Victory star Grant Brebner at the College. This will hopefully be the beginning of a new era in Mazenod Sport and especially Soccer. Though not formalised yet, the Club is looking to field 2 or 3 Junior teams next season. Details to follow soon.

**Mazenod United News: Old Collegians Football Club**– The U/19’s has had another convincing win against arch rivals Old Xaverians. With the inclusion of Joseph Chiwiden, John Paul Van Rensburg and Liam Riley, the team performed very well to win by 8 goals. The boys have 3 games to go and need to keep winning and finish in second position securing a double chance. The 19’s have a home game at Central Reserve this week starting at 2 pm against Ormond. The Senior team had a 100 point win over fellow finalists aspirant Rupertswood. They find themselves sitting in 5th position and a big game against Monash this week at Monash University. Mr Phibbs had an outstanding game for the old boys having over 50 possessions. With 4 games remaining the team has its own destiny within its own hands.

**Results**

**YEAR 10 TABLE TENNIS -bye**

**YEAR 10 HOKEY 6 vs DE LA SALLE 3**
Goals: Aquino 3, Cincotta 1, Wiles 1. Best: Aquino, Camerota, Sirianni, Cincotta, Zammarino

**YEAR 10A BASKETBALL 36 vs De La Salle 56**
Goals: Saric 18, Menei 11, Zino 10, Mydaras 8. Best: Menei, Zino, Mydaras, Saric

**YEAR 10B BASKETBALL 38 vs De La Salle 46**
Goals: Menei 14, Zino 12 Best: Menei, Zino, Mydaras

**YEAR 9 TABLE TENNIS 14/62 vs ST BEDE’S 1/13**
Best: Coi, Phan, Hettreleis, Tran, Pham

**YEAR 9 HOKEY vs St Bede’s**
Goals: Cincotta 3 Best: Cincotta, Wheeler, Bayly, Yon, Tang, Theodore, Noone

**YEAR 9A BASKETBALL 35 vs St Bede’s**
Scorers: Donovan 10 Best: Donovan, Bailey, Lopata, Manuogna

**YEAR 9B BASKETBALL 37 vs Whitefriars**
Scorers: Ubay 15 Best: Ubay, Balloumi, Gannon

**SEN BASKETBALL A 24 vs Whitefriars 35**
Scorers: Guscott 8 Best: Menelhorst, Guscott, Gee

**SEN BASKETBALL B 29 vs Whitefriars 42**
Scorers: Hill-Donovan 10 Best: Stewart, Bruce, Hill-Donovan

**SEN HOKEY 1 vs Whitefriars 7**
Goals: Munro 1 Best: Munro, S Riley, Van Rensburg, Patti, Radziminski

**SEN TABLE TENNIS 10/53 vs Whitefriars 5/22**
Best: Sikora, Pham, Nguyen, Soutter, D’Souza, Pannuzzo, Wickerton, Chen, Gao, Pawlukowski

Last week’s results:

**Year 8 A Table Tennis 12/52 vs Parade 3/23**
Best: Clayton, Luc, Ang, Ryan, Xai, Sagayarar, O’Shea, Shen

**YEAR 8A HOCKEY 1 vs Parade 2**
Goals: Duckett Best: Cauchi, M Anthony, D Mello, McFadden, Myers

**YEAR 8A BASKETBALL 59 vs Parade 41**
Scorers: Signal 27 Best: Signal, Wood, Bird, De Zilwa

**YEAR 8B BASKETBALL 15 vs Parade 41**
Scorers: Palermo 11 Best: Palermo, Saina, Roach, Dickson

**YEAR 7A TABLE TENNIS 14/70 vs St Bernard’s 1/5**
Best: A Gilmore, B Lim, J Hoang, R Nguyen, D Le

**YEAR 7A HOCKEY 2 vs St Bernard’s 3**
Goals: Radziminski, Raffa Best: Radziminski, Raffa, Mitsoulis, Braganza, Bray, Decleva, Vincent, Haddad

**YEAR 7A div 1 BASKETBALL 33 vs St Bernard’s 47**

**YEAR 7B div 1 BASKETBALL 14 vs St Bernard’s 38**

**ACC SPORT DETAILS – TERM 3 14th August Week 5**

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**The Sports Team**

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