Dear Mazenod Community,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mazenod College has instituted a new Deputy Principal position for College Operations. Mr Tony Rolfe, a 25 year staff member, has been appointed to this position.

Tony is a former Salesian student who has brought with him the strengths of compassion, fairness and loyalty from both his family and his former school. Prior to Tony’s arrival at Mazenod he worked at St Joseph’s Springvale.

The new role of Deputy Principal Operations will see Tony oversee many of the organisational and practical aspects of College life. As I hope you can all appreciate, Mazenod is a vast and complex series of communities that all form one community. With over 1200 students, 150 Staff and approximately 900 families, there are many organisational matters that need attending to, in order for the College to run smoothly.

Tony has demonstrated over a consistently long period of time that he is a dedicated, organised and sensitive staff member. He is the first to arrive at the College every morning and has contributed much energy and love to our community.

In appointing Tony, I also would like to thank and acknowledge his wife Kath and his family Jack and Natalie for all of the support that they offer to their husband and dad. We are grateful because we are richer here for it.

Our most sincere congratulations goes to Jack Cummings in Year 12 who during the week won a World Championships in a world record time for Cycling’s Team Pursuit. The World Championships were held in Moscow. Jack has regularly contributed to the Cycling Programme of the College and it was great to see that the many hours of practice had paid off. We congratulate the entire team and we look forward to welcoming Jack back home soon.

Our World Youth Day Pilgrims have been providing us with regular updates of the physical and spiritual journeys. Currently the group are in Madrid, after traveling through Aix-en-Provence, Lourdes, Avila and Malaga. The staff and boys appear to have had a wonderful time and the photos have been full of life, love and faith.

Student Holidays during Term time

I wanted to flag with all families a serious concern we currently have. Over the course of this year, we have found that a number of students and their families have booked and are taking holidays during term time.

It would appear that the stronger Australian dollar and lower airfares outside of holiday time are driving this apparent upsurge. Obviously it is a family’s choice to decide when and where to take a holiday however, there are a number of considerations that need discussion before the holiday is booked.

It is important to note that as a student goes through their education, a number of sequential concepts are covered. Missing some part of this sequence can have consequences further down the track.

The major concern at this stage surrounds the expectation that teachers will provide alternative work while the student is away or that they will provide lunchtime and after school opportunities to catch up on missed work.

I am genuinely seeking feedback from families as we attempt to put a policy together that both respects a family’s right to take a break as well as a reasonable teacher's workload.

Some of the areas for contribution might be around availability of online resources, student responsibility for work while away, looking at external tutoring or any other areas of interest. Please feel free to email me at rector@mazenod.vic.edu.au with any suggestions or comments in mind.

Before attempting to work on any policy, I am seeking opinions from staff, students and families. After I collate your feedback, I will attempt to communicate to you all a draft policy for students on holidays and seek further feedback before implementing it.

I want to assure you that the staff remain absolutely committed to providing each student with as many opportunities to learn as possible. The feedback I am after is due to the increased workload I see them under in order to accommodate students traveling during term time rather than in the holidays.

Please keep the menALIVE weekend in your prayers this weekend and if you are reading this Newsletter before Saturday morning, you are welcome to attend the College at 9am and join in.

Take Care and God Bless
Fr Michael Twigg O.M.I.
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August 2011

Sat 20 Aug menALIVE Seminar
Sun 21 Aug menALIVE Seminar
Wed 24 Aug WYD Madrid concludes
Wed 24 Aug Parent/Teacher Interviews: 1 pm to 8.30 pm
Thu 25 Aug Open Chess 10 am to 2 pm @ Kensington
Sat 27 Aug Year 7 (2012) Testing
Mon 29 Aug Mazenod Interhouse Cross Country (PS&6)
Tue 30 Aug Parent Teacher Interviews – 3.45 pm to 8.30 pm

September 2011

Wed 01 Sept Subject Selection Forms due for students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 for 2012
Wed 01 Sept Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
Thu 02 Sept Year 9 City Day 2
Thu 02 Sept Year 9 Encounter Day 3
Sun 04 Sept Father’s Day
Thu 08 Sept Birth of Virgin Mary
Fri 09 Sept Year 9 City Day 4
Fri 09 Sept Year 9 Encounter Day 4
Wed 14 Sept Mothers’ Auxiliary Meeting
Fri 16 Sept Year 9 City Day 3
Mon 19 Sept Year 12 Italian Students – COASIT in Carlton
Mon 19 Sept Year 7 Encounter Day
Tue 20 Sept Fathers’ Committee Meeting
Tue 20 Sept Year 8 Encounter day
Tue 20 Sept ACC Sports Awards Night
Wed 21 Sept Year 12 English Exam
Wed 21 Sept Music Gala Night at Alexander Theatre
Thu 22 Sept Year 12 Formal
Thu 22 Sept Term 3 Concludes
Fri 23 Sept Staff Inservice

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

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THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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. Please note: Old style blazers are no longer accepted in second hand uniform shop.

Nancy 0418 553 191
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Darebin City Brass

Brass in Concert

You are invited to an afternoon of sound and discovery featuring Darebin City Brass and brass bands from Avila, Our Lady of Mercy and Mazenod College on Saturday 23rd September. This promises to be a great event. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 23rd August via the link below. The concert will begin at 3 pm at the Bunjil Creation Centre at Avila College Mt. Waverley. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for concession.

We look forward to having a lot of fun and seeing you there. http://www.trybooking.com/UOB or

Mrs Robyn Cornerford 8561 1108 at the College or Marlene Davies 9467431 (marl_d@tpg.com.au) Darebin City Brass

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

The University of Melbourne Update:

Open Day highlights

Careers Update handpicks the best of Open Day 2011...

Engineering sessions

Take part in our ‘Valley’ engineering lab where you’ll learn about becoming a student in a Valley based lab, if you’re a student in years 7 to 10. The sessions are available to students from Grinds and Grades 11, our Applied Mathematics and our Engineering students.

Access Melbourne session

Come to our special access Melbourne session among the range of benefits available via the Access Melbourne scheme.

Visit the Colleges!

All of the Residential Colleges will be available for tours by students on Open Day. There’s no need to book – just turn up for more information on the colleges before you come on tour, visit.

Music on South Lawn

Cash theHttpRequest and wander free of credit card faith, Amex, MasterCard, American Express, VISA, All offers valid in Melbourne. For students interested in music and music making apply to participate at Melbourne. Come and see our VCA students and graduate what they do best. There will be general offer for New Orleans swing and jazz, or just general fun.

A full entertainment program is available at:

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

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OPEN DAYS NEXT WEEK

Deakin University
Melbourne (Burwood)  Sun 28 Aug  10 am – 4 pm  1800 242 251
Congratulations
Last Friday David Koroknai in Year 8 competed at the Southern Zone Championships for Junior Cycling. David took up cycling 2 years ago and joined the Club at Caulfield/Carnegie where he received coaching. David put all his training to great use and won his U/15 race to progress to the State Finals later in the year. Congratulations also to Rob Ryan (Year 7), Bradley Puts (Year 8) and Tom McAulna (Year 9) who all competed for the first time in a cycling event.

Hockey Requirements / Safety Issues
A reminder to all parents and students that are participating in Hockey teams, that you will only be allowed to play as long as you have a mouth guard and shin pads. The school has some limited pairs of shin pads and some mouth guards for sale. From experience I would say Hockey has the highest rate of injuries of all the ACC sports and it imperative that all the protective equipment is worn for everyone’s safety.

Cross Country Training
The ACC Carnival is fast approaching on Wednesday 14th November at Bundoora Park. The U/13/U/15 all run a 3km race and the 16's and above 5km. We have had some strong showings in the past and we would love to reclaim a spot in the top 3 this year. Training has commenced every Monday and Wednesday at lunch, and also Friday before school starting at 7.30 am. (Breakfast is provided to those who RUN) Running can help aid a number of sports and I would encourage all those who play Football, Soccer, Hockey, Swimming, Riding, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Cricket, Chess, Singing, Dance, Badminton, Golf and Athletics to get involved!

ACC Swimming Training
The 2012 defence of the ACC Title has begun every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Monash University Pool. The session begins at 7 am and concludes at 8 am. Students are to get dropped off at the pool and we will organise a bus to return them. We do provide a breakfast pack but would encourage the boys to bring some of their own food! All students are invited to turn up and train!

Football and Soccer Jumpers
A reminder that as your season concludes all jumpers must be returned to your coach or Mr Bedwell. Coaches will collect jumpers after teams complete their last game, but some teams have just finished and some students due to injury may not play in these games. Student will be billed a $100 for any top not returned. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Oblate Cricket Carnival
The Oblate Carnival for 2012 will be held in Queensland and hosted by our brother College Iona. The dates for the competition have been confirmed from Sunday 15th January to Thursday 19th January. It is hoped that there will be 4 days of cricket. At this point in time fellow ACC School Whitefriars will also be attending. We have made some preliminary bookings for flights, transport, clothing and equipment and it will cost each family approximately $800 for the trip plus any additional spending money. The boys will be billeted out to families from Iona, just as families from Mazenod generously took on students from our brother Oblate Colleges in December. We will have 2 to 3 staff members travelling with the party of 13 students. Training details will be given out soon as we begin our training and selection process. Training will be after school once a week at the indoor facility at Clayton.

MAZENOD OLD COLLEGians FOOTBALL NEWS-
Seniors vs Fitzroy @ Fitzroy 2pm // U/19's vs MHSOB @ Central Res at 2pm
The seniors had a narrow defeat to the second placed Werribee team on Saturday by 19 points. Charmath Jayaweera was fantastic kicking 8 goals as was superbly supported by Jake Beard who kicked 6. It was also fantastic to see the good form of Sam Jones from the U/19 team rewarded with selection in the senior team. The Seniors still need one win to ensure they retain 3 rd position and play finals for the first time since 2004. The U/19's play their last home and away game this weekend at Central Reserve and the Club XVIII play their Grand Final at 9.45 am on Sunday morning! We wish Mr Kelly all the best.

Mazenod Old Collegians Cricket Club
Cricket training continues every Saturday morning at the College at 10.30 am. If the weather is fine the nets are up and going and if not other activities are planned. With the season only 7 weeks away training in full will begin in early September. If you are keen on playing and want to get in contact with the club, you can contact club President Mr James Dobell on 0400 099 070.

ACC RESULTS:
SEN HOCKEY 2 Parade 4
Goal: Radziminski, Jayme Best: Munro, Radziminski, Harbis, Welsford, Warfe, N Munro, Quinn, Michaund,
SEN BASKETBALL A 65 Parade 46
Scorer: Wood 23 Best: Wood, Ephaums, Melenhorst, Pitts
SEN BASKETBALL B 51 Parade 79
Scorer: Woodward 15 Best: Paulding, King, Woodward, Fernando
SEN TABLE TENNIS 13/60 Whitefriars 2/15
Best: Ho, Negassa, Pham, W Pham, J Nguyen, S Ong, Souler
YR 10 HOCKEY 3 St Bedes 8
Scorers: Riley, Di Nezza, Palleschi Best: Freeman, D’Rozario, L Riley, Chanel, Wijewardene
YR 10 BASKETBALL A 84 St Bede’s 43
Scores: Wood 23 Best: Wood, Grigg, Guscott
YR 10 BASKETBALL B 52 St Bede’s 41
Best: Stewart, Hegarty, Hill Donovan
YR 10 TABLE TENNIS 15/67 CBC ST KILDA 0/8
Best: Panuzzo, Wicktork, Turlejski
YR 9 HOCKEY 8 Parade 0
Goals: Aquino 5, Slade 2, Deegan 1 Best: Aquino, Jacobs, Bayly, Deegan, Slade, Keast
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ACC SPORT DETAILS – TERM 3 23rd 25th AUGUST

DATE TEAM OPPOSITION VENUE RETURN/ FINISH
TUE 23rd AUG YR 10 HOCKEY SALESIAN HAWTHORN/ MALVERN 3.20PM
YR 10 TABLE TENNIS WHITEFRIARS WHITEFRIARS 3.30PM
YR10 BASKETBALL SALESIAN WAGERLEY BB CENTRE 3.30PM
YR 9 HOCKEY WHITEFRIARS DANDEGONG 3.10PM
YR 9 TABLE TENNIS WHITEFRIARS MAZENOD
YR 9 BASKETBALL WHITEFRIARS MAZENOD
WED 24th AUG SEN HOCKEY ST BERNARDS ST BERNARDS COLLEGE 4.45PM
Parent Teacher Night. All Students are expected to play ACC.
SEN TABLE TENNIS ST BERNARDS ST BERNARDS COLLEGE 4.45PM
THUR 25th AUG YR8 A HOCKEY CBC ST KILDA ALBERT PARK 3.30PM
YR8A TABLE TENNIS ST BERNARDS ST BERNARDS 4.00PM
YR 8 BASKETBALL CBC ST KILDA ASHBURTON POOL & REC CENTRE 3.30PM
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YR 8 B HOCKEY PARADE STATE HOCKEY CENTRE 3.45PM
YR8B TABLE TENNIS PARADE MAZENOD
YR 8B BASKETBALL PARADE MAZENOD
YR7 A HOCKEY WHITEFRIARS DONCASTER 3.30PM
YR7A TABLE TENNIS PARADE PARADE 4.00PM
YR 7A BASKETBALL WHITEFRIARS COLLEGE 3.45PM
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YR 7B BASKETBALL PARADE MAZENOD

The Sports Team
Mr May, Mr Montoya, Mr Connolly, Mr Bedwell, Mr Regan & Mr Phibbs
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**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).
We hope you did not miss this year’s Musical production which was presented at Alexander Theatre at Monash last week. *Bye Bye Birdie* is a story set in America in the 1960s. It is a story that pokes fun at rock stars, their behaviour, their managers, their entourage and their fans. It is about a rock star, Conrad Birdie, being drafted into the US Army like Elvis Presley. As a farewell, he is scheduled to sing his manager’s song *One Last Kiss* and kiss a teenage fan from Sweet Apple, Ohio live on the famous Ed Sullivan TV Show. It does not happen because of a jealous boyfriend, a conniving Secretary and an interfering mother. It was a complicated but entertaining story with some great comic dialogue, some ‘big band’ music and some challenging singing including a song that made the Top 40 charts in the 1960s. This musical is one which is extremely suitable for school productions where large casts are generally involved as many were playing the role of a ‘teenager’.

Our presentation was enthusiastically received by all who saw it and was another outstanding success. If you were there, you know that the presentation of this Musical was excellent, that the singing and dancing by both chorus and soloists was strong and polished. I know the students are very proud of their achievement and deservedly so. I can assure you that they worked hard, they were committed and enthusiastic. They achieved a high standard performance and did deserve the praise they received. The staff were pleased with the attitude and effort of a great group of students who readily accepted the challenges put to them. It was great to see the joy they gained from their involvement. A special commendation needs to go to our principal actors. They spent considerable time improving their singing, their dialogue, their gestures and their stagecraft. They have gained from the experience and we enjoyed their ability to sing some entertaining songs, to cope with some complicated music arrangements and choreography and to present some clever and comic dialogue with good timing.

The organisation of a musical involves not only the cast on stage (singing, dancing, acting) but also there is a lot of ‘behind the scenes’ assistance required – ticket selling, costumes, make-up, program design, photos, making sets and props, lighting, sound, ushers, drivers – the list goes on. Here we had help from not only students but also from some parents and from teaching, administration and maintenance staff. It was great to see that when given the opportunity a number of students displayed the competence and efficiency needed in many of these areas – changing sets, changing microphones, organising props, operating lighting, organising and changing costumes. We had fabulous and colourful costumes, great props, interesting scenery, all of which added to the spectacle produced. This year we even branched into the realms of multimedia with a video of screaming fans shown during the overture, a ballet accompanied by some still photography and some scenery projections. Teachers and students involved in all of these areas were extremely busy and enthusiastic, spent many hours in preparation and displayed great organisational skills. It was great to see students readily accept some leadership roles in the preparation of multimedia, costumes, props, dance routines, staging of scenes, backstage organisation and front of house organisation.

Students and teachers in the Music Department were also busy. Our accompanists and Musical Directors were involved in many singing rehearsals and the band, containing students, ex-students and teachers, were required to prepare and provide some challenging music for each performance. Our choreographer again this year encouraged students to accept a challenge in dance and movement. She has a talent for creating ‘doable’ routines and getting students to turn them into a great spectacle. She worked the students hard and the results of her efforts were evident in all of the chorus numbers, which were performed with precision and energy.

Over the years the students of both Colleges have established a tradition with the Musical each year and this year’s students have done their part in building on this tradition. It certainly was an excellent production and an extremely entertaining spectacle. To everyone who contributed in any way to this year’s production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, we do hope you feel rewarded for your involvement and effort. It is really great to see what young people can achieve when they are given the responsibility and the opportunity. Their talent, their energy and enthusiasm was well worth seeing.

Congratulations to everyone involved this year and thank you.

*Ken Nailon – Director*