Last Friday night we celebrated the annual Requiem Mass for our deceased Old Boys and Staff. It was once again a truly beautiful reminder of what is special about our community. Gathered together were people who have experienced significant trauma and grief and yet they all felt the need to be together with one another to support and be supported. It was truly the best of experiences and one that brought genuine comfort to both those that could attend and those that couldn’t. We read the names of every one of our boys who had died and once again committed to praying for them each and every day. You were all there with us that night.

This week has once again seen an incredible amount of activity with the College. The Year 9 Camps were the focus of Monday morning with more than half of the Year Level heading to Canberra, Erica, the You Yangs and the Goulburn River for a series of outdoor and adventure activities. I have heard extremely good reports on the behaviour of the boys and also on the way in which they have interacted with Staff. I was fortunate to be able to spend some time with the Year 9’s at Erica for the canoeing camp. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Matthew Johnson and all of the attending Staff on caring for the boys on all occasions.

Monday evening saw the formal conclusion of the VCAL Program with the Mass and Valedictory Dinner. It was a wonderful occasion to share with boys who were all genuinely happy with their experience of Mazenod. The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is an exceptional program that delivers real and viable pathways to our boys. Through Mr Matthew Johnson and Ms Kaye Williamson as well as the dedicated Staff, the boys are guided through their final year at the College. I believe that our School is greatly blessed and enhanced by the presence of VCAL in our Curriculum.

Tuesday morning saw over 220 Year 6 Students eagerly absorbing as much of Mazenod as they could in the final Orientation Day for the 2013 intake. There were many anxious parents, however the Mothers’ Auxiliary provided a very welcoming morning tea and this seemed to really assist the many families present. They did seem to be a very eager group of boys and they are certainly looking forward to 2013 very much.

At the other end of the scale, our Year 11’s and 12’s are coming to the end of their VCE and School Exams. For most, the exam period has now concluded and the wait begins for results. Some were disappointed, some were overjoyed. The main message constantly given to the boys is that they are worth more than a number and that whatever the outcome, we will stand with them to help map out the next pathway of their life.

On Wednesday night, I was very proud to witness two of our boys compete in the State Finals of the Public Speaking Awards. Robert Ryan and James Duckett both of Year 8 represented the College with Distinction. We were the only boy’s School in Victoria to have two representatives in the Final. The ultimate winner was an exceptionally talented student from Mac.Robertson Girls High School and we offer her and all the entrants our heartfelt congratulations.

It has also been a big week for our ACC Public Speaking and Debate Teams, where we finished 1st in Public Speaking and 2nd in Debating. We congratulate St Bede’s on their debating win. They are a School with a fine reputation in these competitions and Mazenod and St Bede’s have enjoyed some very close and extremely entertaining encounters.

After the Public Speaking Competitions, I returned to the College for the Annual Mothers’ Auxiliary Christmas Mass and Gathering. With well over 100 mums present it was a wonderful occasion of friendship and appreciation. The mums and dads of Mazenod make a significant and valuable contribution to every aspect of College Life and I thank Mrs Sandra Mancini, Mrs Nancy Mete and their team for once again providing a wonderful occasion to gather.

While at the Christmas gathering I heard the news that one of our Year 12’s, Timothy Malmo had been selected to represent Victoria in the Men’s U19 Netball Team at the 2013 National Championships, which will be held Easter week next year. They are known as the ‘Victorian Cyclones’. We are extremely proud of Timothy for this achievement and wish him well for the tournament.

In conclusion, could I please ask all families to make an effort to support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food, gifts or monetary donations as it will make a genuine difference to families in need this Christmas. Donations can be given to your son’s Homeroom Teacher. I also encourage you to consider the Christmas Cards for those in Indonesia and China who are part of our Mission Action Day Appeal. The information will be attached with this Newsletter.

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

November 2012
Thu 15-21 Nov Year 7 & 8 Exams
Fri 16-21 Nov Year 11 & 12 Promotion Interviews
Mon 19-23 Nov Year 10 Exams
Tue 20 Nov Fathers’ Committee AGM Meeting
Wed 21 Nov ACC Swimming Squad Trials
Thu 22-30 Nov Year 12 (2013) Transition
Fri 23 Nov Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Sun 25 Nov China Trip Commences
Mon 26-30 Nov Year 9 Exams
Mon 26-30 Nov Year 12 (2013) Transition
Mon 26 Nov Year 12 Secondhand Book Sales
(12.30 pm – 2.30 pm)
Thu 29 Nov Year 10 Secondhand Book Sales
(12.30 pm – 2.00 pm)

December 2012
Sat 01 Dec Year 7-9 Secondhand Book Sales
(8.30 am – 10.30 am)
Sat 01 Dec Mazenod Old Collegians C.C.
Sun 02 Dec Mazenod Old Collegians C.C.
Mon 03 Dec Year 11 (2013) Transition
Tue 04 Dec Year 11 (2013) Transition
Tue 04 Dec Campion Sales for Year 11 Novels
Tue 04 Dec Booklists due for All Year Levels
Wed 05 Dec Peer Support Training
Thu 06 Dec End of Term 4 (Year 7 – 9)
Thu 06 Dec Advent Mass
Thu 06 Dec Staff Inservice Awards

MOTHERS’ AUXILIARY

Thank you to all that attended the last Mazenod Ladies Auxiliary function for 2012 with a “Christmas Party” on Wednesday night. It was so nice to see so many familiar and new faces attend this great evening.

The Ladies would like to sincerely thank Fr Andrew for starting the night celebrating such a beautiful Mass. And to the choir lead by Karen De Wilde, we say “thank you” for such beautifully sung hymns.

Fr Michael “thank you” for your attendance, kind words and for the great entertainment through the door prize draw.

Thank you to Julian and Nathan for giving up their evening to help out on the night serving drinks. “Well done boys”.

The evening was a great success with good food, drinks and most of all, great company. Congratulations to those who won prizes.

We would also like to thank the committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

FATHERS’ ASSOCIATION

The Fathers’ Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th November, starting at 8.00 pm in the Conference Room. Light supper will be provided.

All welcome.

OTHER NEWS

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2.00 PM TO 3.30 PM

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.met@optusnet.com.au
Amanda 0401 194 799 diamanta@bigpond.net.au

VCE BLAZERS for YEAR 11 2013

There is an opportunity to have woollen blazers braided for VCE.

If the blazer is in good condition and will continue to fit for Years 11 and 12, it can have the braid attached for a cost of $45. The blazers are sent ONCE only, over the Christmas break.

If you wish to have a blazer braided please ensure:
1. It has been dry-cleaned and the tags are left attached.
2. It has a name, address and contact number attached.
3. It is dropped off to the Uniform Shop no later than Tuesday 4th December (12.30 pm – 4.00 pm).

New VCE blazers and black VCE jumpers are also available for purchase at the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12.30 pm - 4.00 pm behind the School Chapel.

Our regular Goat, Chook and Tool Box gift cards supporting education programs in Indonesia will also be available. The income generated through the goats and chooks pays for books and school fees. Your gift of an 82-piece tool box to a young person studying to be a mechanic in one of our technical colleges, will help them complete their training.

Donations can be made and gift cards obtained through the College or by contacting Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) on 9805 8888 or purchase online at www.oblates.com.au/mami

Christmas Card Program

The concept is simple. Make a recommended tax deductible donation to one of our four programs and you will receive a Christmas Gift Card, which explains that you have purchased a gift card in place of a gift, and give it to a loved one.
CAREERS & PATHWAYS

Year 12 VTAC Information

As the Year 12 examinations draw to a close students are reminded about change of preference dates. Students do have the opportunity to change preferences from the 26 November until 24th December after ATARS are released but I would advise students to speak with myself before any changes are made.

Go to www.vtac.edu.au to apply or make changes.
Don’t forget to check updates regarding new or cancelled courses on the VTAC website.

Don’t forget your Australian Tax File Number – application forms available from Mr. Kenealy in the Careers Office. Students must have an ATO to enrol in university courses.

Year 12 in 2013

Start planning now for life after school. It is never too early to start thinking about your future direction. There have been a number of students coming to the Careers Office making enquiries about changing subjects for next year. Students should only be doing this if they are little uncertain about the selections they have made. Information regarding prerequisites for courses and careers can be given to students by any changes are made. It is advisable that students are fully informed before any changes are even considered by students and their families.

Year 9 Safe@Work

The first group of students successfully completed their Safe@Work component of the Work Experience program on Monday before they headed off to camp on Wednesday and the next two groups will be completing their workshops Friday as we went to print and Wednesday next week. Any student who missed any of the workshops MUST see Mr. Kenealy in the Careers Office or Ms. Cowan before the end of the year. The students who are going to Canberra and or Italy will complete this program on Wednesday 21st November. It is a full day’s program and students must successfully complete this program in order to fill the legal requirements of work experience.

La Trobe University

Advisory Day: Wednesday 19 December 2012
11.00am – 2.00pm, Parkville campus
Timed to coincide with the release of Year 12 VCE results, Advisory Day is a perfect opportunity for students and their parents to visit our campus, speak with our friendly staff about all the possibilities available to them and gain vital knowledge that will assist them in choosing the best options for their future.

Holmesglen TAFE

Holmesglen has recently established a new partnership with The University of Canberra. Students are now able to apply for a place in a University of Canberra degree; but with the ability to study that degree at a Holmesglen campus for the duration of the course. The degrees will be offered in the same way as at any other university, through the HECS fee system. The degrees are being offered in Business (Executive Administration or Marketing Management), Commerce, Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design), Graphic Design, Hospitality Management, Interior Architecture, Information Technology, Justice Studies, Screen Production and Sport Management. Applications for 2013 are direct to the University of Canberra and competition may be a little lower given how new this arrangement is. For more information, go to http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/start/university_of_canberra_melbourne.html

Australian Defence Force

Current Year 11 students, who are considering applying for the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), are eligible to apply for the ADFA Education Award. Successful applicants will be awarded a lap top computer. Applications are open now and more information is available from the Careers Office.

As any new information regarding dates, courses and institutions becomes available 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

We head into the last week of ACC Sport for the year and we again have a number of teams in Grand Finals. Congratulations to our Year 9 Tennis and both Year 10 and Year 9 Volleyball squads who will all play in Grand Finals next week. At this point in time, Finals are not confirmed for Junior Sport on Thursday, but we are expecting to be in all A Volleyball Finals and most B Finals. Given the pressures of exams and the preparations for Nationals Volleyball and Oblate Cricket, our students have performed exceptionally well. We continue to set high standards in...
all Sports and it is great to see the boys prepared to work harder to achieve their goals.

**ROUND ONE 2013 - ACC SENIOR SPORT**

As first Term next year is a short 9 week Term, the ACC has decided to make Round Fixtures a floating round. That means with our Year 12 Retract first week back we will play Parade College on Wednesday 5th December at Parade to start the season and free the first week. This will involve our Senior Cricket and Tennis squads. Our Seconds have a home game against St Bede’s. This will mean that Students in Years 11 & 10 can be selected in these teams. Coaches will confirm squad’s in the lead up to this game.

**OBLATE CARNIVAL**

The final squad of 14 players has been announced and we congratulate those who have made the team and those who trained. We have selected 14 players who will represent us in the Oblate Carnival in Perth. There will be a Parent meeting on Wednesday 28th November where more specific details will be elaborated on. Training will continue in our lead up to our departure. Congratulations to the following students on their selection:

- Thomas Gladman, Liam Riley, Wes Fernandez, Travis D’Souza, Finn opt Hoog, Anthony Howes, Zaron Chanel, Benjamin Riley, Patrick Cincotta, Samuel Deegan, Vimaj Peiris, Ishan Gunawardena, Joshua Swainston and Kirk Dickson. Of the squad only 3 players participated last year. It is also worthy to note that Kirk Dickson is in Year 8 and has been selected. Kirk has been selected in many representative teams over his Junior career, the highlight being selected in the Victorian Primary Schools team. Kirk follows in the footsteps of fellow squad member Liam Riley who was selected as a Year 8 Student and went on to have a great Carnival.

**OLD COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

The Club had a long day with a great victory in the Seniors and struggled through the grades. It is always great to see Students from the College playing and on Saturday gone Winthur Fernandez of Year 8 played in the fourths for the first time. He joined fellow class mate Shannon Fernandes in playing Senior Cricket. Well done to both. Hopefully it’s the start of a long successful Senior careers here with the Old Boys.

**ACC RESULTS**

**Cricket**

- Year 10 9/110 vs St Bede’s 0/111 (Riley 29no, Cincotta 23)
- Year 9 7/159 VS Parade 9/156 (Cincotta 56no, Weerapperuma 37, Dietzel 3/21, Wilson 2/18)
- Year 9 9/90 vs Whitefriars 2/155 (Dickson 33no, Wilson 22, Fernandes 2/25)
- Year 8 9/80 vs Whitefriars 2/155 (Dickson 33no, Wilson 22, Fernandes 2/25)
- Year 8 B- 5/106 VS St Bernard’s 5/107 (E Anthony 32no, Jayawardena 15, Anguru Kankanamge 4/14)
- Year 7A- 7/100 VS Parade 7/103 (Nathan 30no, Sherlock 2/14)
- Year 7B –0/28 VS Parade P 5/27 (G Vincent 2/0, C Kleyvn 2/1, T Matthews-Rust 19)

**Volleyball**

- Year 10 –3/75 VS DLS 0/35 (Tang, McKeogh, McLellan)

**Tennis**

- Year 10 11/96 VS CBC 1/13 (Ng, Di Paolo, Manuel, Sires, Le)
- Year 9 -9/77 VS Parade 3/39 (Urrego-Varon, Rascovici, Chia, O’Hara, Watson, Bragranza, Nguyen Van,Wu)
- Year 8A 5/53 VS Whitefriars 7/64 (De Lutiis, Izzo, Batinic, Chia, O’Shea)
- Year 8B- 0/37 vs St Bernard’s 12/76 (Urbina, Qian, Aliotta, Riley)
- Year 8A- 4/42 vs Parade 8/61 (Haddad, Phillips, Filopoulos)
- Year 8B – 4/43 vs Parade P 8/58 (T Nguyen, Le, Lai, Weerasinge, Cramer)

**Next Week’s Games: Grand Finals**

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**The Sports Team**

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

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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, 3pm; St Peter’s Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11.15am (Italian)