Dear Mazenod Community,

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Eugene, for obvious reasons we are celebrating it here at the College on Friday. Eugene de Mazenod was born on August 1, 1817, at Aix-en-Provence in France. Eugene was born into a privileged family and he experienced the upheaval of the French Revolution. After most of his childhood was spent as refugees throughout Italy he returned to France and entered the seminary. Following his ordination he returned to work in Aix-en-Provence. Eugene directed his ministry toward the poorest of the poor and especially youth who had lost their way. In 1840 Eugene founded the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and in 1841 the community, the Missionaries of Provence. Later Eugene was named Bishop of Marseille. At the official recognition of the Congregation the young, unknown, Oblate, Eugene de Mazenod sailed for missions in five continents, arriving in Fremantle, Western Australia in 1841. He was dedicated to spreading the Good News. Eugene died on May 21, 1861. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1975 and canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1992. It is particularly important occasion as we approach the 200th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation. To mark this occasion the Oblates will be having a special Mass on Friday 8th July at St John Vianney Parish, and Dinner Mulgrave Country Club. Please put the date in your diary, booking details will be available in the coming weeks.

We are looking for one more family to host a student, from the Oblate College in Hong Kong, the first overseas mission of the Oblates, at a very young age. He was made the Bishop of St. Albert (now the Archdiocese of Edmonton) at the age of 22, and his ministry was devoted to the first Nations in Canada and was renowned for his kindness.

Bishop Charlebois OMI (1862-1933) was born in Canada and joined the Oblate College in Hong Kong, later this year. This Cultural Exchange will be held on the 26th May from 7 p.m. at the College (Provence House) and the Oblate Mission in China will be held on the 26th May from 7 p.m. at the College (Provence House).

The Mazenod annual Father Son Communion Dinner is on in two weeks, Friday 27th May. Gather your friends and sons and come along to great social evening here at the College. Fathers, grandfathers and boys attending Mazenod are welcome to come along.

On Saturday 21st May we officially celebrate the Feast of St Eugene, it was great to see Students excel in a different way exploring many profound questions of life and faith based on this year’s theme, you were all fantastic.

One of my tasks on a Wednesday evening this year is to “do homework” and hear Aidan reading as he has just started school. I am happy to help with the homework as I can manage it and there is no Maths yet! It was in listening to Aidan read that I was reminded of how important it is to support the learning development of students from where they are at. For those of you who are familiar with learning to read, and who have a special interest in seeing how these young readers just seem to “pick it up”. Last week Aidan was Level 3, this week he was reading about life cycles at Level 6!

The experience includes teaching English in our small school, working with the babies and young children of the Orphanage, and seeing the sights of Beijing.

The Annual Father Son Communion Dinner will be held on Friday, 27th May and I sincerely believe that this will be an outstanding and very enjoyable evening. For all your cricket fans out there I believe that the Australian Test Cricket Team will be getting out on tour. I invite you to come along to share in this evening. Details of how to book are advertised in this newsletter.

The total amount raised by the Students and Families for Mission Action Day was an amazing $79,000. The money raised goes to the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate Office and will be distributed to assist Oblate Projects in China, India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Thanks again for your support.

God Bless,
Fr Christian Fini OMI
Rector

With Founders Day scheduled for May 20th, our focus is to remember, give thanks and celebrate this wonderful diverse community that exists due to the commitment and faith of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

It carries many hands to build a successful community, all pulling together to ensure the best outcomes for those we serve, our students. Each Wednesday evening, I scooped off to spend time with three of our beautiful grandchildren. This has been my routine since the eldest Aidan, who is now six, was born. It is an absolute joy for me and each week the children have something else for which I have much to be grateful for. My most recent visit reminded me of the importance of the way others joined his mission, and became the nucleus of a religious community, the Missionaries of Provence.

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SPORT

OBLATE CRICKET CARNIVAL 2016
Mazenod Victoria will host the 2016 Carnival in Melbourne with the first game on Monday, 5th December. Games will be played at the College, Whitefriars College and Monash University. Students will be invited to start training next Term. As part of the running of the Carnival we will need families to host students from our two brother Colleges, Mazenod WA and Iona, just as they host us. Though daunting at first, it is very rewarding to host the students. Many long lasting friendships are made that will last forever. More information will be given as we move closer to the Carnival and I look forward to the great support of our College Community.

ACC BADMINTON
Mazenod enjoyed great success at the ACC Intermediate Badminton Championships at HSAC on Tuesday. Under the guidance of Mr. Clement and Vincent Nguyen (Old Boy ‘15) the team played extremely well meeting every challenge thrown at them. As it would be, the top ranked teams came together in the afternoon in the match that would decide the champion. Salesian have proven over the past year to be a very worthy opponent defeating us on a number of occasions. Luckily for us on this day we were the better team winning the match 8-4 and claiming the title. Congratulations to the following students on their fine performance:

Athletics Most Dedicated Itai Saina
Athletics Most Dedicated Zac Ryan
Athletics Most Dedicated Dharam Deol
Athletics Most Dedicated Leon Vrondou
Athletics Most Dedicated Patrick Kelly
Athletics Most Dedicated Cedric Virginne
Athletics Most Dedicated Daniel Spencer
Athletics Most Dedicated Adam Gilmore

ACC CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Our students have started training on a Friday morning for the ACC Carnival in Term 3. Training has started under the guidance of Mr. Pearson, Mr Davies and Ms Jung and they have led the boys on a well-planned training program. Training commences at 7:30 am and finishes at 8:15 am where the boys can enjoy breakfast together. All students are welcome.

ACC ATHLETICS LUNCH
Last Friday at lunchtime we celebrated the efforts of our Athletics squad with a special lunch catered for by Fr Fini. The lunch is to acknowledge all those students who had performed well and put in effort to train with a special lunch catered for by Fr Fini. The lunch is to acknowledge those who had performed on the day but also put in effort to train with a special lunch catered for by Fr Fini.

ACC FIXTURE TERM 2 Week 7

MUSICAL VOLUNTEERS
Do you know how to use a sewing machine? Or are you handy with a needle and thread? We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with making costumes for this year’s Musical.

JAPAN HOST FAMILIES
Would you like to host a student from Japan for two weeks? We are currently seeking Host Families for Japanese students from our sister school, Daisho College, Osaka Japan.

The 15 students, both male and female, will be guests of Mazenod College from Thursday, 21st July until Monday, 1st August. They are expected to attend school with their host brothers. This is an exciting opportunity to make new friends and gain a greater appreciation of the Japanese language and culture. Please ask your son to speak to his Japanese teacher for more information.

Mrs Joanne Noone
Languages Co-ordinator

Mass Times

Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday, 8:10am during Term 2.
St Leonard’s, Glen Waverley, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am
St Simon’s, Rowville, Sat (Vigil) 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 3pm (Vietnamese)
St Justin’s, Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
St John Vianney’s, Springvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10:30am, 5:30pm
St Peter’s, Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11:15am (Italian)
St Simon’s, Rowville, Sat (Vigil) 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
St Paul the Apostle, Endeavour Hills, Mon-Tues & Fri 7am, Wed 7pm, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 11am
St Anthony’s, Noble Park, Tues-Sat 7:30am, Wed 7pm, Sat (Vigil) 7pm, Sun (Vigil) 7am, 9:30am, 11am, 5:30pm
St Elizabeth’s, Dandenong North, Thurs-Sat 9:30am, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm
Holy Saviour, Vermont South, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 11am
**CAREERS AND PATHWAYS**

**FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES**

RMIT’s portfolio preparation and career discovery courses are designed to help students discover their pathway to success. These folio courses also provide an overview of the industry, the study options available and the selection procedures.

Upcoming courses include:
- Illustration: Styles and Techniques
- Career Development
- Portfolio Development in Fashion and Textiles
- Portfolio Preparation in Graphic Design – Level 1
- Portfolio Preparation in Interior Design
- Portfolio Preparation in Visual Merchandising

For more info click here

Folio preparation course guides can be ordered here.
Or call 03 9925 8111

**SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOUR**

Curious about science at RMIT? Students, parents and teachers are invited to visit RMIT City Campus to learn more about RMIT courses and the research facilities available to students.

Find out more about the wide range of single and double degree science courses available at RMIT.

Event date: 27 June 11am-2:00pm

For more info or to register click here

**NEW HEADSPACE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

From Semester 1, 2017, RMIT will be offering a double degree in Chemical Engineering and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The four year degree will be offered across the City and Bundoora campuses.

For more info click here

**MEDICAL LABORATORY VISITS**

UMAT in collaboration with laboratories is giving year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to visit medical laboratories across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Students will get interested in the role of a Medical Scientist during the investigation, diagnosis and treatment of diseases are encouraged to attend.

Event date: Friday 3 June 5-5:00pm

For more info or to register visit

**General Careers Update:**

**UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT) 2016**

Don’t Miss the UMAT!

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is used to assist in the selection of students into medicine and some health science degree programs at undergraduate level.

UMAT is designed to assess general attributes and abilities gained through prior experience and learning; specifically, the acquisition of some health science degree programs at undergraduate level.

Preparing for UMAT

ACER and UMAT release UMAT Practice Test materials and these are available online through the UMAT website. Please note that the practice materials can only be accessed after registering online.

UMAT Practice Test 1, UMAT Practice Test 2 and UMAT Practice Test 3 are available for download on the UMAT website.

In addition, candidates will have access to some free preparation videos, tutorials and sample questions before registering for the test.

NEITHER ACER NOR THE UMAT CONSORTIUM CONDUCT UMAT PREPARATION COURSES. ACER AND THE UMAT CONSORTIUM DO NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE ANY COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE COURSES OFFERING UMAT PREPARATION.

Please note:

- Candidates must be in at least their final year of schooling, or above, to be eligible to sit UMAT i.e. they must be completing, or already have completed, year 12.
- UMAT 2016 registrations are open from 1 February 2016 to 15 June 2016. Students sitting UMAT 2016 as part of their year 11 course will have the opportunity to sit the test in year 11 and again in year 12 to strengthen their UMAT test scores.
- UMAT registration and UMAT scores to be reported to universities.
- UMAT Practice Test 1 will be included with the UMAT2016 Registration.
- More information can be downloaded on the UMAT website. Please follow UMAT on social media. Links are provided on the UMAT website.

**REGISTER NOW:**


**DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT AND A PASSION FOR MUSIC THEATRE, FILM AND TV, FASHION, DANCE OR VISUAL ART?**

Focused on developing a broad range of techniques, the University of Melbourne’s School of Creative Arts is perfect for developing VCE skills preparing for undergraduate studies, having a great time and learning something you’re passionate about.

Taught by industry professionals in a workshop environment, the Winter School programs for 15–20 year olds are designed to build confidence, develop new skills and enhance learning. You’ll have the opportunity to try something new and have fun in a friendly and supportive environment.

Winter Schools are available in:
- Theatre, Music Theatre, Film & TV, Dance and Visual Art
- Theatre, Dance and Visual Art

Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity for structured studio-based learning that can take your performance arts dreams to the next level!

When: Winter Schools are either 3 or 5 days long and take place 27 June – 5 July 2016.

Bookings: Book now to reveals your hidden talent, develop new skills and unleash your creativity!

Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

**FOLLOW THE DREAM**

**FOUNDER’S DAY**

On Tuesday, May 31st, 58 students from Years 7 – 10 will be undertaking the UNSW Science Competition. The competition is conducted ‘in house’ by the Science Faculty and will take place during Periods 1 and 2. It was this time last year that two of our students were ranked as the highest achievers in the state for the competition. We wish the boys involved good luck.

Sustainability at Mazenod College is starting to pick up momentum. The boys have been working with their teachers to make the school more sustainable. This involves working with students, teachers and the wider school community to reduce our use of electricity, gas, water, waste production whilst increasing biodiversity. We were recently certified as a 1 Star Resource Smart school which saw the college meet the criteria for the first, CORE Module. There are 5 modules in total. All modules focus on building a whole-school approach through daily operations, learning and teaching, and school community engagement. The Environmental Prefects have been working closely with this portfolio and their next initiative is to discuss recycling practices at the college at the next assembly. The Science faculty is looking forward to working with the school to make the college ‘greener’ in its practices.

Mr George Stoforidis and Ms Patrice Costin
Science Coordinators

**HONG KONG BILLETING**

I would like to make a special request on behalf of our China Oblate Mission. Mazenod will be welcoming two students from school in Hong Kong for three weeks with us on a cultural exchange program. We are seeking a family who would like to host these students in their home over the period 1st-20th June. AISA has provided a small stipend to help with costs. Ultimately the boys hope to build a friendship with this family and their next initiative is to discuss recycling practices at the college at the next assembly. The Science faculty is looking forward to working with the school to make the college ‘greener’ in its practices.