



# Mazenod College

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Leave Nothing Undared  
For the Kingdom of God

Dear Mazenod Families,

For approximately 250 families we warmly welcome you to the Mazenod College Community and for the further 800 Mazenod families, we warmly welcome you back for the 2013 year.

This week sees approximately 250 new students (224 Year 7's and 26 other students) and 10 new Staff begin their journey at Mazenod. We warmly welcome you all. No doubt there will be a wide range of differing emotions and feelings associated with these new beginnings and we sincerely hope that the most overwhelming feeling is one of belonging.

Our Year 12's are currently enjoying their Retreat at Portsea under the care of Mr Alan McAlister and Mr Stephen Lawrence and Team. In the Mass we celebrated last night, I could not help but be very impressed with the genuine quality of their participation and prayerfulness. I am very confident that 2013 will be a great year for them.

Next week's Newsletter will highlight the Academic Results of the 2012 Class. We will celebrate our 90+ Day on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, however the great feeling of success and achievement comes from the knowledge that 100% of our students received entry into the course of their choice. Being a non-selective entry school, this statistic pleases me the most and is one that provides genuine hope to all families. Over the past 5 years, our average has been over 98% in these categories, with 100% being the aim every year.

At the end of last year and over the course of the holidays there were a number of events that are important to acknowledge.

Our Italian Cultural Exchange and China Mission Immersion Experiences once again were enjoyed by all. Under the direction of Mrs Joanne Noone, Mrs Pina Parisi and Mr Michael Keady, our boys experienced the sights, sounds and tastes of Italy. Mrs Anne Johnson, Mr Dan Kelly and Fr. Andrew Chen O.M.I. accompanied our boys to the China Mission Immersion where they worked with the very sick babies at the orphanage brought about profound growth and maturity.

Our Volleyballers under the direction of Mr Damien Schumann (Old Boy) also competed in the Australian Volleyball School Championships. All teams had qualified in the highest Divisions and we were the most successful boys' School at the entire competition with a Gold Medal in the Under 15's, a Silver Medal in the Under 16's, as well as a 4<sup>th</sup> in the Seniors. All teams represented the College with distinction and I thank everyone who helped in the coordination and support.

Our Oblate Cricket Team ventured to Perth under the direction of Mr Adrian Connolly, Mr David Bedwell and Mr Tom Stanley (Old Boy). After a tremendously close struggle, we were able to defeat Iona College, before losing to eventual and deserved Champions, Mazenod Western Australia. We would like to sincerely thank our brother School in Western Australia for their wonderful hospitality and friendship. There is a special bond between our Oblate Colleges and this Carnival further highlighted that.

Over the holidays, extensive refurbishments and building projects have been undertaken. Next week, you will all receive a letter outlining both the breadth and scope of these works, as well as an important notice about the need to support the Building Fund while it retains its tax-deductible nature. There has been considerable work done over the holiday break and I sincerely thank everyone in the Grounds and Maintenance Teams led by Mr Brendan Rolfe and Mr Greg Collins.

We were saddened during the week to learn of the death of a loved Old Boy Andy Noone. Andy is also a current Parent (Nicholas in Year 8) and Uncle (Lachlan in Year 7 and Aiden in Year 10) and was 46 years old. Andy remained connected to the College through the Old Boys Cricket and Football Clubs. Our prayers go to Kate, Andy's wife and their children, Chris, Madison and Matthew and we assure her of our continued support.

Next week a letter will be sent out by Mr Peter Le Grand, outlining the fees for 2013 and this letter is an important reminder of the financial responsibility that the College undertakes. I ask you to please read the letter carefully, as it contains the necessary balance of the need for fee payment, while at the same time making sure that appropriate support and understanding is given to families who struggle.

Could you please flag the date of Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March in your diaries, as this is the date of our Inaugural Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. An extra special effort is requested of all families to attend this very important event in our School Calendar. This Mass really does celebrate the centrality of our faith while at the same time provides a wonderful launching point for the year.

Just a special reminder not to use Kernot Avenue for any drop-offs or pick-ups because of student safety. This important consideration is a very necessary one and your support is most definitely appreciated. It does not change if the weather is wet or windy as it is better to arrive wet to School than not at all. Drop-off points include Brandon Park Drive, Monash Gardens Nursing Home and Monash Drive. Please also refrain from parking over the driveways of our neighbours as it both inconveniences them, as well as harming our relationship with them.

In conclusion, may I once again state how great it is that we are beginning another year together. This College has been growing since 1967 with every single member of every single year making a contribution towards its growth. This year we keep the story and experience going. Welcome.

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

## DATES

### February 2013

Fri 01 Feb	Years 8, 9 & 10 Commence Term 1
Mon 04 Feb	School Photo Day
Tue 05 Feb	House Swimming @ Noble Park Pool Year 7 & 8 morning, Year 9 & 10 afternoon
Wed 06 Feb	Year 7 O.E.D/Library & Music Info Evening
Thu 07 Feb	Calculator orders due
Fri 08 Feb	College Assembly (90+ Students)
Sat 09 Feb	VCE Academic Detention (9am-11am)
Mon 11 Feb	House Athletics @ Knox Athletics Track
Tue 12 Feb	VCE Information Evening
Tue 12 Feb	Liturgy Prefect (7-12) Formation 3.30pm-5pm
Tue 12-15Feb	Year 9 Surf Camp & Activities Program
Tue 12 Feb	Fathers' Committee Meeting
Wed 13 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Wed 13 Feb	Mothers' Auxiliary Meeting
Wed 13-16 Feb	Oblate Education Conference WA
Fri 15 Feb	MOCA Year 12 Leadership Evening
Sun 17 Feb	Anniversary of the Approval of the Oblates
Mon 18 Feb	Calculator Sales (12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)
Tue 19 Feb	Open Day (4 pm – 8 pm)
Wed 20 Feb	Year 12 Library Lunch & Orientation
Thu 21 Feb	Year 8 Rock Climbing 1
Fri 22 Feb	ACC Swimming Carnival @MSAC 7 pm

*More dates will be added progressively*

## OTHER NEWS

### Applications for Year 7 2014

Applications for Year 7 Students in 2014 are now being accepted and close on **Friday 01<sup>st</sup> March 2013**.

If you currently have a son at the College, you are still required to submit an application for any younger siblings.

**Applications are available from the Student Counter**

## Inaugural Mass

Mazenod College's Inaugural Mass will be held on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Students are required to attend.

### THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2.30 PM – 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.mete@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au)  
Amanda 0401 194 799 [diamanta@bigpond.net.au](mailto:diamanta@bigpond.net.au)

**Extra Opening Times for Uniform Shop**  
(located behind Chapel)

### February

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 8am - 8.45am School Photo Day  
We are open each Tuesday and Thursday during School Terms from 12.30 pm to 4 pm.



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

## Education Maintenance Allowance - Information for Parents currently receiving EMA

### Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points. From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*\* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a temporary foster parent.

i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

### Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Year 7	Year 8 – Age 16
Instalment One	\$210	\$175
Instalment Two	\$90	\$75
Annual Total	\$300	\$250

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6 pm, there will be a Confirmation Information meeting for Year 10 students (and older) from the Parish of Holy Saviour, who wish to be Confirmed in the Parish later in the year. Any Year 10 students who live outside of the Parish and would be interested in participating in our Parish Confirmation Program would be welcome, however they would need a letter from their Parish Priest.

## MOTHERS' AUXILIARY

The Mothers' Auxiliary Committee would like to welcome back all the Mazenod Community to the start of a new year. We hope that you all enjoyed the well-deserved break.

The first Mothers' Auxiliary Meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. The evening will commence with celebrating Mass in the School Chapel, followed by a meeting and light supper in the Conference Room.

This monthly meeting is open to all Mazenod Ladies with no membership required. This is a great opportunity to meet with other mum's and start new friendships. Hope to see you there.

To the new 2013 mum's, we welcome you and hope that you enjoy your time at Mazenod.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Mon 04 Feb</b>	Colleen Connolly, Lauren Credlin, Erika Tennent
<b>Tue 05 Feb</b>	Paula Decleva, Louise Ryan, Suzette Munasinghe, Lisa O'Driscoll
<b>Wed 06 Feb</b>	Daniella Di Nezza, Angela Karak, Jennifer Valdon
<b>Thu 07 Feb</b>	Cathy King, Lydia Cheong, Siew Lim, Mary-Anne Beer
<b>Fri 08 Feb</b>	Livia Chambers, Nicole Guarnaccis, Georgie White

## CAREERS & PATHWAYS

### General Careers Update:

### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Welcome back to 2013! Congratulations to those year 10 students who have already returned their completed Work Experience forms to the College. A reminder to all year 10 students that work experience forms must be returned to Ms. Seremetis by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. This is the last week of Term 1. Work Experience dates for 2013 are Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

### SPEAKING TO A CAREERS PRACTITIONER

Your career pathway is unique to you. There are many choices available and sometimes identifying your skills or knowing exactly how to achieve your career goals can be difficult. Speaking to someone about your career can be great help with building confidence, recognising your strengths and finding work experience. The people you speak to could be family members, friends, peers, or a professional careers practitioner. If you wish to make an appointment to speak with Ms. Seremetis to discuss your career, subjects, or tertiary studies after year 12, please visit the Careers Office on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays or email [vseremetis@mazenod.vic.edu.au](mailto:vseremetis@mazenod.vic.edu.au) Best of luck for the 2013 Academic Year!

## SPORTS NEWS

### 2013 –WE'RE BACK

#### ACC & HOUSE SPORT NEWS.

Welcome back to another year. I hope that all families in the Mazenod Community have had a very enjoyable Christmas break and spent some valuable time with your families.

2013 promises to be another action packed year full of many highlights and great times on and off the sporting fields. First Term in particular starts with a bang and we have done our best to pack as much into our 8 week Term as possible.

#### Holiday Results

While most students enjoyed the start of the holidays, we had a number of students involved in sporting tournaments. As you would all be aware we had a number of teams compete at the National Volleyball Titles where we were lucky enough to come away with a number of medals. We also had a number of individual efforts that were outstanding with Joel Welsford in the 14 Honours Division being awarded the MVP Player of his Division. Mr Schumann our Director of Coaching, was very pleased with the performance of all our teams and will provide more details in the Newsletter in weeks to come.



Joel Welsford  
U/14 Honours Division MVP



Travis D'Souza  
Mazenod MVP  
Oblate Cricket Carnival

Our Oblate Cricket Team returned from Perth with 2 wins and a loss to the eventual winners Mazenod WA. The boys also performed extremely well beating Iona College by 1 run off the last ball and the Cricket Academy, Kent St High School by 40 runs. We lost to Mazenod WA by 4 wickets. One highlight of the tour was that our youngest player, Year 9 student Kirk Dickson had our top score of the tournament with 75 against Kent St. Travis D'Souza our Captain was judged our Player of the Week.

### HOUSE SPORT CARNIVALS

#### Swimming- 5<sup>th</sup> February- Noble Park Swimming Pool

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding our School Swimming Carnival and the newly renovated Noble Park Swimming Pool. All Year 7-10 students will be involved in this Carnival. Year 7-8 will be involved from Period 1-4 and the students in Years 9-10 from Period 4-6.

Every student is expected to compete in an event. We will be running the more traditional stroke events mixed with a number of team novelty events. The students will be informed on Monday of what they will be required to wear and bring on the day. It is an outdoor venue this year so students will need to be prepared for these conditions and weather.

#### Athletics- 11<sup>th</sup> February- Knox Athletics Track

The biggest sporting day of the year. We look forward to seeing as many students compete in as many events as possible on this day. The entire College Community will be involved on this day and we have close to 100% participation rates. It will be a full day at Knox and the boys will be informed of requirements next week.

#### ACC Sports & Carnivals

The ACC Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at MSAC**. This evening event will see the months and months of training by our students come to fruition. The team has trained from last July and continued over the holidays. The team is confident they are prepared as best as they can be and we wait to see where this will leave us at the end of the night.

The ACC Athletics Carnival will be held in last the last week of Term 1 on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March** at the new home of Victorian Athletics at Albert Park. This year we will be holding every event on the same day where as in previous years we have held some Junior events in the week prior to the main Carnival.

Training will begin soon and students will be invited to train given past and current performances at the House and ACC Athletic events. This invitation is not an optional one but an expectation that your son will be involved. For most students, it will involve some professional training from qualified coaches one after school and during Sport that week. Our training block will last for approximately 5 weeks.

#### ACC SPORT- FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>-SENIOR ONLY

TEAM	OPPONENT/VENUE	RETURN TIME (APPROX)
1 <sup>ST</sup> XI CRICKET	St Bede's-Mazenod	5.30pm
2 <sup>ND</sup> XI CRICKET	Bye	
VOLLEYBALL	St Bede's -Pinewood	3.10pm
TENNIS	St Bede's - Mazenod	3.10pm

## The Sporting 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)



# MAZENOD COLLEGE

A Catholic Boys' Secondary College

## 2013 Open Days

**Tuesday 19th February 4 pm - 8 pm**

**Tuesday 15th October 9.30 am - 12 pm**  
(Tours Commence 9.30am, 10.30am and 11am)

For more information please contact the College on (03) 9560 0911  
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