MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn
The past fortnight has been busy with a variety of events from SRC Monster breakfast and Peace week initiatives to the Primary maths fun days assisted by parent volunteers whose efforts were celebrated at a Mass followed by morning tea.

New book on the life of Patriarch Elias Howayek - the Founder of the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family is being considered for sainthood. This book summarises his extraordinary life. It is available for purchase for $5 from the main office.

Competition open to all staff, students and parents – The theme for this year is ‘In the image of God.’ If you think you can describe this in 50 words (in Arabic or English) or can visually depict this, I invite you to email me your submission to mghosn@mchf.nsw.edu.au Below are submissions form 2 parents:

When your newborn stares you in the eyes and smiles, when your child tells you you're her "yooniverse" a grandmother holding her rosary beads. The image of God is all around us, it's the smallest things/gestures that are so Great. Life is simple. "WE" are the image of God when we simply love! - by Rosemond Elias

When you grow up experiencing life full of trials and tribulations, questioning why God is testing you, eventually arrive at a "fork" in the road. One path is of continuing life as it is, another path is rebelling against your experiences and the other is the path of acceptance. If you accept that this is your path, you're on the road to living in God's Image. - Jacqueline Bou Melhem

DOING THE ROUNDS


Premier’s Reading Challenge - You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 21st August (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.

Story.time.corner - is our new Primary Library Blog. Parents and children can read about new releases, comments on books we’ve shared and catch up on news about favourite authors. The link to view the blog: http://ourstorytimecorner.blogspot.com.au/ You’re welcome to post comments on the blog too.

Parent Volunteer Mass and morning tea held 31st July

Maths fun days in Primary - Primary students participated in Maths Fun Day activities in order to learn
important mathematical concepts in fun and exciting ways. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time to assist on the days and for the teachers who prepared the resources.

**Ned Show** is a character education programme that centres around 3 messages that have lifelong relevance: *Never Give Up* *Encourage Others* *Do Your Best!* The Ned Show has appeared in many schools across America (including the White House 11 times), Canada, UK, New Zealand and Australia. Our Primary students watched the performance on 31st July.

**Year 11 PDHPE and Year 10 Work Education**

Students participated in a First Aid Course on 28th July - by the Surf Lifesaving Australia. The presenters kept every student interested and engaged in learning about First Aid. They balanced the day with lots of practical experiences and assessed each student for mastery of each skill.

**MCHF Winter Concert was held on 30th July** – showcasing music and drama performances. A big thank you to the CAPA department for coordinating this.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Kinder Jonah Botros, Grace Ghabache, Timeotheus El Katrib, Natalia Bazouni

Third Maths Olympiad was held 29th July. Top scorers were Jason Chakti, Mark Alam and Simon Zaiter (Year 6) and Mandalin Mousa (Year 5) each scoring 3 points. Well done students!
Bronze award – Yr 7: Raquel El Katrib, -Ramona Touma, Emily Saba Yr 8: Tayla Laoulach, Tiana Lichaa Yr 11: James Fares

Silver Award – Yr 7: Ann-Maree Semaan, Theresa El-Halabi, Nicole Farah


Science Competition - Students from 8-1, 9-1 and 10-1 entered the Science Competition as a way of extending these students. The following students achieved awards. In Yr 8 – Credit: Vanessa-Marie Boumelhem. Merit: Jessica Wehbe; Yr 9 – Credit: Christy El Khoury & Michelle Mereb. Merit: Youssef Faddoul; Yr 10- Credit: Maria Attie. Merits: John Khoury & Maria Moussa. Congratulations to those students and all students for participating. - Mr A. Stillen - Science KLA Coordinator

MCHF partnered with Western Sydney University’s School of Business and Max Potential, to provide personal leadership coaching for our students. Yr 11 student, Murielle Aboukaram, has been receiving individual coaching sessions on personal leadership, as well as attending group workshops.

On 27th July, Suzie Farah (Yr 12) attended the FACS HSC Youth Scholarship Award Ceremony – she was presented with a certificate for her scholarship which she had received earlier in the year worth $2000.

Rep sport - Girls Frisbee team defeated St Agnes 12 to 3 - Coach Mr P Julius Boys intermediate AFL drew 49 all against McCarthy – Coach Mr Abou Gharrach

PARENT CORNER

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back - From 15th July to 8th September, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers. Please be on board and encourage your child to bring these back as it benefits the school as a whole by boosting educational equipment and resources for student learning.

Sick students – Parents please do not send your children to school if they are feeling sick.

Health Corner - Crunch & Sip is an initiative teachers practise in the classroom every day. Crunch & Sip® is a set time for students to ‘refuel’ on fruit and vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. You are encouraged to pack your children a healthy lunch with an extra piece of fruit or vegetable which your child will eat in class between 9:30-10:30am. For healthy ideas visit http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking.aspx

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