



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 1: Friday 22nd July 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we journey through terms 3 and 4 of semester 2, I ask that we work together as a family to support one another and ensure our students receive the best possible education. I trust the Sisters, staff, parents and students will collaborate and ensure that MCHF remains a tight knit community that values education.

**Visit of the Cross with Saint Mary MacKillop relics and a letter from Blessed Mother Theresa
Wednesday 24th August 2016 from 12-3pm at MCHF**

This is the final reminder for all parents and students who have failed for 2 terms to apply for an Opal card. Students who do not have an Opal card by Monday will have to pay to board the buses. Go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students to be issued with an Opal card.

For the final time please note:

1. Under no circumstances should students, parents or grandparents attempt to cross the road by weaving through cars. Everyone must cross at the crossing. We have had far too many close calls because people continue to ignore road rules.
2. Under no circumstances are parents allowed to double-park at the pickup zone. As of Monday, we will be taking number plates of those committing an offence that puts children and other drivers at risk.

On 26/7/16 there will be a surprise evacuation drill and on 2/8/16 there will be a practice lockdown

Buy-A-Brick campaign - Please refer to the following link for the campaign flyer and application form http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/latest_news/mchf-buy-a-brick-campaign/ All money raised will help in building our new block. If you want your name engraved in the new building you need to purchase a brick. **Thank you to the following who purchased bricks recently:** Yr 5 Arabic-1 (1 brick), Jimmy Simon (Prestige Sparks Electrical) (1 brick), Yr 12 (5 bricks).

DOING THE ROUNDS

Staff Fire wardens training on 19/7/16



On Friday 29th July the Primary have their annual disco with tickets \$5. The Infants disco will take place at 1:30–3pm and students can wear mufti to school. The Primary disco will take place from 6–8pm. Parents are reminded to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of the disco.

Parent-teacher interviews were held on 30/6/16



Maintenance over the holidays included painting, gardening, electrical tagging, ICT upgrade, improving fire detection, maintenance of the turf etc

New reading corner for our special needs Primary students and the



Yr 2 students are working enthusiastically with the Active Expression individual remotes and Promethean Board in Mathematics. The focus for the lesson is Flip, Slide and Turn.

Yr 12 drama and business studies students attend classes over the term break



Premier's Reading Challenge closes on 19 August for students. All Infants are validated. Yrs 3-6: 48 students' records are validated. All books can be added online by the student using their

PRC username and password. Yrs 7-10 must read 20 books and write their book reports. All students have been given their login username and password to enter their book list online.

Thursday sport for Secondary – a snapshot!



Official launch of the clip 'Real Choices, Real Men' <https://youtu.be/LQKYlppdmT8>



CONGRATULATIONS

All Rounder Awards – Yr 3: Gabrielle Messiha; Yr 4: Ralph Dib, Michaela Ibrahim, Ella Marie Kalache, Rita Raffoul, Norma Samaha

Bronze award – Yr 4: Gerard Boudib

Congratulations to the Senior Rugby Boys team who are the Hills Cup Grand Final winners for the fourth year in a row. Man of the match: Arthur Melhem. Congratulations boys and coach Mr Abood.



Congratulations to Claudia Douehi in Yr 12 who auditioned and has made it through to the X Factor.

Congratulations to Pierre Raffoul and Joy Sleiman who have been accelerated from Yr 5 into Yr 6 due to their exceptional academic abilities. We wish them every success.

PARENT CORNER

Keep an eye out for next week's Parramatta Advertiser as our College has placed an advertisement. This advertisement will feature in the Advertiser 4 times between now and the end of the year.

The College will no longer be sending through an SMS when your child is absent from school. This will commence from Monday 25 July, 2016. The SMS sending has been causing confusion and worry to many parents when students are not following procedure and signing in when they arrive late. Parents are reminded to provide a note or medical certificate when your child returns to school the next day after being absent. We will be using the SMS feature ONLY when there is a student of concern.

Introducing ReachOut.Com/Parents - When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they're more likely to get it. That's why ReachOut Australia – the country's leading online mental health organisation for young people – has introduced a free new service to help parents help teenagers. Free and available 24/7, ReachOut.com/Parents provides evidence-based practical support and tips that encourage effective communication and relationships between parents and young people aged 12–18 years. **The College's PESN will be organising an information session to launch the service at the College during this term. Details will be announced soon.**

Effective Parenting Course – Session 2 (Free Course) - MaroniteCare in partnership with Maronite College of the Holy Family Parramatta's Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) invite all to the third session "Challenges of Parenting a Teenager" of the Effective Parenting Course led by Dr Dima Akik held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at either 10am (Arabic) or 7pm (English) with registrations taking place 30mins prior to commencement of each session. For more information please contact Mr Elie Asmar on (02) 9633 6600.

دورة مجانية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في تنشئة العائلات

"مارونايت كار" بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة وشبكة تثقيف ودعم العائلات بدعوة الأهالي الى دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلاتنا تقدمها الدكتورة دينا عقيق. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الثالثة بعنوان "تحديات التربية في مرحلة المراهقة" تقام الثلاثاء 16 آب 2016 في قاعة ماري مكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة 10.00 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الـ 7.00 مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية. لمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالشدياق داني نوح على 02 8831 0000, 0477 008 787 أو السيد إيلي أسمر على 02 9633 6600

Mon Cheri Laser & Beauty, Laser Hair Removal, Spray Tanning, Waxing, Facials, Cosmetic Injectables & Cosmetic Tattooing. **New Client Special 50% off 1st Laser Treatment.** Valid till 31st Aug. Also we have an accredited Nutritionist, Health & Well Being Coach Rita Kalache. Specialising in healthy weight loss plans and one on one consults for support and success. \$40 for Meal Plan Consultation & Free Start up Goodies Bag. Put Health First! Refer to our website www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au for more. All bookings/enquiries please call 98914446.

Cincotta Discount Chemist Harris Park, 82 Wigram Street, Harris Park 2150. Ph: 9635 9466. Open Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-6pm. Services include Medication Management, Webster packing, Blood pressure testing, Sleep apnoea solutions, Free local delivery - conditions apply.



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