



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 2: Friday 29th July 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

The College has undertaken extensive work in the area of disaster management and is investing a significant amount in implementing a 'Business Continuity plan' which involves among other matters moving all critical databases, email boxes and software to a 'Cloud environment' and the installation of a wireless based fire detection system across the campus. MCHF is also in the process of receiving approval to build the \$9.5 million open-space learning environment. The College proposes to meet part of these costs by a 3% increase in tuition fees and a \$50 increase in maintenance levy per family in Year 2017. We look forward to receiving your support to educate your children in an secure environment.

Go to is www.transportnsw.info/school-students to be issued with an Opal card. All students must have the card to travel on buses. Otherwise they must pay.

Yr 12 students have 4th and 5th August off to study for trial exams which occur the following week

The Secondary walk-a-thon is on Friday 12th August. All funds raised will go towards the new \$9.5 million building. Each student must raise a minimum of \$20.

Foundation Day holiday Monday 15th August

**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**

On 2/8/16 there will be a practice lockdown

Buy-A-Brick campaign - See attached flyer. 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 Opal (1 brick)

DOING THE ROUNDS

Disco for Infants and Primary students on 28/7/16





Secondary library lunchtimes activities happening in Term 3 include: jewellery making, building solar robots, colouring decorative designs, and origami



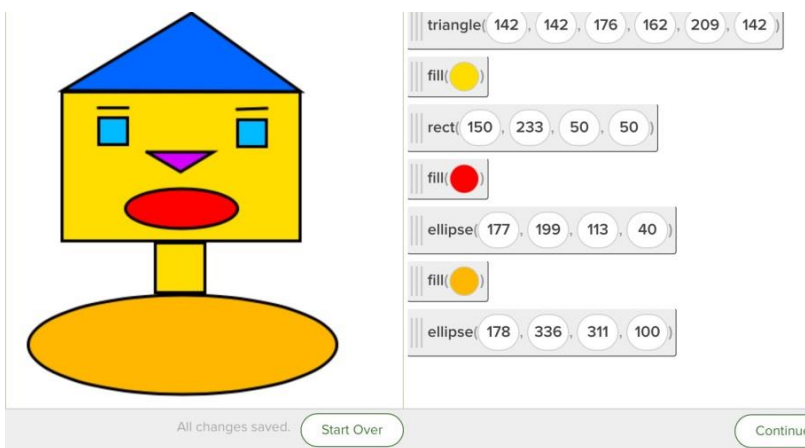
News from the ICT Committee: BYOD and Accessing WiFi - The College has been upgrading its ICT services and has introduced BYOD for students. Currently students in Yrs 9-12 have been given access. The plan to enable WIFI for students is as follows: Yrs 7 and 8 students by 8th August; Yrs 5 and 6 students by 22nd August; Yrs 3 and 4 students by 5th September; and K-2 students by 11th October.

On 25th July, Yrs 9-12 Visual Art students visited the Art Gallery of NSW. Our excursion enabled us to see, experience and learn about amazing artworks of Frida Kahlo/Diego Rivera and the entrants to this year's Archibald/Wynne and Sulman prizes. Each year group were allocated a focus area that related to their current area of study. It was great to be able to experience the artworks first hand and journey into the minds of the artists, to learn about the history of their lives through their artworks. - Jana Ibrahim and Sarah Nemer



On 26th July, we were elected to represent our school at the NSW Parliament House for Make a Difference Day. It was a very enriching experience, as several politicians, such as Trish Doyle MP, The Hon. Trevor Khan, and Dr Mehreen Faruqi, addressed us on making a positive contribution and difference. - Jacinta Semaan and Kristal Elias (Yr 10)

Yrs 10-4 and 10-5 maths students combined classes and were engaged in a PBL statistical activity and a sample work on how Yrs 7 and 8 math students are using coding to draw 2D shapes



Recycling - The yellow lid bins are for bottles/cans, the blue lid bins are for paper/cardboard.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Janet Hatem and her Yr 1 Green class that achieved 1st place in Australia and 5th in the world in Mathletics

Position	Country	Name	School	Points
1		Ms Harn Yiling : Year 8	Cempaka Schools Damansara Heights, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	3840
2		Mr. Borthistle : Year 10	SJASD-John Taylor Collegiate, MB, Canada	3216
3		Mr Kilham : Year 10	Matamata College, WKO, New Zealand	3014
4		Mr Khan : Year 5	Sutton Park School, AUK, New Zealand	2820
5		Ms Hatem : Year 1	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	2712

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Miriam Al- Somsom, Maria Doumit, Natalia Gereij, Debbie Doueih, Michael Wehbe, Raymond Bechara, Tatiana Estephen, Joseph Samya, Veronica Bou Melhem, Jamile Jeitani, Mariella Mikhael, Christina Geagea Yr 11: Vanessa Abou Habib, Jodie Bayeh, John Khoury, Sarah Lichaa, Giorgio Makdessi, Maria Moussa

Bronze award – Yr 7: Theresa Sassine, Bassam Khattar, Zoe Tannous, Reina Layoun, Chelsea Elias, Christina Geagea Yr 11: Natalie Haddad

Silver Award – Yr 7: Celine Harb, Celine Moussa, Maria Boumelhem, Simon Zaiter, Ashton Tannous

Principal's Award - Yr 7: Adrian Harb

Third Maths Olympiad produced exceptional results with Simon Zaiter and Celine Moussa getting 4 out of 5 questions correct. The rest of the team performed very well with most of them getting 2 out of 5.

A gifted and talented project for 2016 involved students from Yrs 7-11 studying the women in the Gospels. The girls involved were in Yr 7: Margaret Sabat & Celine Moussa. In Yr 8: Jessie Samya, Rafqa Kayrouz & Gabrielle Baker. In Yr 9: Rita Layoun & Jacinta Mawad. In Yr 10: Jacinta Semaan, Jenny Moussa & Sarah Therese Nemer. In Yr 11: Mona Katrib & Tia Semaan. I am proud to announce their paper was published this week in Women Matter e-newsletter.

<http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/latest-news/women-in-the-gospels-young-women-s-views.html#.V5mbRfI96UI>

Rep sport: Congratulations to the Girls Frisbee team who defeated McCarthy 12 - 7

PARENT CORNER

From the PESN: 'Friendships Amongst Teenagers' - Friendships are particularly important to teenagers from having a support network to feeling a sense of belonging and acceptance. As a parent, taking time to help your child build and nurture strong friendships will alleviate some of the difficulties faced during this period. Read more about how you can help your teenager build positive friendships

https://parents.au.reachout.com/Skills-to-build/Wellbeing/Things-To-Try-friendships?utm_source=referralstrat&utm_medium=copydeck&utm_campaign=parents&utm_content=backtoschool

Moodle - The College is expanding the use of online e-learning system (Moodle) to Primary students. Currently Yrs 5 and 6 students are enjoying this service. Progressively we will set up Yrs 3 and 4. The College's PESN organised a parent information session to educate parents on Moodle on 27th July. Thank you to those dedicated parents who attended.



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 ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة 10.00 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الساعة 7.00 مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية. لمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالشدياق داني نوح على 02 9633 6600 أو السيد إيلي أسمر على 02 9633 6600

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Dates to remember - <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/> If you would like to receive the e-newsletter email admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au W: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/> F: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>