



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 2: Friday 5th May 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have had a relatively quiet week in regards to events happening. However next week will be busy again with NAPLAN, Mother's Day stall, Mass and morning tea, and Yr 11 exams commencing on the Friday.

NAPLAN - NESA (BOSTES) has changed the rules regarding the minimum standards which must be achieved. In the attachment you will find important information regarding why students in Yr 9 must achieve a minimum of a Band 8 in their tests before they can achieve their HSC. Please take the time to read the letter (which is in English and in Arabic) from the NAPLAN CEO.

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea on Friday 12th May at 9am
Parent Volunteers' Mass and Morning Tea on Friday 19th May at 9am

To commemorate the end of the Month of Mary there will be a trip to Saint Rafqa led by Sr Irene. Cost is \$35 and includes bus trip, breakfast, prayer, Mass and social time. Please contact Sr Irene or Ramona for more details.

DOING THE ROUNDS

Yr 6 students have been invited to participate in the Scholarship program for their 2018 Secondary enrolment, sponsored by the College. These include MCHF Academic Scholarship, Pastoral Scholarship and Sporting Scholarship. All applications must be submitted to the classroom teacher by Monday 18th September. We look forward to reviewing all entries.

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 19 May 2017 - Australian children are becoming less active and this program is geared at educating children to walk more for better health. The Students at MCHF will be involved in activities to promote a better understanding on being healthy and adopting good habits with a focus on exercise and walking. Information can be found on the website: www.canwalk.org.au/walktoschool/national-walk-safely-to-school-day/

Primary homework club has begun for Years 2-6. A permission note from the office is needed if you would like your child to attend.

In the Learning Centre this week, Year 2 constructed a mini eco-system to observe the lifecycle of a snow pea. Year 3 were investigating how liquids respond to changes in temperature.





Sr Margaret's 2017 enrichment class researching the lives of saints



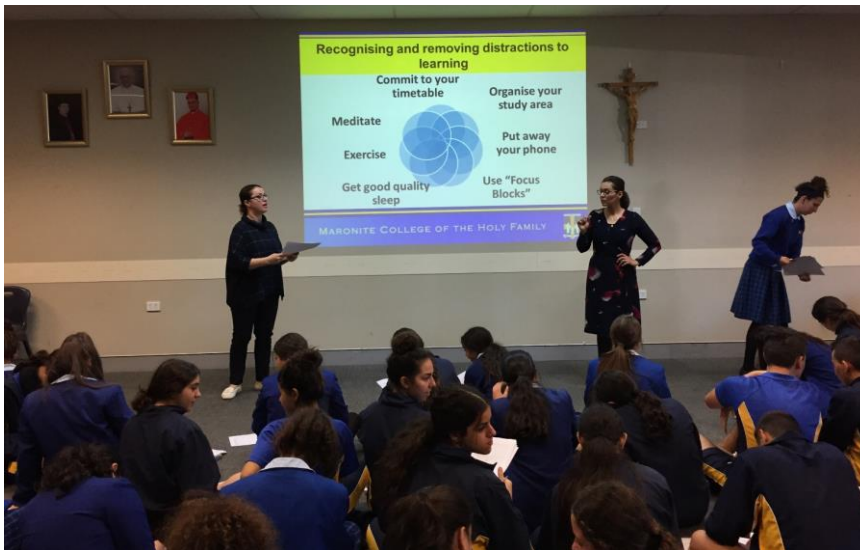
**Roger Mouawad is our brilliant dance teacher for Sport. The girls love his lessons!
Other students get fit at the gym.**



Every student at the College can access the latest Microsoft Office suite, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel, for free. Go to <https://portal.office.com> and enter your College email and password. Then click the 'Install Office 2016' button on the top right hand side of the window and follow the prompts.

Year 9 Reflection Day was held on 2/5/17 and the theme was 'Building Up.'

Year 9 and 10 Study skills on 5/5/17 during Pastoral time led by Ms Ghadmar and Ms Rizk



On 5th May MCHF hosted an Introductory Robotics Workshop presented by Modern Teaching Aids - attended by 28 teachers from schools across NSW, they used Lego education EV3 hardware and software recently purchased by the College.

NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

New Building Sponsorship Opportunity - The College is providing an opportunity for corporate or community based sponsorships to assist to cover the costs for the \$10 million Secondary Building to replace the current C Building. Details of the packages are available in the package booklet attached. For any further sponsorship enquiries please contact Mr Asmar at the College or by email easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Commencement of Construction – during the process of excavation it was found that asbestos contaminated land fill had been buried under the ground. This will be removed at an extra cost of over \$660,000. We have been working closely with the builder and architect to ensure the removal complies with legislation. Commencement of removal of contaminated material will occur in two weeks' time and there will be air filters to ensure the surrounding areas remain uncontaminated. This will be a 4-week process after which construction of the new C block will commence. **Given the extra \$660,000 cost, we are in need of financial assistance from our community. Please encourage sponsors to assist us in this construction which has now blown out to \$10 million. To date we have had little financial assistance from our community and this has been disheartening given the project is for the better education of our children.**



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jaycob Anjoul (Year 9) on his selection in the PDSSSC Touch team which will compete in the NSWCCC Championships at Dubbo.

Congratulations to Anthony Harb (Year 11) on his selection in the PDSSSC soccer team which will compete in the NSWCCC Championships at Glenwood.

Well done to all students who represented the College at the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival. All students who competed placed in the top half of their age groups. **Special mention to Rafca Attie (19th place), Mark Azar (14th place), Louis Nakhoul (7th place) and Rita Attie (6th place).** Rita will now represent the PDSSSC team at the NSW Cross Country tournament next month. We wish her all the best.

PARENT CORNER

Preparing for the Mother's Day stall on Tuesday 9th May

- This year includes a wide range of items, packs and even a show bag. Prices range from \$0.50 to \$12. The stall will be set up in the Primary Hall.

Mother's Day Stall Volunteers Required - The Parent Association are seeking Parent Volunteers to assist with the selling of the mother's day stall items on Tuesday 9th May 2017 from 8:30am to approximately 12:30pm. If any parent is available to assist for an hour session or more please contact the PA Secretary, Nadien Elias via email mchf.pa@gmail.com



Prayer with the parents – Sr Irene will resume her prayer time with parents as of Friday 12th May from 2:30-3pm in the Church. All parents are invited to this reflection.

2017 College Tours - will commence in Term 3. It will include a short presentation followed by a tour of the various buildings. Bookings are essential. To book please visit the College website and complete the online form or complete the eForm through the College App. For more info please contact Mr Asmar.

MCHF Phone App - Our College has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To install, search for our College name **Maronite College of the Holy Family** in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The App has the ability to sort and filter the notifications you receive. To turn these filters on follow these steps:

- Go to your App. Click on the 3 dots labelled "More" (Bottom right hand side of App)
- Click "Setup Push Notifications"
- Tap the "ON" tab beside the category that is applicable to you.

Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age.' Tip #5 - **Have a conversation with your teen if you see unexpected behaviour.** Many parents think that it's better if they leave a problem and it'll just go away – it won't. You can simply say, 'I've noticed something's changed – is everything OK.' Even if they don't want to talk about it then, they'll appreciate that you've let them know you care. One of the best places to talk is in the car, as your teen will be more comfortable talking if they don't have eye contact with you.

JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

Students require an Opal Pass to catch the bus– apply through www.transportnsw.info/school-students

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