



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 4: Friday 16th August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

On Wednesday, 14th August MCHF celebrated the Sisters' Foundation Day and the Feast of the Assumption. The day commenced with the celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral and following the Mass the College took part in our Annual Walk-a-thon. The day was enjoyed by all.



I would like to thank all the Staff, Students and Parents who assisted and took part in the day. May our Lady bless and protect you all.

Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
We believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven
where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.
We join them in praising you and bless the Lord
who raised you above all creatures.
With them we offer you our devotion and love.
We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs.
We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb,
O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Holy Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us!



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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Special thanks to **Bob the Butcher** for giving us a wonderful deal on the sausages for the sausage sizzle!

We really appreciate your generosity!

Many thanks to **Balloons by Elle, Criniti's, Cookie Cakes, Bay Vista, Grace Laser Clinic, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Ms Mourched, Mrs Fisher, and Mr Gabrael** for donating gift vouchers and prizes for the kids!



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We have had amazing parents and friends offer to donate food, drinks and BBQ accessories for the walkathon BBQ. Special thanks to **Assist Property Maintenance, Sofia Taouk, Laurance Nol, Rania Fakhri and Jori's Discount Supplies.**

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

This week we celebrated the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy family. Our annual celebration began with a beautiful Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady. The Mass also honoured Patriarch Elias Howayek, the founder of the Maronite Sisters.

Following Mass, the students completed their walk ensuring they had their card stamped at each checkpoint as proof that they walked the distance required. Upon their return to school, both teachers and students enjoyed the freshly made sausage sandwich waiting for them. I would like to especially thank Mrs Mary Bechara and her team of helpers for cooking all those sausages and serving the tired, hungry walkers as they lined up. Thank you also to Mr Bechara who organised the Primary Walk-a-thon and liaised with the Parent Association to ensure that the barbeque lunch was a success. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the effort of all the students and their parents who obtained sponsorship for the event. We very much appreciate your support.





Book Week

Each year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia endeavours to bring children and books together by acknowledging quality Australian literature during Book Week. Over the past few weeks, Mrs LeMerle has been entertaining our K-3 students with the Book Council’s short listed books. The students have had the opportunity to not only hear the stories, but learn about the authors and complete a variety of associated activities. These books will continue to be the main focus as we enter into our Book Week celebrations. Book Week officially begins on the 17th of August.



The ever popular Book Fair is back again this year. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Learning Centre on Friday 23rd August and Monday 26th August so that they can complete a ‘Wish List’ of books or stationary they would like to buy. Purchasing of items will commence from Tuesday 27th August. A note outlining the days and opening times of the Book Fair, will be sent home with students.

The Primary Creative Arts Day will be held on Tuesday 27th August. This will be the final Book Week event for this year. Students from all grades will be participating in Visual Art, Dance, Drama and Music activities that relate to one of the Australian Book Council’s short listed books. All students will have the opportunity to read and develop a good understanding of their grade’s chosen text prior to the day. We are looking forward to a fun filled day!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the closing date for student entries into the Premier’s Reading Challenge is Friday 30th of August. All reading records need to be completed prior to this date so that they can be lodged on time. Remember, even if you are finished, keep on reading!

Communication with Teachers

Parent and teacher communication is encouraged at our school. Can I please remind parents again, that if you wish to speak to a teacher regarding any concern you have with your child, you are required to make an appointment through the main office. Trying to speak to your child’s teacher in the morning during assembly or

whilst on class is not permitted. Teachers have a duty of care to all their students. I would also like to remind parents to be respectful in the way that you approach and speak to any staff member at the College.

School Uniform

Many thanks to the parents who are ensuring that their children arrive at school well presented each day. Teachers conduct regular checks to make sure that students are wearing the correct uniform. Haircuts will be continually checked to ensure that they are appropriate and that College Policy is adhered to. Wearing the school uniform with pride is an important message to give to your child about their identity as a member of the MCHF community. Please encourage them to wear the correct school uniform at all times.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Foundation Day Mass and Walkathon

On Wednesday 14th August 2019, the College held its Foundation Day celebrations. The day commenced with Mass as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. This was followed by the annual walkathon. The perfect weather conditions ensured the students enjoyed the walk and were eager to return to the sausage sizzle. We thank the parent association for hosting the sausage sizzle. Also a special thank you to Mr Abood for coordinating the event and to Mr Julius and the SRC for their fundraising and sponsorship work.



Year 9 and 11, 2020 Subject Selections

Our Year 8 students this week will be attending the subject selection session for Year 9, 2020. Various KLA Coordinators will be presenting the courses on offer for the students. This will then be followed by the students selecting their subject. Furthermore, our Year 10 students have now officially submitted their subject selections and the College will now review their selections.

Semester 1 Sport and Semester 2 Leadership Assembly

On Friday 23rd August 2019 at 2pm in the Secondary Hall, the semester 1 sport awards and semester 2 leaders will be presented at a special assembly. Students receiving awards will be issued a parent invitation letter. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. It is important to note that any student receiving an award for this assembly must be dressed in full winter uniform (including blazer).

Year 12 Trials

Our Year 12 students conclude their trials on Monday 19th August. We hope our students have performed their best. The College will now analyse the results and continue to work with our year 12 students to prepare them for their HSC exams. It is important for students and parents/guardians to appreciate that the final weeks of schooling must be attended by students as review of exams, finalising content and preparation for HSC exams will be taking place.

Staff Professional Development Session: Foundation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family

Our secondary staff combined with the primary staff for a session on the foundation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family as well as the life of Patriarch Elias Howayek. As we celebrate the foundation day of the Maronite Sisters, the session provided an opportunity for staff to develop their knowledge and spirituality on the mission of the Sisters and the College ethos. The session included presentations by Sr Irene and Sr Marlene, a group activity and a Kahoot quiz.



Representative Sport

Our Junior Boys Rugby League team defeated St Agnes 34-16 in the last round of the PDSSSC competition. The boys have now qualified for the grand final which will be held next week on Thursday 22nd August 2019 at 1pm at the Kingsway in Penrith. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. We wish the students and their coach, Mr Abood, all the very best in next week's grand final.

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 21st August – Wellbeing Wednesday for Secondary Students
- Tuesday 27th August – Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccines
- Thursday 29th August – Father's Day Stall (See Parent section of newsletter for more information)
- Friday 30th August – K-12 Father's Day Mass at 9am (OLOL Co-Cathedral)

College Tour Dates...

Next Tour: **Wednesday 28th August 2019 from 11:30am – 12:30pm**

The College welcomes its parents and wider community to tour the facilities, services and learning environment. Our tours are held once a term.

Tour bookings are required, so please complete the tour booking form located on the College App or via the link – [Tour Booking Form](#)

For more information please contact Ms Georgette Baini 9633 6600 or gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20th November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Mariah Tannous, Nicolas Atie (Year 1) - Christian Barakat, Lina Alameddine, Rafqa Sabbagh (Year 2) - Michael Salem (Year 3) - Christian Chiha, Maria Elias (Year 4) - Charbel Feghali, Mia Malouhi, Peter Al Najjar, Elizabeth El-Katrib, Alannah Harb, Chloe Rehbane (Year 5) - Nicole Katrib, Christina Ibrahim (Year 11)

Bronze Awards – Ava Melhem, Elizabeth Azzi, Naya Al-Ajrash (Kindy) - Roshanan Suresh, Antonio Katrib, Steven Zaidan (Year 2) - Matthew Elcham, Isaiah Ghabach (Year 3) - Jocarlo EL-Kadi, Rodney Bayeh, Charbel Jabbour (Year 4) - Mary Moubarak, Elie Al-Ekhtiyar, Mia Maria Al Helou, Olivia Bechara, Rita Doumit, Christian El-Bahroun, Alex Moussa (Year 5)

Silver Awards – Mikaela Fahad, Abraham Baisarri, Jacob Layoun (Year 2) - Anthony Sleiman (Year 4)

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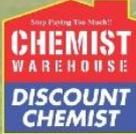
Year 8 participating in Martial Arts to improve skills in confidence and resilience.



Preparing for Book Week – Teachers have chosen their favourite books...











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PARENT CORNER

SAVE THE DATE: FATHER'S DAY STALL: THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

The Parent Association will be holding their annual Father's Day Stall on **Thursday 29th August, 2019.**

They will be providing a variety of gifts for children to purchase for their Father and/or Grandfather/s on this special day. More details to follow next week!

Leaving the College Grounds in the Afternoon

A reminder to parents/guardians that no student is permitted to leave the College grounds from Gate 5 (Weston St) in the afternoons.

All students must leave the College from the Alice Street gates.

The Weston Street gates are for staff and emergency exits only.

Looking for Apprenticeships for Students in 2020

We are looking for parents/families, who own businesses, to take on students for apprenticeships in 2020. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact Mrs Abdul Ahad on 9633 6600 or email

fabdulahad@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Alumni Association

The College is seeking to re-establish the Alumni Association (for Our Lady of Lebanon College and MCHF) to provide an opportunity for ex-students to be involved with the College and give back to the College community. A constitution will also be redeveloped. If any ex-student would like to be involved with the association, please email your name, contact number and email address to Ms Georgette Bains - gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>
 School Code: MCHFBYOD2019



WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINARS

The Active Parramatta Van team will hold FREE health seminars on topics like nutrition, healthy cooking, menopause, weight loss, mental health and more! For further information, contact your Hub leader Afrah!

📍 **Hub Room at Maronite College of the Holy Family**

🕒 **10am - 10:40am**

📅 **Tuesday, 17th September**

Tuesday, 29th October

Tuesday, 26th November

Tuesday, 24th December



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If you are interested in joining the Community Hub family, or would like more information, please contact AFRAH HADDAD, Community Hub Leader.

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