



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 6: Friday 30th August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

Dear Parents, I urge you to please use caution when parking your car in the Church Carpark. I have had many parents and staff complain that their vehicles have been scratched or dented by another vehicle. Please respect each other people's property and park in the proper marked areas.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Fathers, from both staff and parents, a very blessed Father's Day this Sunday. May you enjoy the love of your family and may God's blessings be upon you.

A special thankyou to the Parents Association for all their hard work in organising the Father's Day gift stall.

Dear God,

Bless all the fathers in the world.

Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.

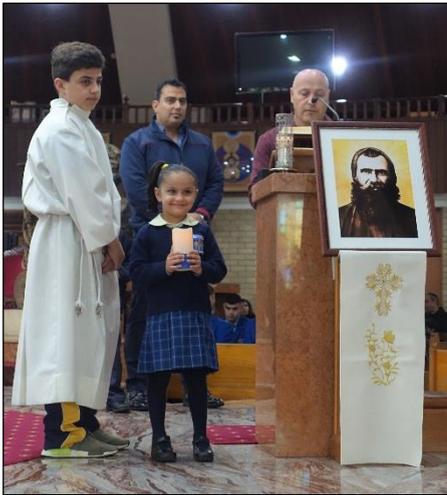
We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are.

Give them grace and patience to handle any situations in a loving way.

Amen

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE



Today MCHF celebrated Father's Day with a beautiful mass prepared by the Kindergarten teachers and Arabic staff. It was a wonderful celebration honouring all of our fathers which concluded with a lovely reflection by the students. The choir led by Mrs Chalhoub and Mr Wood, did an outstanding job as always.

Father's Day as we know it, originated in the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd who was inspired by Mother's Day celebrations, believed that fathers should also be honoured in the same way. The love that she had for her own father encouraged her to establish an annual day of adoration for all fathers with the first occurring on the 19th of June, 1910. In Australia, it is believed that the initial Father's Day occurred on the 4th of September, 1936. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fathers a very happy and blessed day, surrounded by those who love you.



Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall was a great success again this year. Our students had a vast array of wonderful gifts to choose from and were excited to pick the perfect present that was just right for their dad, grandfather, godfather or uncle. A huge thank you to Mrs Mary Bechara for organising the event and to all the parents who assisted in the purchasing, wrapping and selling of the gifts. Events such as these, could not happen without the dedication of the Parent Association. The College appreciates your continued support.



Book Fair

This year's Book Fair became one of the biggest sales events of the year. Students, parents and teachers all enjoyed browsing through the wonderful selection of books before choosing what they wanted to purchase. The novelty rubbers and pencils were among some of the favourite stationery items bought during the fair.



Thank you to Mrs LeMerle, Ms Azzi, the Year Six students, as well as the Office and Teacher Support staff for their assistance throughout the Fair. A special thank you to all the parents who supported this annual Book Week event.

Creative Arts Day

The Primary Creative Arts Day was held on Tuesday this week. This was the final event of our Book Week celebrations. Students from all grades participated in Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Music activities that related to one of the Australian Book Council's short listed books. All students had the opportunity to read and develop a good understanding of their grade's chosen text prior to the day. It was an exciting day for both students and teachers who were able to put their creative hats on and find their 'inner artist'. I began the day with Ms Khodeir teaching drama in 1 Gold. As we read the story 'Noni the Pony Rescues a Joey', the students transformed themselves into a variety of characters showing a myriad of feelings and emotions through their facial expressions. A big thank you to the parents who came and assisted in the classrooms.



Year Four Chocolate Making

As part of their English unit this term, Year 4 have been reading 'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory'. The students enjoyed the story immensely and were always eager to complete the range of activities that the teachers designed to enhance their learning. One of the tasks they were given, was to create a new and interesting chocolate bar that they could sell. The students first had to work together to plan what would go into their creation and list all the ingredients that they would need. The fun part was to finally make their chocolate. The end result was of course.....DELICIOUS!!!



Stage 2 STEM

Ms Rozario's Stage 2 STEM group has been learning about how computers store and send digital images through the use of Binary Code. This week, students were asked to make a stylish bracelet or necklace for themselves using only two different coloured beads. The challenge was however, that the beads needed to spell out their name in binary. This was indeed a fun way for them to demonstrate and explain their understanding of coding.





Kindergarten Maths

In Mathematics, Kindergarten Blue have been learning all about capacity. They used direct and indirect comparisons to decide which containers held more and then had to explain their reasoning using everyday language. Part of the activity was to follow a procedure to make play dough. They had a great time mixing all the ingredients together. The students then moulded their play dough into a variety of shapes. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on learning experience.

NRMA Road Safety Program

A reminder that on Monday 2nd September, our school will be hosting a Road Safety Day. On this day, NRMA will present a free Science and Road Safety program to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program will focus on enhancing the knowledge and skills of students, teachers and parents. **The program also endeavours to educate parents so that they know how to keep their children safe when on the road. Any parent who wishes to attend the Road Safety Show is welcome to join Session One in the Primary Hall on Monday at 9:00 am. The show will run for approximately one hour.**

Music

Mr Wood provides private music lessons for Primary students from Tuesday to Thursday each week. If you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument, please see Zalpha in the office for further details and pricing.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



Year 9 and 10 Maronite Spirituality Day Retreat

Our year 9 and 10 students attended a day retreat on Friday 30th August 2019 at OLOL Co-Cathedral as part of the Maronite Diocese's Maronite Spirituality theme for this year. The students were joined in this retreat with year 9 and 10 students from St Charbel's College Punchbowl. The focus of the retreat was on vocation and it was led by Fr Danny with guest speakers from religious orders and lay people. The day ended with Mass celebrated by Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay.



Year 11, 2020 Enrolment Interviews

The interviews will commence Monday 2nd September 2019 until and including Friday 13th September 2019. Appointments are required to be booked via the Parent Portal which will close 11pm on Friday 30th August 2019. It is compulsory for students to complete these interviews to confirm their enrolment into senior years at the College. Please refer to the letter issued to your child for all the details.

Maths Olympiad (Pictured right)

The fourth Maths Olympiad was held last week and was very challenging with Jean Paul Azar and Milad Aouad both achieving 3 out of 5 and Christian Abdulhad, Anthony Germanous, Michel Shalhoub all achieving 2 out of 5. I hope the next and final Olympiad is just as successful.



HSC Drama Performances

Our Year 12 Drama students showcased their HSC group and individual performances to the HSC markers on Friday 30th August 2019. We them all the best with the results of their performances.

HSC Visual Arts Major Work

Congratulations to the HSC Visual Arts students who submitted their Body of Works today. The 2019 HSC class of Visual Arts exhibited their works in a display that demonstrated a rich culmination of their practical skills and is a reflection of their interests and inspirations over the course of their HSC studies. The students have selected a diverse range of expressive forms from materials such as wood and nails to spray paint and pencil. These students have worked extremely hard and we wish them all the very best outcome.



Public Speaking Showcase against St Maroun's College

Thursday night saw the inaugural public speaking event between Maronite College of the Holy Family and Saint Maroun's College. Students from Stages Four and Five represented our College which led to five students from seven participants receiving medals in first second or third place. Congratulations to all involved in the occasion, including year 7 students Brealle Hashim (1st place Stage 4) and Jean Paul Azar (3rd place Stage 4); Year 8 students Ella Maria Bassil (2nd place Stage 4) and Antoinette Chebat; and Year 9 students Elie Joukhadar (2nd place Stage 5), Joy Sleiman (third place Stage 5) and Sabine Bou Senayah. We look forward to many more public speaking events between our two Colleges. Thank you to Ms Moyer for organising the event and thank you to Ms Dalla, Mr Abboud and Ms Nguyen for attending and supporting the event.



Learning Centre News

This week our learning centre staff introduced Chess Club for students to enjoy at recess and lunch times. The club was an instant success and students are enjoying the challenge. Thank you to the learning centre staff for introducing this initiative and thank you to Mr Abood and Mr Julius for donating Chess Boards.

Also, to round off the activities of our book week and promoting literacy at the College, the famous award winning poetry Steven Herrick presented his performance poetry to our year 9 students and discussed how his poetry prose novels have been created and performed around the world. After presenting several of his poems he was happy to answer students' questions about being a writer. Steve Herrick's poetry has been on the HSC list and is a highly regarded writer in Australia. The students enjoyed the experience and it will help develop their own creative writing skills.



Father's Day

On Friday 30th August 2019, our students attended a special Mass to honour and celebrate the role of their father's in their lives. I take this opportunity to wish all our father's a very happy father's day. We also wish our spiritual fathers, our chaplains, Fr Tony and Fr Danny, a very happy father's day. Finally, on this day we remember and pray for our fathers who are no longer with us on and rest in God's heavenly kingdom.



Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 2nd to Friday 13th September – Year 10 into 11 enrolment interviews
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th September – Years K-3 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday 11th September – Year 10 and 11 Bstreetsmart Excursion
- Monday 16th September – Year 12 Day Out
- Tuesday 17th September – Year 12 Gown fitting for Graduation
- Wednesday 18th September – Year 12 Graduation Mass and Ceremony
- Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th September – Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 19th to Friday 27th September – Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams
- Friday 27th September – Years K-10 Giving Thanks Mass
- **Friday 27th September – End of Term**
- Tuesday 15th October – Term 4 Begins

College Tour Dates...

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

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

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Charlise Sassine, Mary Merheb, Anabelle Rose Kobayaty, Elissa Harb (Kindy) - Simon Bazouni (Year 1) – Nicole Jabbour, Charbel Chiha, Emmanuel Maroun, Jonathon Habib, Christian Awad (Year 3) - Amber Fasavalu, Rene El Khoury, Natalya Ibrahim, Julien Nabhan (Year 4) - Salma Abou-Azar, Lauren Tawk, Oriana Estephen (Year 5)

Bronze Awards – Alyssia Rose Saad (Kindy) - Jenny Makary, Gianni Sleiman, Cecil Diab, Sophia Ghabache, Sienna Ghabache (Year 1) - Mary Ibrahim (Year 3) - Mary Naim, Amber Fasavalu, Alyssa Habib, Martin Hobeich, Joseph Assi, Grace Ghabache (Year 4)

Silver Awards – Mariah Mary Elia (Kindy) - Luc Nohra, Youssef Sarkis, Anthony Mekary, Gabriel Deeb, April Zdrilic (Year 4) - Rita Doumit (Year 5)

Principal's Award – Juliana Licha (Year 4)

THIS AND THAT

Year 12 PDHPE students with Australian swimmer and World Champion, Kurt Herzog. Kurt was here on behalf of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority to educate our HSC students on the ethical issues surrounding performance enhancing drugs.



Father's Day morning tea...





PARENT CORNER

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 Baini - gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

BYOD Link and Code –

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

COMMUNITY HUB

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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