



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 8: Friday 13th September 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

We welcome back Sr Cynthia after receiving her final vows. We wish her all of God's grace and blessings. We pray for new vocations in the Church and especially for the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family.

On Saturday 14 September, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Cross is our Salvation. It is the bridge from our earthly life to our final destination.



*'We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world'.*

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

The NSW Parliament is about to pass an extreme Abortion Law, allowing abortion until birth. Our Mother Church teaches us to accept life as a precious gift from God and to defend and promote it. A second Rally for Life is being held on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. We are called to participate and to be the voice of the voiceless and defend life from conception until natural death.

إن برلمان نيو ساوث ويلز على وشك إقرار قانون يسمح بالإجهاض في أي مرحلة من الحمل حتى الولادة. وبالمقابل تدعونا أمانة الكنيسة الى قبول الحياة واحترامها واعتبارها عطية عظيمة من الله. لذلك أنتم مدعوون للمشاركة في مظاهرة سلمية ثانية من أجل الحياة وذلك يوم الأحد ١٥ أيلول سيدني. انه لمن واجبنا أن نكون ٢٠١٩ من الساعة الثانية والنصف بعد الظهر في هايد بارك، صوت الذين لا صوت لهم والدفاع عن الحياة من لحظة الحمل وحتى الموت الطبيعي.

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

This week, Primary staff held a morning tea to support R U OK? Day. This is a nationally recognised day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that any day is good day to ask, 'Are you ok?' and support those people around us who may be struggling with issues in their life. Raising awareness, that starting a conversation with somebody could change that person's life in the most positive way, is the main aim of the day. Looking out for one another and lending support is an important life skill for any age group. If you ever have the feeling that someone you know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would, is perhaps agitated, withdrawn or simply just not being their usual selves, then it's time to ask, 'R U OK?'. A big thank you to Ms Assaf and Ms Homsy for organising and promoting this very important event.



The students of 5 Rainbow were inspired by the importance of R U Ok? Day. They decided that it would be nice to write positive and inspirational messages to each other in order to make them feel good. The display they created, developed smiles on everyone's face as they passed by their classroom.

Social Media

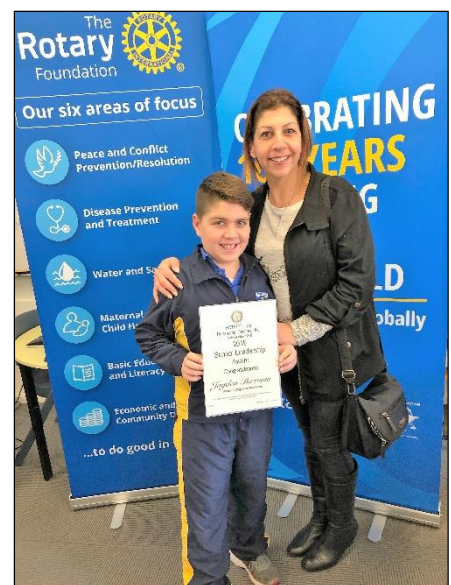
The use of Social Media has been discussed many times, yet we are still dealing with a number of issues arising from students posting inappropriate comments and images online. Although these incidents are happening at home, they are unfortunately continuing to create issues at the College during the school day. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they teach their child the dangers of the online world and monitor their behaviour when using any device, especially phones and iPads.

Leadership Awards

Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Parramatta celebrated 21 years of providing School Leadership Awards to students in local schools. A special breakfast was held at Macarthur Girls High School so that students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in 2019, could be acknowledged. This year, the awards were presented to our Primary School Captains, Jayden Bazouni and Hannah Youssef. Jayden was accompanied by his mother and Ms Mourani on the day. Hannah, who is currently overseas, will receive her award upon her return. Congratulations to both our School Captains on this wonderful achievement.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began this week. Unfortunately, the sun wasn't shining so brightly, but the smiles on the students' faces were enough to brighten everyone's day. As the week progressed, so did the confidence of the students. The instructors were impressed by the wonderful attitude and listening skills the children displayed. The teachers also enjoyed themselves at the pool, as they watched their classes improve as each day passed. Swimming lessons are vital in



providing the necessary lifelong skills for children to feel confident and safe when in and around water. Thank you to Mr Bechara for coordinating the swimming program this term.

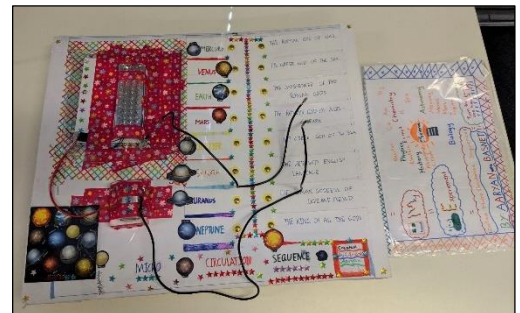


Canberra Excursion

Next week, our Year Six students embark on the College's annual Canberra trip. This excursion is often the first time some students have been away without their families which can cause some anxiety for both students and parents. I can assure you that they will be in the best of hands with our teachers who will not only take the great care of them, but will also ensure that they have a memorable learning experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who will be attending as just like the students, they too will be leaving their families behind. We wish them a safe trip and will keep them in our prayers whilst they are away.

Young Scientist

Aaron Basnet from 4 Amber has a real passion for all science related topics, especially astronomy. When Ms Lal spoke to him about the Science Teachers' Association Young Scientist Awards, he was instantly excited. He began working tirelessly in his own time on weekends and during the school holidays, so that he could bring his ideas to life. Aaron invented a children's game called, 'Micro Circulation Sequence'. The game is about the solar system where children can click on each planet and learn interesting and important facts about it. His project was submitted to the STANSW Young Scientist Awards Competition earlier this month. Aaron is to be congratulated for his creativity and initiative.



Staff Professional Development

Each week all teachers in the Primary Department participate in Professional Learning Meetings so that they can expand their knowledge and keep up to date with current educational practice. These meetings are paramount to ensure our students receive the targeted learning that they require and develop the skills of a 21st Century Learner. Our learning this week focused on the new PDHPE Syllabus which is to be implemented at the start of next year.



Walkathon Winners

This week, students who raised the most amount of money for the Annual College Walkathon were presented with a prize to recognise their efforts. Congratulations to Porsha Hawach (Kindergarten Rose), Sophia Chamoun (Kindergarten Red), Jon-Claude Loulach (1 Green), Simon Bazouni (1

Gold), Zoe May Sahyoun (1Gold), Bernadette Yaacoub (3 Beige) and Daniel Mallia (3 Beige). All money raised will go towards purchasing new resources and equipment for the school.



Student Attendance

Last term I spoke about the impact that student attendance has on academic progress and social development. Regular absences whether for the whole day or part of the day have a detrimental effect on your child’s learning. Being late to school or leaving early also has similar effects to a student’s academic progress. We understand that at times appointments for a specialist and the like are unavoidable, but these need to be planned and if at all possible should occur outside of school hours. Collecting students early from school for reasons such as avoiding traffic, is not permissible.

Visiting Student Teachers

Throughout the year, MCHF welcomes student teachers from the Australian Catholic University to come and develop their teaching skills in a classroom setting. Whilst here, they are guided by their supervising teachers who assist them in leading small group activities and whole class lessons. This is not only a valuable experience for the student teachers but also for the classes they are teaching as well.

Parent/Student Interaction

I would like to remind all parents again, that at no time are you permitted to approach another student either at school or outside the College grounds regarding an issue relating to your child. Any issue or concern you may have, must be raised with Administration Staff in the main office so that the situation can be referred to the most suitable staff member. There are serious ramifications if you are caught speaking to a child or touching them in an aggressive manner.

End of Term Assemblies

Due to the unavailability of the Secondary Hall at the end of this term, the Primary End of Term Assembly will be separated into Stages and held on the days listed below. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two	Monday 23 rd September	9:15 am – 9:45 am
Year Three and Year Four	Wednesday 25 th September	9:15 am – 9:45 am
Year Five and Year Six	Thursday 26 th September	9:15 am – 9:45 am

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Year 12 Graduation

On Wednesday 18th September, we farewell our Year 12 students. The day will commence with their Graduation Mass followed by the Ceremony in the Secondary Hall. **Parents/Guardians, please note the Ceremony is a ticketed event. Only guests with graduation tickets will be permitted to attend.**

Year 12 Reports

Year 12 reports are currently being finalised by Year 12 teachers. The reports will be released on Friday 27th September, via the Parent Portal.



Year 12 Final Days

- Monday 16th September: Day Out
- Tuesday 17th September: Graduation Rehearsals and Gown Fittings. Students will be dismissed by 11am.

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

Our Year 11 students will commence their preliminary HSC examinations on Thursday 19th September and will conclude on Friday 27th September. We wish them all the very best in their examinations.

Bstreetsmart Excursion

Our Year 10 and 11 students attended the annual *bstreetsmart* event at Qudos Bank Arena on Wednesday 11th September. This event is the inspiring initiative of the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital. Westmead's Trauma Service is constantly reminded, through their hands on work, that young people aged between 15–30 are disproportionately represented in road trauma. As a result, they have a strong commitment to Road Safety Education. The purpose of *bstreetsmart* is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. The event was a great experience for our students to see how an accident can affect themselves and others.



Mock Trial

Our College is amongst the top 8 schools in the Mock Trial Law Society competition. The top 8 teams are: Maronite College of the Holy Family, Moriah College, Newcastle Grammar School, Chevalier College, Santa Sabina College, Loreto Kirribilli, Redlands and Trinity Catholic College Lismore.

We wish our Mock Trial team all the best for their quarter finals case against Loreto Kirribilli, which will take place first week in Term 4.

Maths Olympiad

The final Olympiad was exceptionally challenging. Year 7 students, Jean Paul Azar and Anthony Germanous, worked until the very end to achieve 2 out of 5 correct. All the Year 7 participants are already thinking about next year's Olympiad and we wish the Year 8 Olympians farewell. Jean Paul Azar and Christian Abdulhad both have shone in the 2019 Olympiad.

On the Footsteps of Christ

On Monday 16th September 2019, our Years 7-10 students will be viewing the film "On the Footsteps of Christ." The screening, as part of the Lebanese Film Festival, will be held during Period 1 and part of Period 2 in the Secondary Hall. The film will run for approximately 75 minutes. **We thank, in advance, the team from the Lebanese Film Festival for screening this film for our students.**

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 Trip
- 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

Final College Tour for 2019 + Orientation for new students - Wednesday 20th November

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 Bains 9633 6600 or gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Charbel Geagea (Kindy) – Lily Rose El Katrib, Erica Sabbagh, Charbel Sleiman (Year 1) - Tia Nour (Year 3) - Katia Akik, Maddison Aktila, Raymond Constanton, Alexandra Chahin (Year 7) - Abdo AbouChedid, Sed-Rita Aflak, Milad Aouad, Darla Valentine Assi, Daniel Chahin, John El Barhoun, John Andrew Elia, Rebecca Elias, Kayla Fasavalu, Antonio Hamad, Benjamin Hannouche, Claudia Harb, Charline Kayrouz, Nicholas Laba, Georgia Matta, Teresa Matta, Jonathan Stavrinakis, Tony Saba, Tiana Maalouf, Kristy El Katrib, Marcel Deeb (Year 8) - Veronica El Hessen, Charlene Sabat, Emily Saba, Dominique Lahood, Jon Boumelhem, Samar Bassam Najeeb (Year 11)

Bronze Awards – Mark Maroun (Kindy) - John Tawk, John Paul Ibrahim (Year 1) - Rafqa Sabbagh (Year 2) - Jason Sader (Year 5)

Silver Awards – Elizabeth Azzi (Kindy) - Thea Ayoub, Gabriella Assi (Year 2) - Julien Nabhan (Year 4) - Alex Moussa (Year 5)

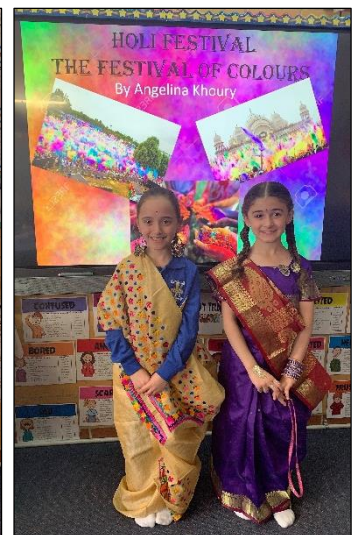
Principal's Award – Christian El-Bahroun (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

Year 6 Transition Session and College Tour...



Farrah Sleiman and Angelina Khoury, from 3 Orange, presenting their speeches on The Indian Holi Festival, also known as the festival of colour...



Year 5 Opal students use base ten blocks, creating a variety of shapes to find their volume. To challenge themselves, they formed larger shapes using hundreds and thousands blocks.



Mrs Badr's Year 11 Society & Culture students tasting and exploring the Japanese culture...



Mr Asmar holding an interactive pastoral session with Year 9 on the College theme: To Love.





STAND FOR LIFE

**SUNDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER**

2:30PM - 5PM
ARCHIBALD FOUNTAIN,
HYDE PARK
SYDNEY CBD

NSW PARLIAMENT IS
ABOUT TO PASS AN
EXTREME ABORTION
LAW, ALLOWING
ABORTION ON DEMAND
UP UNTIL BIRTH.

**IT IS TIME TO BE THE VOICE
FOR THE VOICELESS. AGAIN.**

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Below is a great resource for parents to view on child behaviour.

<https://youtu.be/AeeXITjYLZM>

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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