



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 1: Friday 18th October 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all the staff and students. Hoping all had a safe and relaxing break. This term is a busy one with preparations for next year, finalising things for this year, end of year assessments and reporting. I ask that we all work collaboratively together and support one another during this busy time.

We wish our Year 12 students God's blessing, as they sit their final exams. May the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, inspire them as they tackle their exams.

During the holidays there was a lot of maintenance work carried out. The main project was the refurbished of the grass area. This was completed at a total cost of \$90,000 to ensure the safety of all the students.

As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, I would like to encourage all parents to pray a decade of the Rosary as a family each day. May Our Lady bless and guide us all in all we do.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

Please scroll to the last page for information on Maronite married couples retreat day - Saturday 9 November 2019, from 9am to 4pm, at St Maroun's College, Dulwich Hill.



HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Welcome back to what will be yet another busy but exciting term ahead. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break with your family. Term 4 is always fast paced and intense in nature. For teachers, it is their last opportunity to ensure that their students' learning is consolidated in readiness for next year. At school, it is vital that we encourage all students to remain focused on their learning and try their best at all times. The teacher's job is not complete until the last day of term when all that could be done to assist the development of their students has been implemented. I ask that as parents, you also ensure your child displays a committed work ethic at home by completing their set homework and daily reading. Working together and supporting each other in partnership, will ensure the best opportunity for educational growth to occur in all of our students.

Daily Reading

As teachers, we are always encouraging students to read. Reading not only allows learning of information, but it opens up the mind to a world of creativity and imagination. When we read, we develop an understanding of writing techniques and vocabulary. If a student reads for at least 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. By the time a student is in Year 6 they will have read for 851 hours. Research has also shown that they are likely to score better than 90% of their peers in standardised tests.

Professional Learning

As educators, we continually partake in professional learning experiences in order to enhance our knowledge and skills. On Monday, all staff from MCHF and St Maroun's College participated in a Professional Development Day which focused on student engagement. Dr Rich Allen presented a variety of strategies designed to actively engage students in the classroom thus making them eager to learn and develop their understanding about a topic. Teachers not only enjoyed the day, but walked away with many ideas that they can't wait to try with their students.



Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

On the last day of Term 3, Ms Mourani took a team of Stage 3 boys to the Annual Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day. It was an enjoyable day for all who attended. The team played extremely well with the boys coming second on the overall points table. We would like to especially thank Ms Mourani and Mr Bechara for their dedication to training the students after school each week, in preparation for the Gala Day.



School Uniform

Now that Term 4 has commenced, students are required to wear the College summer school uniform. Wearing their uniform with pride is an important message to give to the children about their identity as a member of the MCHF community. Please encourage them to wear the correct school uniform at all times. If for some reason your child is not in their correct uniform, can you please provide a note to their class teacher outlining the reason. We appreciate your support.

Sports Captain

At the end of Terms 1-3, the Year Six teachers select one student to become a Sports Captain. We congratulate Joshua Daoud (pictured right) who was chosen as the Term 3 recipient. Mrs Murphy awarded him his badge at the morning assembly on Wednesday.



Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope the term break provided an opportunity to rest, freshen up and prepare for what will be a short but very busy term which will include exams, reporting, induction of the College leaders and annual expo preparation. I wish all parents, staff and students the very best for this term and look forward to continue sharing many experiences.

Uniform and Grooming

A reminder that students must be in summer uniform this term. Jumpers may be worn should there be any cold weather. A reminder that all students must continue to adhere to the College's grooming policy. Some students have already been addressed and were reminded of the College's expectations.

Mobile Phone Policy Changes

The College Executive team has reached a decision to amend the K-12 Mobile Phone Policy. Therefore, beginning of 2020, MCHF will become a mobile free College for all students, **this includes mobile phones and all**

types of smart watches. As the College already has a BYOD Policy, we believe that the students have adequate access to technology and there is no significant need for them to access and use their mobile phones during the school day. This term, we will begin educating the students about the new K-12 Mobile Phone Policy in order to achieve a successful transition by the beginning of the 2020 school year. This will mean that:



- Students are not permitted to access or use any mobile phone or smart watch during College hours.
- Students who need to access or use a mobile phone or smart watch during College hours must be supervised by an authorised staff member.
- Students who access or use a mobile phone or smart watch without permission, will be disciplined in accordance to the Discipline Policy, which is outlined in the College Student Development Policy.
- The College will no longer collect and store any mobile phone or smart watch during the day for safe keeping.
- The College will take NO responsibility for any damaged, lost or broken mobile phones or smart watches.

A letter with further information was sent to you via your child and also has been included in this newsletter edition. Please ensure you refer to this letter.

College Theme and Term 4 Focus

As you know this year our theme is “To Love.” Each term we have taken an aspect of love to focus on. Last term we focused on love for one another and specifically looking for the positives in one another. In term 4, the we focus on love for self and specifically what can I do to be a better person.

Mock Trial

The incredible journey of our Mock Trial team has sadly come to an end as the team was defeated by Loreto Kirribilli. However, we are proud of the achievements of the team as they were in the top 8 schools in the state. The College is proud of this achievement and we take this opportunity to thank Ms Esber-Dayoub for coordinating and leading the team throughout the year. Thank you and congratulations to the following Year 10 students: Celine Harb, Ashton Tannous, Simon Zaiter, Christina Geagea, Nina Bousaid, Jason Chakti, Roula Abou-Chedid and Jack Jabbour.



HSC Exams

We keep in our thoughts and prayers our Year 12 students who this week commenced their HSC exams. A reminder to parents/guardians of Year 12 that your child must ensure they continue to adhere to the College’s uniform and grooming policy during these exams. We wish the cohort all the success in these exams.

Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm in A Block. These interviews are compulsory as stated and signed in the students’ senior contract. Bookings via the Parent Portal are now open and will close at 11pm on Tuesday 29th October 2019. Please refer to the letter sent home to parents/guardians for more information and details.

Year 11 Leadership Camp

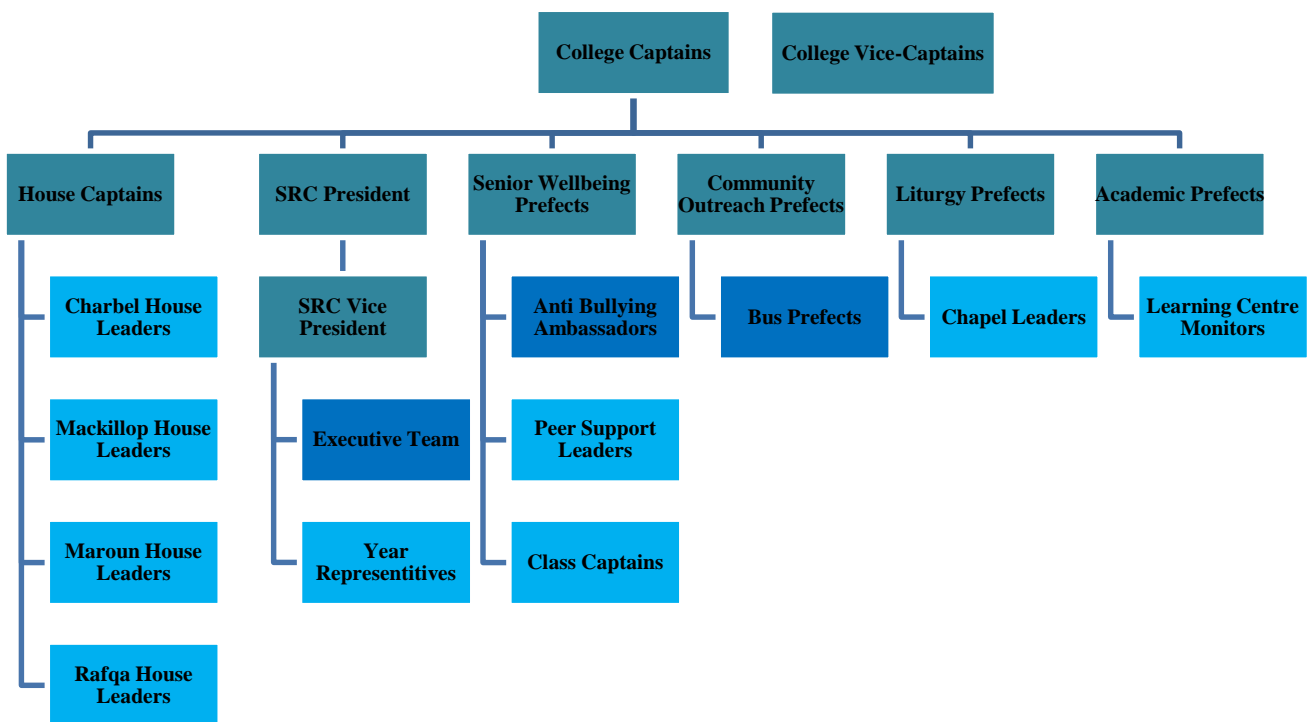
Our Year 11 students attended their overnight leadership camp on Thursday 17th October 2019 and returning on Friday 18th October 2019 at YMCA Camp Yarramundi. Students participated in a wide range of activities focusing on leadership and collaboration. Students enjoyed the experience and took the opportunity to develop their friendships and relationships as a cohort. Thank you to Ms Roach for coordinating the camp along with Ms Abdul Ahad, Mr Sassine, Mr Julius, Ms Cordina and Ms Carlos for accompanying the students. I was fortunate enough to join the students on the Thursday afternoon and evening to lead their leadership session along with Ms Abdul Ahad.



Voting for the 2020 College Leaders

Staff and students are currently in the process of voting for their 2020 College leaders. The voting process will conclude on Monday 21st October 2019. The College has implemented a new student leadership model which will commence in 2020 (see below). The Secondary Leadership Team, in consultation with the Principal, will assess the results of the votes. The 2020 Leaders Induction Mass will be held on Friday 1st November 2019.

SECONDARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP MODEL



World Teacher’s Day Celebrations

This coming Friday we celebrate World Teachers Day. This year students are being encouraged to participate in a range of activities to celebrate the work and efforts of their teachers. More information will be reported in next week’s newsletter.

Bandana Day

Our Year 8 students are hosting Bandana Day for this year. The event will be held on Friday 25th October 2019. Students are encouraged to purchase items and will be permitted to wear the bandana's after the Mass on Friday 25th October 2019. We encourage all students to support this initiative to raise funds for CanTeen to help young people cope with cancer. Thank you in advance to Ms Youssef and the Year 8 cohort for hosting this year's event.

Term 4 Staff Development Day

On Monday 14th October 2019, our staff along with the staff at St Maroun's College Dulwich Hill participated in a professional development day focusing on student engagement. The day commenced with a seminar led by Dr Rich Allen. This was followed by a practical workshop led by Associate Professor Miriam Tanti and Dr Therese Barrington from ACU. Finally, the staff concluded the day with network meetings.



Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 17th October until Tuesday 12th November – HSC Exams
- Wednesday 23rd October – Year 4 Excursion to Auburn Botanic Gardens
- Thursday 24th October – Year 2 Elizabeth Farm and Hambledon Cottage excursion
- Friday 25th October – Years K-11 Teachers Mass
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Year 10 Yearly Exams
- Friday 1st November – Kindy Sea Life Sydney Aquarium excursion
- Friday 1st November – Leaders Induction Mass (Years K-11)
- Monday 4th until Friday 8th November – Year 9 Yearly Exams
- Friday 8th November - Year 10 AMOW and HSC Minimum Standards Text
- Monday 11th until Friday 15th November – Year 10 Work Experience
- Monday 11th until Friday 22 November – VET Work Placements
- Monday 18th until Friday 22nd November – Years 7 and 8 Yearly Exams
- Friday 22nd November – Mass for Lebanon and Lebanon Independence Day Lunch
- Friday 22nd November – Year 12 Formal
- Wednesday 27th November – Year 6 Rewards Day at the Aquatic Centre
- Friday 29th November – School concludes for Year 6 students

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 – Isabella Abou-Haydar (Year 2)

Bronze Awards – Elissa Harb (Kindy) - Jacinta Joukhadar, Christian Kassis, Jacob Khawaja, Anthony Mallouhi (Year 2)

Silver Awards – Michael Saba, Naya Al-Ajrash, Ava Melhem, Joseph Dababneh, Michael Sassine, Amelia Yaacoub (Kindy) - George Merheb (Year 2)

Principal's Award –

THIS AND THAT

The students in 3 Lavender were presented with the problem of rescuing Rapunzel from her tower. The students had to design and build a device that would allow the prince to safely rescue Rapunzel. Students manipulated Lego to create a catapult device. They then demonstrated their model on how they would carry out the rescue and explained the science and engineering choices involved. The results were amazing!



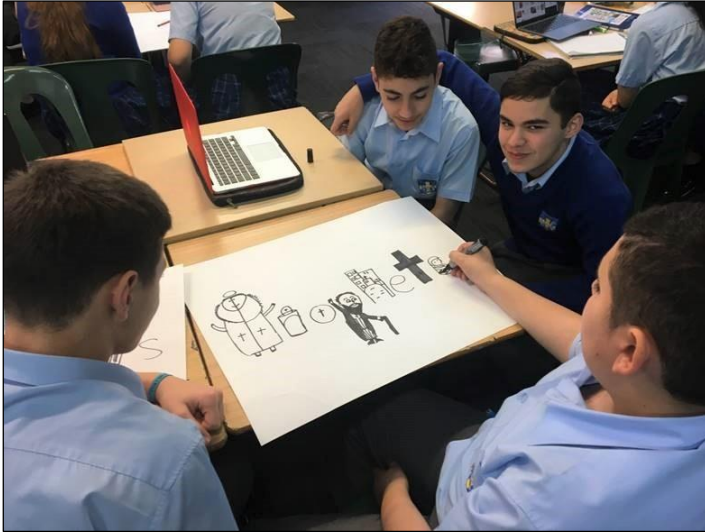
Year 4 students reading with Kindy Rose students. They love reading books together in the Learning Centre.



Saving Manly Beach from drowning in litter. A Clean Up Australia initiative organised by Year 11 student, Samantha Abboud, as part of her Community Service Project for the Max Potential Program.



Year 9 Religion having a go at Wordtoons in class! Students had to create a Wordtoon based on the word PROPHET. The students were engaged and thoroughly enjoyed this activity.



PARENT CORNER

2020 school travel applications now open!
Details have been emailed to your child/ren.

Looking for generous people!

We are on the lookout for generous people who can donate bottled water for our student Lebanon Independence Day celebration lunch. Please contact Georgette Baine (gbaine@mchf.nsw.edu.au), if you are willing and able to help us out!

SEARCHING FOR ALUMNI!

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 Baine gbaine@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Current Expectations:

1. Meetings to be held once a term or as agreed upon by the association
2. Main function and operation of the association is to keep former staff and students involved in the College community.
3. Activities the association may be involved with include presentations to students, annual awards for various assemblies, annual function. The association may wish to organise and host other activities to support the College ethos and mission.

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

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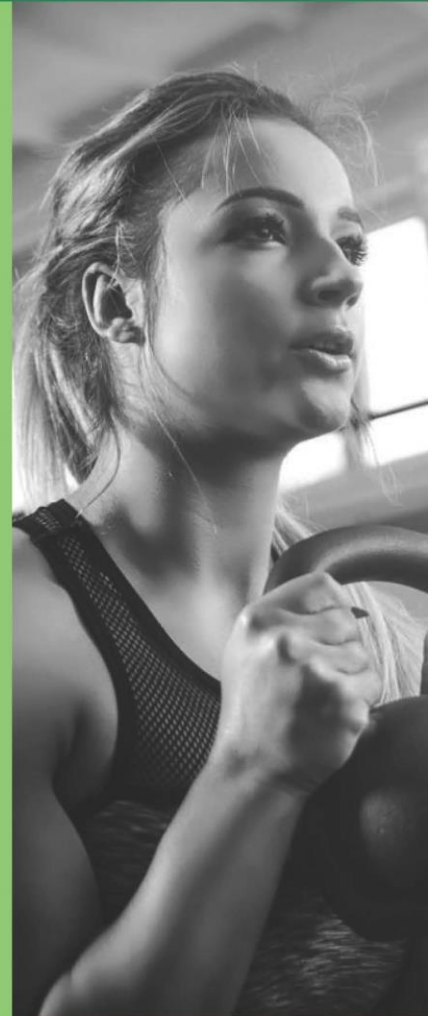
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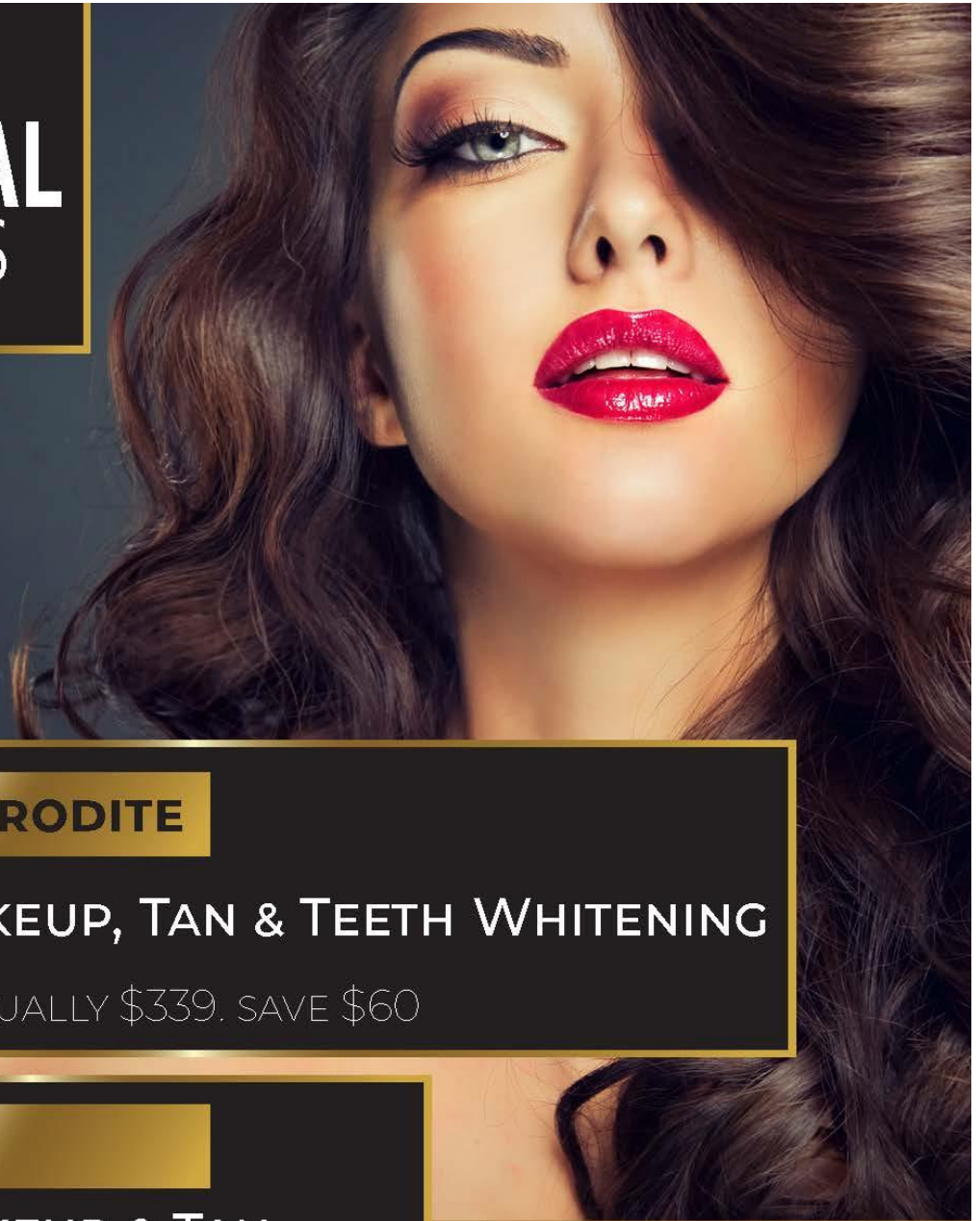


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