



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 5: Friday 15th November 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week the Year 12 students completed their HSC Examinations.

We wish them a much earned rest after the stress and studies of the past few weeks.

Today we extend our congratulations to all the students in Year 3 as they had their **First Reconciliation Session.**

As you celebrate God's loving forgiveness for the first time, may you be blessed with His holy joy and peace.

A reminder to all Parents, Staff and Students that you are all welcome to join us in celebrating Mass every Tuesday & Thursday at 8.00 am in the College Chapel (St Elias Chapel).

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL



HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE



Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the sacrifices of men and women during times of war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, one minute of silence is observed across the country to mark the final moment of the First World War when the guns on the Western Front fell silent. This day was originally known as Armistice Day. It was a day people stopped to recognise and honour the brave soldiers who fought for peace. Primary Staff and students commemorated this day with a moving ceremony that was dedicated to all those who had fought for our country in an effort to protect it from harm. Students reflected on the significance of this day by

remembering all of the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we share today. ***We will remember them.***

First Reconciliation

Today our Year 3 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They have been preparing for this day by developing a true understanding that reconciliation is a celebration of God's gift of forgiveness. It allows them to reconcile with God, the Church and those they may have hurt. Knowing the true meaning of 'sorry' and learning about how they can truly reflect on the decisions they have made, has been an important

part of their journey. Thank you to Sr Cynthia, Year 3 Teachers and Ms Rozario for assisting in the development of the students' spiritual growth.



Swimming Carnival

The Primary Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 3-6 enjoyed all aspects of the day and were able to use some of the newly acquired skills they had learnt through their recent swimming lessons. The combination of swimming races and the Splash Pad ensured that everyone kept cool and had a great deal of fun at the same time. Thank you to Mr Bechara, the Sports Committee and all staff in attendance, for ensuring the day ran smoothly.



Christmas Concert

The MCHF Annual Primary Concert, 'Christmas: Christ is Born' will be held on Wednesday 27th November 2019. There will be a morning and evening performance on the day. If you have not yet secured your tickets, there is still time. Please make enquiries at the College Office before seats sell out.

Morning Performance	Doors open at 9am for a 9:30am start
Evening Performance	Doors open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start
Cost:	\$10 per ticket

Year 3 Authors

Year 3 have been busy writing and illustrating their very own picture books. Kindy Rose were lucky enough to have students from 3 Orange visit them in class and share their stories. There was great excitement in the room

as the books were read by the authors themselves. The experience was enjoyed by all!



Library Borrowing

A reminder that library borrowing has now ceased for the year. Can we please ask that all books are returned as quickly as possible so that the end-of-year procedures that need to occur in the Learning Centre can begin. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2020 school year.

Uniform

As we approach the end of the year, it is important that students continue to comply with uniform expectations. This also includes having appropriate haircuts and wearing suitable accessories. We would appreciate parent assistance in ensuring that the College Policy is adhered to by your child at all times. If you have good reason why your child is not in correct uniform, we kindly ask that a note be written and sent to the class teacher. As always, we appreciate your assistance.

School Bus

In recent weeks, there have been increasing reports of poor behaviour on the buses travelling to and from school each day. Please remind your child that correct behaviour is expected at all times, especially when wearing the College uniform. All students must continue to abide by College rules and expectations until they arrive home. Disrespectful and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and consequences will be given to students if necessary.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

2019 College Theme

To Love – *“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one come to you without leaving happier.”*
St Teresa of Calcutta

Term 4 Focus

Love for Self – *“What can I do to be a better person?”*

Wellbeing Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday returned once again this term. This important mental health and wellbeing initiative took place this week on Wednesday. Wellbeing Wednesday serves as a reminder for students and staff to take a moment to check in with each other and to look inwards to evaluate their own wellbeing. Their wellbeing can change and is influenced by what is happening in their lives or by the actions of others. Students and staff got behind the day, which included no homework for the day for



students and no evening work for staff. A rooftop staff lunch was held, assisted by the College Senior Wellbeing Prefects and entertained by Year 11 students. The Learning Centre also hosted various activities for students.

Remembrance Day Service

On Monday 11th November 2019, our 2020 College Captains, Vice-Captain and SRC President attended the City of Parramatta Remembrance Day Memorial with Ms Roach. Our students were invited to lay a wreath to pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom. It was a reverent and moving service and we thank the Parramatta RSL for their invitation. We also thank Sr Marlene for the beautiful wreath she made for the students to place.

Conclusion of HSC Examinations and Year 12 Formal

Our Year 12 students have now officially concluded their secondary education as the HSC concluded this week. We now turn our attention to the official farewell function with the Year 12 Formal on Friday 22nd November 2019. We look forward to celebrating the hard work and achievements of our graduating class for 2019.

Yearly Examinations

Year 7 and 8 students will be commencing their yearly examinations on Monday 18th November 2019. Students should be finalising their preparations for the exams. Exam timetables have been emailed to all students. We look forward to seeing terrific results from our students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students completed their work experience program this week. Students had the opportunity to work in various industries to experience the skills, knowledge and responsibilities required. It is a great community based initiative and we hope the students benefited highly from the week. Students return to normal classes on Monday.



Year 11, 2020 Taster Lessons

On Monday 25th November 2019 until Thursday 28th November 2019, our year 10 students will be completing a four-day programme where they will get a 'taste' of the senior courses they will be completing in 2020. The

lessons are compulsory for students. Failure to attend the lessons will jeopardise the student's place in that course for next year. Please refer to the letter sent with all the details and information.

Year 11 VET Work Placement

Year 11 VET students will be completing their final mandatory work placement in week 5 and 6 this term. The second group will be completing their placements this week on Monday 18th November 2019 until Friday 22nd November 2019. We wish these students all the best and we hope the experience in the industry will be beneficial for their careers and future.

Rep Sport Success

Our Year 7/8 Boys Oz-Tag team have progressed to the PDSSSC Grand Final. The boys are undefeated this season and will compete in the grand final this week on Thursday. Congratulations to the boys on their achievements and we wish them all the best for their grand final next week. Special mention to their coach M Abood.



Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 – Primary Concert (6:30-8:30pm)
- Thursday 28th November – Year 6 Rewards Day at the Aquatic Centre
- Friday 29th November – School concludes for Year 6 students
- Tuesday 3rd December – Secondary Expo Extravaganza (6pm)
- Thursday 5th December – Secondary Sports Day
- Friday 6th December – SCHOOL CONCLUDES

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 – Tony El Asmar, Isaac Dahdah, Yusuf Amoud, Eligh Nader (Kindy) – Margaret Youssef, Shania Daher, Charbel El Asmar, Charbel Hage (Year 2) - Raychel Fares (Year 11)

Bronze Awards – Anthony Fakhri, Mary Merheb, David Kozah, Justin Chiha, Charlie Gebour (Kindy) – Jana Yacoub, Isabella Makdissi, Victoria Eskaff, Christopher Houry (Year 2) - Anthony Khawaja (Year 5)

Silver Awards – Sophia Chamoun (Kindy) – Jeana Bou Melhem, Christian Khassis (Year 2) - Aaliyah Halabi, Chloe Rehbane (Year 5)

Principal's Award – Raphael Merheb, Charlise Sassine, Angela Hobeiche, Jacob Tawadrous (Kindy) - Charbel Taouk, Natasha Younane (Year 2) - Therese Sessine (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

On Monday 11th November, Years 7-9 students were treated to a football clinic, by Western Sydney Wanderers, and were coached by former club captain and current Women's team assistant coach, Michael Beauchamp. The students had a fantastic time learning various skills, controls and techniques for the world's most popular sport! Maybe, one day, a few MCHF students will end up playing for the club! – Mr M. Abboud



PARENT CORNER

With the School holidays fast approaching please remember to follow the 5 simple steps for sun safety -

1. Slip on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors or more often if perspiring or swimming.
3. Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses.

Younger children would enjoy the message from Sid the Seagull found on the link below;

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/videos/current-tv-campaigns/slip-slop-slap-see-slide-sid-seagull.html>

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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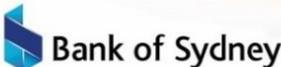
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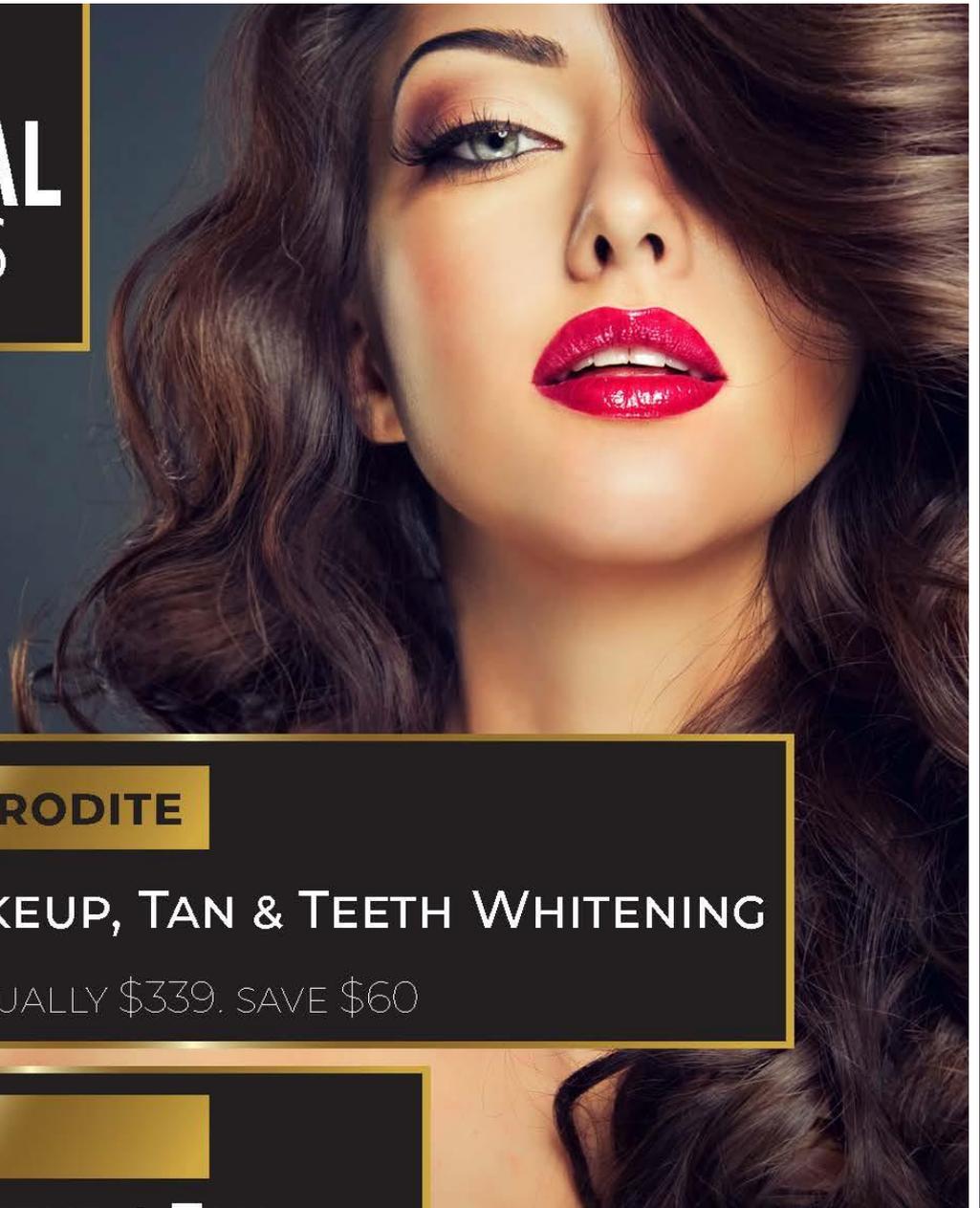
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