



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to semester 2 and I hope you all had a wonderful break. Now it's back to work! Over the last week our Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family had their Chapter which is held every 6 years in Lebanon. It is a time of reviewing the Constitution of the Congregation and discussing important matters about the ministries the Sisters carry out. It is also the time when a new Congregational Leader is elected to lead for the next 6 years. So I take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate Sr Marie-Antoinette Saade as the new Congregational Leader and her team of Councillors: Sr Marie-Raymond, Sr Marie Celeste, Sr Yara and Sr Marie Germaine. I ask you to pray with me for our Congregation and its ministries.

**Parent Volunteers Mass on 31<sup>st</sup> July followed by morning tea** – all parent volunteers welcomed to attend

**Parent Arabic classes** – if parents interested in learning to speak and read Arabic contact Ms M Safi

**Competition open to all staff, students and parents** – The theme for this year is 'In the image of God.' I am curious to see what form that takes. So if you think you can describe this in 50 words or less (in Arabic or English) or can visually depict this, I invite you to send me your submission. The best will be placed on our website and in the newsletters. You can email me your 'Image of God' ideas to [mghosn@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mghosn@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

## DOING THE ROUNDS

Dates to remember - <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/>

**WHS training for staff occurred on 14<sup>th</sup> July with Chubb trainers**



**St Charbel Mass with the relics and Yr 2 students wrote their own prayer to Saint Charbel**  
– Maria Sukkar, Sami Boutros, Samih Nassim and Bryan Bracks.



**Ned is Coming!** - The Ned Show is a character education programme that centres around 3 messages that have lifelong relevance: \*Never Give Up \*Encourage Others \*Do Your Best! The Ned Show has appeared in



many schools across America (including the White House 11 times), Canada, UK, New Zealand and Australia. We are very fortunate to have them come to our College to present their show to our Primary students on Friday 31st July. Further information will be sent home with students in the coming weeks

### HSC classes held over the holidays and staff learning Arabic



**MCHF Winter Concert on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015** - The 2015 Winter Concert will showcase a fine selection of mostly senior Music and Drama performances within the intimate setting of the Primary Hall. Starting at 6:30pm, this exuberant experience of raw talent is sure to take even the coldest chill off your winter. \$5 entry. Food and drink on sale. Doors open at 6pm.

### Secondary Athletics Carnival held on 20<sup>th</sup> July at Homebush – Red win again!







**On 25<sup>th</sup> June, we, attended the Secondary Leadership Program at the NSW Parliament house in the city** - We engaged with other student leaders, were addressed by several members of Parliament who informed us about their roles, how they became a part of politics and the things they have done and are currently working on for the benefit of their community. We were given a tour of both the Senate and the House of Representatives and a brief tour of the Governor's House. We were addressed by His Excellency David Hurley (Governor of NSW) and his wife Mrs Hurley. In this time we were all given the chance to ask questions, have afternoon tea and also be photographed with His Excellency and Mrs Hurley. It was a privilege to have been selected to represent our college at this important Leadership program. - Stephanie Douaihy and Andre Nohra (Yr 12)



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to College parent Joseph Wakim, whose new book 'What my daughters taught me', published by Allen & Unwin, will be released on 29 July.** The true story looks at how a widowed father grows into his dual role. The journey explores what happens to traditional father roles when faced with the reality of raising three young daughters alone. This honest and humorous book is a poignant reminder that fathers are the first males ever loved by daughters, and boys need to be prepared now for life's surprises later. Joseph's three daughters attended our college. Apart from a great Father's Day gift, it sheds fresh light on familiar situations for all members of the family. It is available at book shops and [online](#)

**In Mathletics 3 Orange are doing brilliantly** - The following students came 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia and the world, in Mathletics during the holidays: Rita Raffoul, Mary Khoury and Peter Al-Saiah. These students came in the top 10 in Australia: Mariah Moussa 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cintia Issa 3<sup>rd</sup>, Elyssa Wakim 4<sup>th</sup>, Bella Moujalli 4<sup>th</sup>, Joshua Elbayeh 4<sup>th</sup>, Daniella Taouk 7<sup>th</sup>. We now have 6 gold awards. Congratulations to Ms Hatem and her students.

**Yr 3 and 4 Soccer Gala Day** - On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, students from Yrs 3 and 4 attended the Stage 2 Gala Day with Mrs Taylor and many dedicated parents at Jamison Park in Penrith. **Our girls team placed equal second** and our boys came in sixth. It was an extremely hectic, yet fun day had by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor for coaching and organising the Gala Day.



**ICAS Science Competition Results** - Congratulations to Jerome Francis (Y4), Samir Sawaqed (Y5), Ashton Tannous (Y5) and Simon Zaiter (Y6) for receiving a CREDIT certificate.

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 8: Tianna Hanna, Mimo Nassar, Chantel Rizk, Mary Sabat, Gina Bou-Melhem, Hanna Haykal, Andrea Barbour

**Bronze award** – Yr 8: Charbel Feghali, Maria Khattar, Thomas Taouk, Vanessa Youssef, Toufic Derjani

**Silver Award** – Yr 8: Rita Layoun

**Congratulations to our senior boys rugby league team on their Grand Final win against Gilroy College 8-4 and to their proud coach Mr Abood!**



## PARENT CORNER

**Warm wool jumpers with the emblem will now be available for Primary students in a navy colour.** These are not compulsory but can be worn with the jackets on especially cold days. These will be available from Lowes by first week of August. Prices: Sizes 5-8 \$52.99, Sizes 10-14 \$62.99, Sizes 16-22 \$72.99.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn is back** - From 15<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> September, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers for every \$10 spent. Your child can give the sticker sheet to their classroom teacher or place them in the Collection Box in the school offices. Sheets can be collected from your child's teacher or from Woolworths. This event benefits the College by providing educational resources.

**Japanese students** – We are hosting 15-20 Japanese Secondary students at the College in Feb/March 2016 for a 2-3 week study tour. If any family is interested in accommodating a Japanese student a weekly payment of \$270 is provided. I need at least 15 families to assist us in this. If interested contact Sr Margaret.

**Money Collection** - When sending money with your child to pay for events, sports and excursions, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope marked clearly with the child's name, class and amount enclosed.

حضرة الأهل الكرام ، الرجاء قراءة هذه التوصية والعمل بموجبها في ما يخص إرسال المال مع أولادكم : إذا أرسلتم مالا مع أولادكم لتغطية كلفة الرحلات أو أي نشاط مدرسي أو لقاء ثمن أي غرض ، يجب أن تضعوا المال في ظرف (مغلف) وتكتبوا عليه اسم ولدكم الكامل مع اسم الصف وذكر اسم الرحلة أو الغرض الذي من أجله ترسلون المال . الرجاء أيضاً وضع الكمية المحددة من المال في الظرف لأن المعلمات لا يستطعن إعطاء الباقي من المال لولدكم . نشكركم على تعاونكم الدائم لما فيه المصلحة العامة

**MCHF TV program**– We have filmed 12 episodes featuring members of the College with focus on 'Educating for Success.' This week's episode can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOmKnda7wpE>

**Anxious and feeling low?** The Arabic Wellbeing Course is a FREE online Course that teaches adults of an Arabic speaking background proven skills for managing anxiety, worry, low mood and depression. To find out more about this project by clicking on the picture or link: [www.ecentreclinic.org](http://www.ecentreclinic.org)

اننا نعلن عن تقديمنا لدروس دورة العافية باللغتين العربية والانكليزية، وذلك للمرة الاولى. اذا كان عمرك قد تجاوز الـ 18 سنة، وتحدث من خلفية ناطقة باللغة العربية، وتعيش في استراليا وتريد ان تتعلم مهارات عملية تساعدك على التأقلم مع عوارض الاجهاد والقلق او الكآبة، فبادر الان الى تقديم طلب اشتراك مجاني في دورة العافية باللغة العربية وذلك بالضغط على الصورة او الرابط

<http://www.ecentreclinic.org/?q=ArabicWellbeingCourseInArabic>

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