



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 7: Friday 28th August 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

New book on the life of Patriarch Elias Howayek - the Founder of the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family is being considered for sainthood. This book summarises his extraordinary life. It is available for purchase for \$5 from the main office.

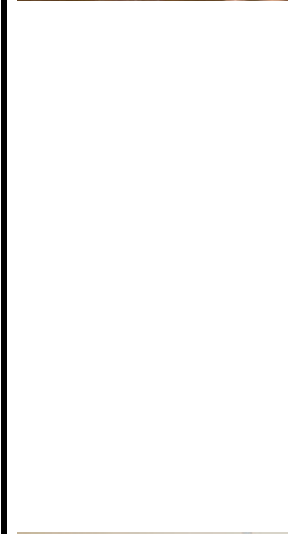
Competition open to all staff, students and parents – This year's theme is, 'In the image of God.' If you can describe this in 50 words (in Arabic or English) or can visually depict this, I invite you to send me your submission to mghosn@mchf.nsw.edu.au. The best will be placed in the newsletters.

**We wish our Year 3 students many blessings as they celebrate their
First Holy Communion on Sunday 30/8/15**

DOING THE ROUNDS

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley Ac Dsc (Ret'd),
The Governor of New South Wales accompanied by Mrs Hurley,
visited our College on Wednesday 26th August to great fanfare!





Check out 4 Amber's website <http://mrbechara2013.wix.com/4amber2015>

Book Week: Shine a Light Show - K-6 participated to celebrate Children's Book Week and theme. With singing, dancing and plenty of laughter, the children thoroughly enjoyed the show.



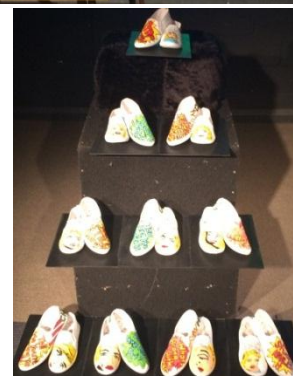
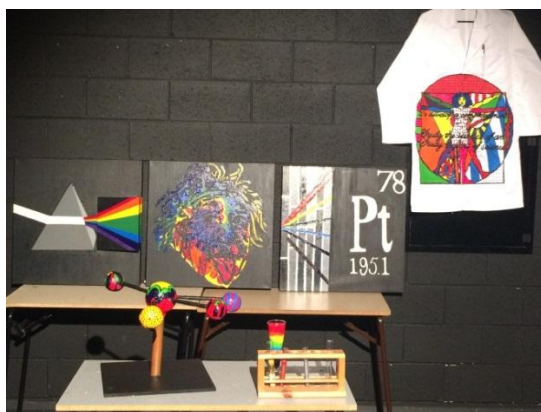
Yr 9 Drama fairy tale incursion on 25/8/15 for Kindy - Yr 9 students learnt about performing and the importance of making a show with a specific audience in mind, using music, lighting and acting. Kindergarten sang along to Frozen and Aladdin songs and joined the Cinderella ball scene – Ms Fisher.

Environmental group led by Mr P Julius with new equipment from Parramatta Council grant



The Inter-Village Volleyball Tournament in Secondary between Bakafra, Karem El-Mohr, Zgharta, Tannourine, Qartaba, Bazoun, Alma, Batroun, Blouza, Beereh and other villages.

Yr 12 Visual Art work



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashton Tannous and Celine Moussa who have been accelerated from Yr 5 into Yr 6 due to their excellent achievements in class and in Naplan.

Mathletics - Congratulations to Mr Bechara and 4 Amber who were recently ranked Number 2 in Australia with a number of students reaching the top 10 and Ms Hatem and 3 Orange who were 1st in Australia and 2nd in the world. Brealle 1st in Australia, Peter Al-Saiah 2nd, George Youssef 3rd, Angelea Ibrahim 7th and Theresa Boustani 8th.

Congratulations on a successful Premier's Reading Challenge with 299 K-2 students and 179 Y3-6 students, completing the challenge. 170 students in total from Yrs 7-9 completed the challenge: 52 students in Yr 7, 59 students in Yr 8 and 59 students in Yr 9.

Bronze award – Yr 8: Tahlia Fouche

Silver Award – Yr 8: Valentina Namnoum

PARENT CORNER

Woolworths Earn & Learn – Till 8th Sept, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers. You'll receive one Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent. Once completed your child can simply give the sticker sheet to their classroom teacher or place the sticker sheet in the Collection Box in the school offices. Please be on board and encourage your child to bring these back as it benefits the College by boosting educational equipment and resources for student learning.

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.

MCHF 'Educating for Success' TV program – discusses College life, curriculum and extra-curricular activities. This week's episode: Extension & Special needs
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiK4u2b0QC4>

Father's Day stall – on 1st September. Parent Association have worked tirelessly to organise beautiful gifts for students to purchase for their dads, so please support this event.

Designed by a group of leading Australian educators, Growing Minds is a multi-disciplinary before school, after school and vacation care organisation that engages children's minds and bodies. Growing Minds is about helping your children reach their full potential in an engaging, enjoyable environment. With a curriculum modelled on current best practices, we offer three core streams. Enrol Now for a Free One Week Trial (Use Code GMFREE6) - Located at Hassel St, Parramatta. Visit us at www.growingmindsafterschool.com.au or 1300 GROW MINDS

Mon Cheri Laser Clinic has recently taken over Laserderm Harris Park on Shop 1 40-46 Alice street. We specialise in Laser Hair Removal and Spray Tanning Services. Our Laser specialist has over 6 years of experience and will make your session pain free. We use Gentlelase machine and recently purchased an Electric treatment bed for client comfort. We also have introduced our Australian organic grown Aloe Vera 100g Gel available at the counter, which has many natural benefits for the skin. We welcome your enquires. W www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au E info@moncherilaserclinic.com.au Ph: 9891 4446

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

Father's Day Mass and morning tea – 5/9

Yr 6 Canberra trip – 9/9 to 11/9

Mirath in Mind – 9/9

Yr 12 Graduation Mass and ceremony – 11/9

Secondary walk-a-thon – 15/9

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