

# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER 23-25 Alice Street, Harris Park, 2150

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn**

We have seen the commencement of the HSC exams and we keep our students in our prayers over the next few weeks. We also celebrated Teacher's Day with a beautiful Mass. On 13/10/15 I met with the College Advisory Board in regards to the activities of the College and its future plans and in December we will meet again to discuss marketing strategies for the College.

I ask you to support us in our Buy-A-Brick campaign. See attached flyer. All money raised will help in building our new block and refurbishing the B block all of which will cost in excess of \$5 million. Thank you to Elias Abi-Khattar and family for purchasing 9 engraved bricks, one for each of their children at the school and their nieces and to Mrs A Le Merle for purchasing an engraved brick.

**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 \$5 from the main office.

## **DOING THE ROUNDS**

Teachers' Day Mass held on 16/10. We honoured Ms G Lahoud, Ms M Boutros and Ms M Georgiades for their 15 years of service.



Excellent work by students in Kindy Rose and our new electronic signage (approximately \$20,000)



**Mirath in Mind -** On 10/10/15, Mirath in Mind held the final of the Sabah fashion show, inspired by the dresses of Sabah the late Lebanese singer. Students had to create, design and dress up. Elijes Fares (Yr 12) came first. Her dress was unique, creative and extraordinary and attracted the attention of all. Primary students Yrs 4-6 entertained the audience with their dabke, drums and singing. They were outstanding! Mirath in Mind also commemorated the 'The hills are alive,' to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Sound of Music.' Claudia Doueihi, Elijes Fares, Gabrielle Baker and Theresa Doueihi performed the song, 'How do you solve a problem like Maria?' They were fantastic! I would like to thank the parents and the teachers, especially Mrs Fares, Mrs Sassine and Mrs Zaiter. You have done our college proud! – Ms Safi



Secondary SRC 'Glam & Hollywood' mufti day on Tuesday 20/10/15. Gelato will be sold on the day. Students will have the opportunity to take photos in the SRC photo booth. Money raised will go towards purchasing a 7m divider for the Expo Extravaganza. Yr 12 just about to commence their final exams. May God's blessings be upon them



12 new microscopes were purchased for the labs at a total cost of ~\$3000



It's that time of year again when our College collects non-perishable goodies in order to organise hampers for the SVDP Christmas appeal. Please continue to be generous in your donations. CONGRATULATIONS

**Honour Board -** Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Kindergarten: Amber Fasavalu, Jayden Diab, Milad Estephen, Pamella Souccar.

Congratulations to Christopher Douaihy in Yr 6 whose writing piece titled 'Messi' will be published in *Read Write Repeat* which will contain many poems and short stories from students all over Australia.

**ICAS Mathematics competition** - Congratulations to the following Primary students for their excellent results: Distinction: John El-Barhoun (Y4), Jerome Francis (Y4), Arthur Maroun (Y4); Credit: Pierre Raffoul (Y4), Joy Sleiman (Y4), Elie Joukhadar (Y5), Grace Sleiman (Y5), Mandalin Moussa (Y5), Celine Moussa (Y6), Ashton Tannous ((Y6), Simon Zaiter (Y6).

**Yr 9-1 and 10-1 maths class entered the UNSW maths competition for the first time** - Distinction: Michelle Merheb (top 2% in Australia); Credit (top 30%): In Yr 9 Christy El-Khoury, Jacob Lebnan, Colin Makary, Jenny Moussa, Perla Sleiman, and Johnathan Yacoub. In Yr 10: Michelle Frangi and John Khoury. We also achieved and 6 merits (top 40%). Congratulations to all the students who participated.

**Mathletics** - Students from 3 Orange: Daniella Taouk 1<sup>st</sup>, Bella Moujalli 2<sup>nd</sup>, Theresa Boustani 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Khoury 1<sup>st</sup>, Brealle Hasham 2<sup>nd</sup> and Paul Bou Melhem 1<sup>st</sup>. Jude Hashem from Yr 1 Greene 1<sup>st</sup>. Salma Abou Azar Yr 1 Lilac appeared on the wall of fame. Mary Khoury from 3 Orange received her 2<sup>nd</sup> gold award. Jacob Khattar from 4 Aqua has achieved three gold certificates. Well done to all the students.

5 classes have made it in the top 10 in Australia for Mathletics: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3 Orange (Ms Hatem), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4 Olive (Ms Lal), 5<sup>th</sup> - 4 Amber (Mr Bechara), 9<sup>th</sup> - 1 Lilac (Ms Khodeir) and 10<sup>th</sup> - 3 Beige (Ms Arida).

Previous	• Current	Mathletics Hall of Fame	Remaining 14 : 3
World World Australia Australia   Top 100 Students Top 50 Classes Top 100 Students Top 50 Classes Top 50 Classes			
<del>兆</del> 1	Ms Hatem : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	12,900
<b>**</b> 2	Ms Bahadur : Year 3	Seabrook Primary School, VIC, Australia	4,475
<b>₩</b> 3	Mrs Lal : Year 4	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	4,433
₩ 4	Mrs Morante : Year 6	Canley Vale Public School, NSW, Australia	3,917
5	Mr Bechara : Year 4	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	3,732
6	Mr Brandon : Year 7	Ormiston College, QLD, Australia	3,549
<b>**</b> 7	Mrs Mainey : Year 5	Kempsey Adventist School, NSW, Australia	3,484
<b>₩</b> 8	Mr Brandon : Year 7	Ormiston College, QLD, Australia	3,233
<b>**</b> 9	Ms Khodeir : Year 1	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	3,144
10	Ms Arida : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	3,060

All Rounder Award – Yr 7: Christine Kaddis Bronze Award – Yr 7: Charbel Khoury-Geagea, Jamie Rahme Silver Award – Yr 7: Ramona Touma Principal's Award – Yr 10: Theresa El Halabi

### PARENT CORNER

**MCHF merchandise** – can be purchased from the main office: MCHF pen for 50c; MCHF 8G USB for \$10; MCHF umbrella for \$15; MCHF Lanyards for \$3. MCHF hat/cap, scarves and beanies for \$10.

#### All outstanding school fees need to be finalised ASAP, prior to reports being distributed.

In 2016 K-12 students at the College should be transitioning to uniforms with the new College name or MCHF logo. New uniform items can be purchased from Lowes Parramatta or ordered online at <a href="http://www.lowes.com.au">www.lowes.com.au</a>

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**6 week challenge starting 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Lose from 6kg-15kg in just 6 weeks.** The winner will receive a month free training and protein bars from isagenix products\*. Be quick to reserve your place. Call Abir Dib from Nutrisculpt on 0410122999 or email <u>info@nutrisculpt.com.au</u> (\* the prize is only applicable to the participants of the diet program )

Dates to remember - <u>http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/</u> If you would like to receive the e-newsletter email <u>admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au</u> W: <u>http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/</u> F: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ololcollegesydney l</u>