



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 1: Friday 9th October 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to term 4, our final leg of the academic year long journey! It's off to a busy start with Yr 11 preliminary exams followed by Yr 11 camp. Yr 12 commence their final exams on Monday and we wish them abundant blessings from God. We also have the teacher's day Mass approaching where we recognise and thank teachers for their hard work in educating the younger generation. So as we enter term 4 I pray that it will be a blessed time for each of you.

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 over \$9 million. Thank you to the following who have purchased bricks: Mary AbiKhattar (3x), Odette Korkor, Fady Khatar, Georgette Baini (3x).

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

Work over the holidays

Purchase of over 60 iPads for use in K-2 classrooms (5 in each class ~\$30,000);

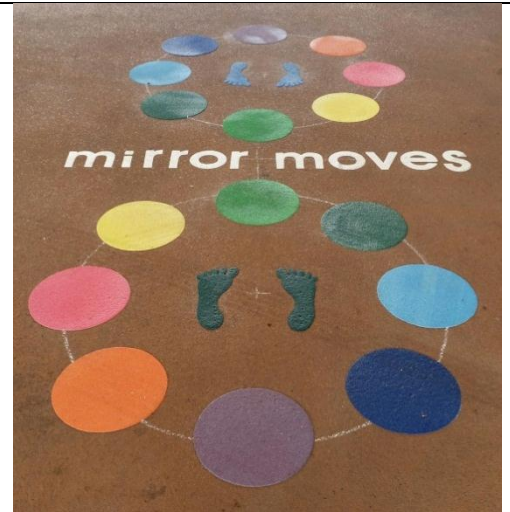
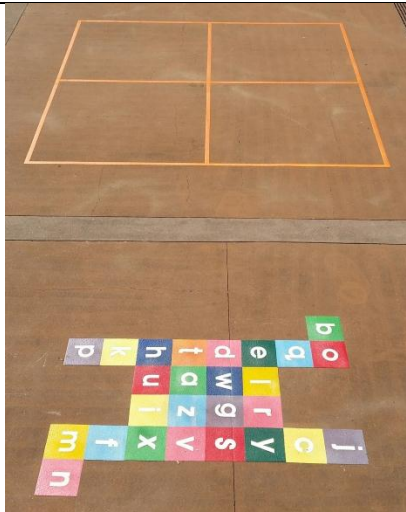
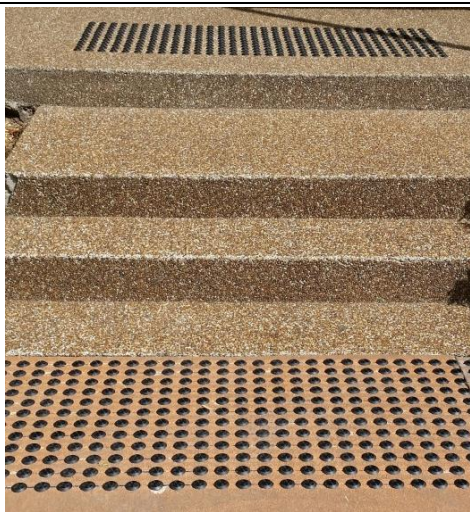
New non slip surface throughout A and D blocks (~\$11000);

Infants playground now has new outdoor games (~\$5500);

New electronic noticeboard being installed (~\$20,000);

Painting, cleaning, etc.





Staff reflection day was held on 6/10/15 and directed by Fr John Frauenfelder and Virginia Ryan



Mr C Hayman and Dominic & Rachelle Nakhoul, Tia Semaan, Michael Nouh and Claudia Douaihy have produced a hymn based on Augustine's 'Confessions' (Bk. I, Ch.I). Click on the link to hear the talent of our staff and students. <https://youtu.be/luWAcDFCFN8>

Mr Bechara's Yr 4 classroom activities <http://mrbechara2013.wix.com/4amber2015>

Yr 5 Sapphire made rosary beads and prayer chaplets using various items



Yr 9 and 10 girls had a pastoral session with AMK on 9/10/15 on body image and accepting one another.

Yr 11 preliminary exams have commenced and Yr 10 'The Crucible' drama performance



CONGRATULATIONS

ICAS ENGLISH Competition: Congratulations on achieving a Distinction award to Jerome Francis (Y4); Credit awards to Joy Sleiman (Y4); Josef BouMelhem; Celine Moussa, Ashton Tannous, Emilio Hourani, and Simon Zaiter (Y6).



On 18/9 Yr 5 & 6 boys represented MCHF at the Stage 3 Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day at St Mary's. Our team played four incredible games throughout the day, with no losses. MCHF had a bye in the first round, followed by three draws and a win of 6-0 in the final match. This saw **our team placed second in their pool**, narrowly behind first place winners St Michaels of Baulkham Hills. The team showed great team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day and we congratulate them on their wonderful achievement.



All Rounder Awards – Yr 10: Maria Attie, Stephanie Brais, Priscilla Dib, Evana El Darjani, Chloe Ivins, John Khoury, Gabriela Lahood, Sarah Lichaa, Christina Khoury

Bronze award – Yr 10: Vanessa Abou Habib, Mary-Therese Anjoul, Jodie Bayeh, Daniel Bazouni, Pamela Doumit, Charbel El Hachem, Daniella Fares, Michelle Frangi, Andre Gerges, John Paul Laba, Matthew Matouk, Elaine Saba, Vanessa Soumi, Vanessa Tawk, Michelle Toubia

Silver Award – Yr 10: Melissa Zalloua

Principal's Award – Yr 10: Danielle Aboukaram

PARENT CORNER

MCHF merchandise – Students and parents can purchase the following 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.

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