



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This newsletter is full of new renovations and purchases that the College is committed too. Plenty of spending over the next few weeks that includes refurbishing, purchasing resources and upgrading.

**Our College band will be performing on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> November at Parramatta Day at Experiment Farm Cottage at 1:15pm.** Please come along and support our MCHF Band. See attachment. Students performing are Charbel Hadchiti (7), Rachelle Nakhoul (7), Dominic Nakhoul (9), Claudia, Jake, Katelyn, & George (12).

**Our Primary students will be performing at the Lebanese Flag raising ceremony on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Parramatta Town Hall from 9am-11am.** Please come and support our students.

**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 \$7 million. **Thank you to the following who have purchased bricks this week:** Mrs Michelene Aflak (1 brick), Mrs Jacqueline Bou Melhem (2 bricks), Mr A Sassine (1 brick), Mrs Rose Marie Ghabache (1 brick), Mrs R Macura (2 bricks)

**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 is available for \$5 from the office.

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 visited 5 Loaves Café to observe how fresh bread is made using yeast.** The women showed us inside the café how they make the dough for manoush. We had a look at the machines they use to make the dough with lots of ingredients such as wholemeal flour, white flour, fresh yeast, oil, water, sugar, salt. A few students were asked to place the dough into the electric dough flattener. Finally, after experiencing what it is like to make some dough at the 5 Loaves Café, the ladies were generous and kind enough to make us some Zaatar Manoush! The classes enjoyed the tasty manoush. Students and teachers had a great time and now we know what it is like to make manoush at 5 Loaves Café - Grace Sleiman & Julien El-Bazouni 5 Rainbow



## Where our money is going . . .

- Over \$400,000 on upgrading the phone network, WiFi and broadband around the College. It will mean we can move students towards BYOD (Bring your own devices).
- 4 Promethean boards have been leased for the Primary. This is the latest in interactive technology and will be used in the infants' classrooms to engage in hands on activities.
- Renovating the Upper Primary toilets and B block staff toilets at a cost of approximately \$90,000
- This week we will replace 133 leased desktops across the College campus with a 3 year warranty.



- Purchasing new student work benches and vices for woodwork/construction students at \$8,500
- New stage lighting \$2500 and Stage drapes \$3000
- Over \$13,000 worth of Primary books and reading materials for use during reading groups
- Music – fold-back speakers and an electric drum kit at a cost of \$3900
- Science labs – curtains to be installed \$1600
- B block – tinting in corridor windows \$3500
- Food tech room \$111,000
- Primary staffroom kitchen upgrade \$8,600
- Ramps - \$5000
- New elevator in A block - \$82,000

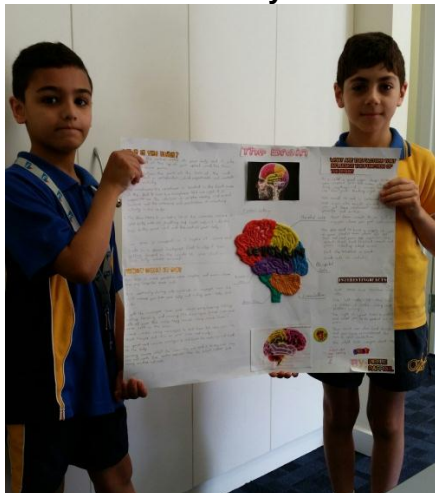
**\$13,000 worth of Primary books and reading materials and new blinds for science labs**



**Parent Association have paid for the fitting out of 2 Primary classrooms at a cost of \$10,000** - new, colourful furniture which encourages cooperative learning and teaching better suited to learners in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This week another two classes, 4 Aqua and 5 Opal received their furniture and the students are loving their reinvented learning spaces.



**Excellent work by Pierre Raffoul in Yr 4 and Yrs 7 & 8 session on stress and exam preparation**





**Primary students enjoying Gelato (an SRC fundraiser) and Bandana Day fundraiser on 30/10/15**



**Yr 6 transition held on 28/10/15 – Secondary students showing Yr 6 what they can achieve**













**It's that time of year again when our College collects non-perishable goodies to organise hampers for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Please be generous in your donations.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 1 Leila Bou-Melhem, Mia Marie Al Helou, Christine Al Somsom, Khali Yaacoub. In Yr 2: Kayla Daher, Gwen El Haddad, Christian Ibrahim, Khali Yaacoub.

**See the many students and classes who are in the top 10 in Australia**

Mathletics Hall of Fame			
Previous Current		Time Remaining 10 : 51 : 32	
World Top 100 Students	World Top 50 Classes	Australia Top 100 Students	Australia Top 50 Classes
1 George Y	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	13,520	
2 Mary K	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	12,840	
3 Abdo A	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	12,601	
4 Peter A	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,560	
5 Xavier N	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	8,430	
6 Elyssa W	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	8,266	
7 Patricia Y	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	7,220	
8 Jessica D	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	7,130	
9 Brealie H	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	7,052	
10 Gerard B	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	6,950	

World Top 100 Students		World Top 50 Classes	Australia Top 100 Students	Australia Top 50 Classes
	1	Ms Hatem : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	10,963
	2	Mrs Lal : Year 4	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	6,317
	3	Mrs Du Toit : Year 4	Iona Presentation Primary School, WA, Australia	3,172
	4	Ms Arida : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	3,061
	5	Mr Bechara : Year 4	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	3,005
	6	Mrs Shareek : Year 4	Green Valley Islamic College, NSW, Australia	2,887
	7	Mr Barrett : Year 3	Ormiston College, QLD, Australia	2,797
	8	Ms Alweddy : Year 2	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	2,685
	9	Mrs Anderson : Year 2	Settlers Primary School, WA, Australia	2,648
	10	Ms Monday : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	2,639

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Katrina Ibrahim, Christian Sader, Christina Ibrahim Yr 8: Zena Hadchiti, Sam Hanna, Dominic Azzi, Gael Elias, Joseph Azzi. Yr 12: Claudia Douaihy, Elie Alhage, Rochelle Elias, Jennifer Khoury, Michael Succar

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Nour Gereij, Harrison Yaacoub, John Kanaan, Charbel Doumit, Joshua Elkerr Yr 8: Charbel Chidiac, Anthony Al- Douaihy, Rita Lahoud, Rafca Attie, Hanna Haykal. Yr 12: George Abou-Antoun, Josephine Shomar

**Silver Award** – Yr 7: Ramona Touma, Rafqa Kayrouz, Raquel El-Katrib Yr 8: Charbel Kazzi ,Danni Makari, Vanessa Youssef, Toufic Darjani, Tiana Lichaa, Marianne Dagher, Thomas Taouk , Adel Atieh.

**Principal's Award** – Yr 7: Nicole Farah, Robbie El-Bazouni Yr 8: Carla Katrib, Marius Younes

## PARENT CORNER

**If you are driving to the College to drop off or pick up your children always respect the road rules, use your manners at all times and always drive very carefully.**

**Partial absence from the College: Secondary students** - The College will be enforcing strict guidelines in regards to early leavers. A reminder to parents that the procedure for students to leave early is for a signed letter to be submitted to your child's Year Advisor. Unless there is an emergency, no parent is permitted to turn up to the College and request to pick up their child. The NSW Education Act requires all students to attend school at all times when the school is open for instruction. - Mr E. Asmar

**Parent Association events coming up - Lebanon Independence Day lunch for students on 20/11/15; Christmas raffle draw on 27/11/15; Santa photo on 30/11 and 1/12**

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