



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 2: Friday 5th February 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we settle into a busy term 1, I take this opportunity to mention a few reminders and etiquette rules for parents in order to make life at MCHF hassle free for all.

Parents I ask that:

- When you park in Church grounds please be mindful of the speed limit and road rules.
- Do not park in disabled parking unless you are meant to
- Drop off zone is a 2 minute stop to drop off or pick up your children. It is NOT a parking zone
- The administration is very busy so please do not call the College daily or weekly unless it is urgent
- Please do not raise your voice at admin staff when you have an issue
- If you have concerns please follow the correct protocols: Contact the teacher first, followed by the Coordinator. If the issue is still not resolved then you can take it to the Deputy. The Principal should be your last point of call
- You do not have the right to demand which teacher or classroom your child should be placed in
- Try to ensure your children arrive on time in the morning
- Please check your child's diary as this is where teachers communicate with you
- Ensure your child is completing all their homework every night
- Please encourage your child to read as this is our motto for 2016
- Your child must be in the correct uniform every day and haircuts must be appropriate
- All fees should be paid in a timely manner
- Please read the newsletter as it has all the information you need to know

I would like to remind all that our 2016 Theme is 'Let's Read.' A number ways students can live out this theme is through:

- Reading Eggs in Primary
- Premier's Reading Challenge (K-10)
- DEAR programme in the mornings (Drop Everything And Read)

Buy-A-Brick campaign. See attached flyer. All money raised will help in building our new \$9 million block. If you want your name engraved in the new building you need to purchase a brick before October this year.

Thank you to the following who have purchased bricks recently: Laura Chalhoub (3 bricks)

DOING THE ROUNDS

Important dates to remember: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/month/>

8/2 Ash Monday Mass at 10:45am for Yrs 2-12

10/2 Evacuation drill at 9:30am

15/2 Lockdown drill at 9:30am

16-17/2 Photo day

16/2 Parent Information Evening for Primary 6-7pm in Secondary hall

17/2 Secondary assembly for class leaders

19/2 Secondary swimming carnival

26/2 Primary Lent Mass

2/3 Primary Science Fun day

3/3 Primary Science Fun day

14/3 Bullying Awareness week

18/3 St Joseph Mass

18/3 Yrs 7 & 8 Brainstorm production

24/3 Stations of the Cross

25/3 Good Friday

27/3 Easter Sunday

28/3 Easter Monday holiday
1/4 Secondary Academic assembly
8/4 Easter Mass and end of term 1

Celebrating Saint Maroun's Mass on Friday 5/2/16



Gymnastic lessons have commenced for Years 1, 3 and 5



Primary Library – The College theme for 2016 is *Let's Read!* Students need to borrow books from the library every week and return them on time. Each student needs his/her own *waterproof* library bag. The library will be promoting consistent reading this year and this begins with the children borrowing regularly. All students will participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Premier's Reading Challenge (Primary) - from 7 March to 19 August. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 19th August. For rules and privacy information please see <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Premier's Reading Challenge (Secondary) - The challenge is an annual state wide initiative for all schools in NSW. It starts in term 1 and ends on the 24th August. With the start of the 2016 Challenge, we recognise the importance of your role as parents/guardians in supporting and encouraging your child at home to read at least 10 minutes a day. The challenge aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Reading is not only essential for improving literacy skills, but also for encouraging curiosity and a love of learning. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Let's Read - At MCHF students will have an exciting opportunity to come together just twice a term to discuss and recommend to their peers great books to read. A 'Top Five list' of fantastic books will be published in the newsletter. Please encourage your children to participate- there will be cupcakes, merits and I-tunes vouchers up for grabs! - Mrs Gahdmar and Mrs Abou-azar

Secondary students at Thursday sport



CONGRATULATIONS

HSC 2015 results were brilliant: Congratulations to the HSC students who have achieved excellent ATAR results: Yvonne Moussa 99.10 and listed as a 2015 high achiever - HSC Honour roll on the BOSTES website; Suzie Farah 92.25; Maya Sawaqed 92.00; Chamoun Soumi 91.90; Antoinette Najim 91.65; Nicole Fajloun 91.00; Sarah Merheb 87.85; Danielle Katrib 84.05; Dominic Altakchy 83.50; Clarita Sleiman 83.00; Adriana Alphonse 82.90; Chanice Nahmy 82.35; Therese Tannous 81.30; Fidele Felfleh 81.05.



Honour Mass on 5/2/16 recognised the achievements of our Yr 12 HSC class of 2015



PARENT CORNER

The following notes were distributed to each family on Monday 1st February. Please ensure that they are returned:

Medical Updates - Please ensure that you update your child's medical records so that we are providing care based in their current needs. All Asthma and Anaphylaxis plans must be submitted to the College office no later than Monday 22nd February. After this date College records will indicate a 'no return'.

Parent Induction Meeting - All parents wishing to volunteer in classrooms or during PA activities are required to attend an induction meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 2:00pm, please return your note by Friday 12th February if you are able to attend.

Music Lessons – if you would like your child to take guitar, piano or keyboard private music lessons, Mr Wood will be running classes as of week 3, for half an hour each lesson. Cost is \$20. Please notify the main administration if you want your child to receive private music lessons during school time.

The PA shop will open every Monday from 8:15-9:00am.

Learn Taekwondo at Fearless Martial Arts. Unit 5, 187 Fairfield Road Guildford West. Chris Barnes - 0415 663 966 www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo



Smart Start
Education

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM - Numeracy & Literacy for children aged 4-5 years
Michelle Tamaro (B/Ed Primary; M/Ed Literacy)
0402 335 527

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