



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 8: Friday 18th March 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Staffing Changes - The College has created a new Executive role. Mr Asmar has been appointed as the Public Relations Officer. The role includes: marketing of the College, promoting and organising parent involvement, networking with other schools, implementing new pedagogy, establishing partnerships with other organisations, coordinating transition programmes and the College's media contact. As a result of this change we welcome back to the College Mr Nehme Khattar in the role of Director of Wellbeing in the Secondary. Mr Khattar has been working with Marist schools for the past three years and brings to the role a wealth of opportunities to promote wellbeing for our students.

Holy Week is upon us and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Holy Week. May the Christ that suffered and died and then Rose for us, always be our hope and source of love.

Thursday 24th March will be a holiday for staff and students. Students return on Tuesday 29th March. Minions movie night on the green on Friday 8th April – a free event for all our families!

Buy-A-Brick campaign. See attached flyer. All money raised will help in building our new block. If you want your name engraved in the new building you need to purchase a brick. **Thank you to the following who have purchased bricks recently:** Marie Claire Maroon - 3 bricks; Nabil Taouk - 30 bricks! Mrs N Stavrinakis – 2 bricks

DOING THE ROUNDS

Vocation day discernment took place at MCHF Convent on 13th March with 8 young women attending



All students must have an Opal card. Go to is www.transportsw.info/school-students All students that have not received a card will need to re-apply otherwise you will not be able to board the buses.

Let's Read @ the Book Fair - On Friday the Primary students had an exciting opportunity to preview the fantastic books at this year's book fair and fill in their wish lists. **New shelter in the A block to shelter students on their way to the canteen**



Bullying Play – On 18/3/16 the very talented Year 11 Drama group, guided by their teacher Mrs Youssef, performed a play to Years 3-6 students about bullying, cyber bullying, violence and domestic violence. The performance was very powerful and students were left, not just laughing by the engaging characters, but with the message that Violence and Bullying are never okay.



Bullying and Violence Awareness Week - Primary students have been focusing on Saying No to Bullying and Violence. We have been discussing the way these can affect families and talking about what to do if students are subjected to bullying or violence. Students have viewed clips, created posters, held discussions and written stories in order to reinforce the message that violence and bullying are never okay. We also took the opportunity to introduce the students to a new positive behaviour strategy - **Keys to Success**. Students will be rewarded with tokens for showing qualities of courage, persistence, kindness, honesty, reverence and patience. When students have six cards they will receive an all-rounder award and then bronze awards, silver awards, gold awards and finally a Principal's award.



Bullying Awareness Week – 18th March is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The College promotes an anti-bullying environment through its bullying awareness week. The week-long event focused this year on cyber bullying with the theme ‘Stop Cyber Bullying.....Start Cyber Loving.’ Events that took place included the screening of the movie Cyberbully, lunch time activities in the library, design of a pledge wall, special morning prayers, SRC selling wristbands and Yr 11 Drama students performing a bullying play to Primary and Secondary students. Lunchtime activities in the library involved decorating bunting flags with bible verses, writing anti-bullying signs for bulletin board and practicing a computer-based interactive exercise on bullying and cyber-bullying.



Peer Support Training - Yr 10 students will be attending peer support leadership training on 29th March. they will participate in various leadership activities which they will use with Yr 7 students in peer support sessions in term 2. From this training a select number of students will be appointed peer support leaders.

Year 6 Transition Programme - On Monday 21st March, Yr 6 students participated in their first transition session for this year. Students toured the Secondary buildings led by the College leaders. Following the tour students experienced an English lesson led by Mr Abboud and Ms Daoud.

Year 12 biology visit to the Museum of Human Diseases at UNSW and Yr 10 Social Justice group visit an Aged Care facility to bring some cheer and good will



Twelve Year 10 boys attended the ‘young men’s health forum’ organised by the ‘conviction group’ on 11th March. Students were assisted in re-evaluating their perspectives on pivotal issues concerning young men’s health and empowering them with the ability to make healthy decisions. This forum provided students with keynote speakers and small discussion groups – Mr J AbouGharrach

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Year 5 Tianna Maalouf, Lucia Faddoul, Joy Sleiman, Kayla Fasavalu and John El Barhoun in Arabic

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Celine Moussa, Jessica Bechara, George Katrib, Najib Francis, Simon Zaiter, Elly Nassim

Congratulations to the MCHF Mock Trial team who defeated Blacktown Boys High 264 to 246 on 14/3/16. The team had worked extremely hard the last few weeks and they were exceptionally strong in their victory. Special mention to Natalie Haddad, Brianna Azar, Daniella Abou Karam, Jacinta Semaan, Lara Makary and Adriana Tannous - They spoke so well, displaying abundant maturity, professionalism and dedication to the Criminal case. – Mrs Esber-Dayoub



Rep Volleyball - 50-57 Junior girls blue defeated St Bishoy; 44-54 Junior girls gold lost against St Clare; 73-33 intermediate girls blue defeated St Andrews; 37-55 intermediate girls Gold defeated St Clare; 44-47 Intermediate blue lost against St Bishoy; 43-24 intermediate gold defeated St Agnes;

Touch football - Junior girls lost against St Andrews 4-5; Intermediate girls drew with St Andrews 3-3.

PARENT CORNER

Parent Association are organising Easter basket raffles. \$1 a ticket. Every Primary class will have a winner. Please support this fund. Thank you for the kind \$50 donation towards our Easter raffle by:

The Ironing King
Badri & Claudia, 9897 5464
Shop 1, 197-199 Woodville Rd Merrylands 2160

The top 5 languages in 2050 will be Chinese, Spanish, English, Hindi-Urdu and Arabic. Our College offers Arabic from Kindy onwards. I encourage all students to become as fluent as possible in both English and Arabic if you wish to be successful in the world. I ask parents to encourage your children to speak Arabic at home

Yr 7, 2017 Enrolment Interviews - Yr 6 parents are reminded that enrolment interviews into Yr 7 for 2017 will occur in the first two weeks of term 2. Parents must contact Ms Ramona Sheikh from Tuesday 29th March to make a booking time.

Play Rugby League With The Parramatta City Titans JRLFC - Have fun while you learn all the skills to play rugby league and make new friends. Registrations are open for under 6's to under 20's every Tues and Thurs from 5pm in March @ Ollie Webb Reserve Parramatta. Ph: 0424754886 Email: info@parracitytitans.com.au Web: www.parracitytitans.com.au



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