



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 3: Friday 13th May 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we continue on with term 2 we can breathe a sigh of relief that NAPLAN is over for another year and we now turn our focus to other areas of importance including mid-year exams for Secondary students. We also commence the Season of Pentecost this Sunday and I pray that the gifts of truth, wisdom, knowledge and understanding be yours.

Let's Read is our theme this year – I really encourage all students to be regularly picking up books and reading. Parents please support your child to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Homework club – is run every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 for Primary and Secondary students in the libraries. Teachers volunteer their time to assist students, and students have access to a quiet working environment with desktops. Parents please encourage your children to attend this free service.

The Parramatta Advertiser interviewed myself, Mr E Asmar and Ivan the security guard, in regards to the security around our College. This will feature in the next newspaper edition.

SBS news ran a story about NAPLAN featuring MCHF that aired on 11th May 2016. They interviewed myself, Grace Raffoul (Yr 3) and Mrs Moussa and her daughter Celine (Yr 7). The link is:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/682538563604/one-million-students-across-the-country-have-begun-three-days-of-naplan-testing>

Advisory Board met on 10/5/16 and we discussed the College's growth and future. The Board members were pleased with the progress of our new building, our cash flow and enrolment numbers for next year.

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.

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:** 10C Homeroom

DOING THE ROUNDS

2 purple sang beautifully at the seniors' lunch at OLOL Parish on 12/5/16 - The seniors were so impressed that the ladies gave the students chocolates for their mums and Fr Bernard gave every child a gift.



Yr 1 MiniLit group have been reading Possum Magic by Mem Fox - To ensure they knew all about the treats mentioned in the book, Miss Kate brought lamingtons, Anzac biscuits, pavlovas and Vegemite sandwiches for the students to try. Such a delicious way to learn!

NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 took place from 10-12th May 2016.



On Thursday 26th May the SRC will be hosting their first Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day. Sausage sizzle plus a bottle of water for \$4.00 and mufti for \$1.00. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Pentecost celebrations – Mass and 2 pink tongues of fire!



Year 8 camp took place from 11-13th may 2016 at Wiseman's ferry.



Max Potential project in collaboration with Western Sydney University - Five Yr 11 students, Maria Moussa, Natalie Haddad, Brianna Azar, Jebreen Mawad and Danielle Abou Karam, were selected to participate in the 2016 Max Potential program. It offers 22 weeks of personal leadership development,

including coaching, to young leaders, to help them maximise their potential during their final years at school, and beyond. It also encourages students to focus on the local community and ways that they can work to improve it. On 10th May the students attended their first day. They met their coaches and learnt more about their abilities and how to work in a team. Congratulations to the 5 students selected. - Mrs Abdul Ahad



Yr 11 commenced exams on 13/5/16

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In K: Jesse Ray Hawkswell, Daniel Mallia, Rita Hadidi, James Azzi.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 4: Audrey Tannous, Rami Abou Azar, Edward Harmouche Yr 5: Jesse Ellie Yr 6: Charlie Abou Touma, Grace Sleiman Yr 11: Danielle Aboukaram, Brianna Azar, Angelina Bou-Said, Priscilla Dib, Michelle Frangi, Chloe Ivins, Mona Katrib, Matthew Matouk, Sandy Yacoub, Charbel Youssef, Melissa Zalloua Yr 12: George Abou-Antoun, James Fares, Melanie Haddad, Jessica Ishak, Jennifer Katrib, Jessica Lahoud, Danielle Laoulach, Micahel Succar, Annalise Stanton, Josline Tannous, Rachelle Youssef

Bronze award – Yr 11: John Paul Laba Yr 12: Murielle Aboukaram

PARENT CORNER

Effective Parenting Free Course - MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF's Parent Education and Support Network invite all parents to an effective parenting course led by Dr Dima Akik. The FREE course includes four sessions with the first session 'Positive Parent-Child Communication' to be held Tuesday 31st May 2016 at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at either 9:30am (Arabic) or 7pm (English). For more information please contact Subdeacon Danny Nouh on (02) 8831 0000 or 0477 008 787 or Mr Elie Asmar on (02) 9633 6600.

دورة مجانية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في تنشئة العائلات
 "مارونايت كار" بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة وشبكة تثقيف ودعم العائلات بدعوة الأهالي أصحاب العائلات التي تواجه تحديات مجتمعنا المعاصر الى دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلاتنا تقدمها الدكتورة دينا عتيق.
 الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الأولى بعنوان "التواصل الإيجابي بين الأهل والأولاد" وتقام الثلاثاء 31 أيار 2016 في قاعة ماري ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة 9.30 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الـ 7.00 مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية.

لمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالشدياق داني نوح على 02 8831 0000, 0477 008 787 أو السيد إيلي أسمر على 02 9633 6600.

Think before you link provides information for teachers, parents and families they need to empower kids to make smart, secure, and responsible decisions online. <https://www.thinkbeforeyoulinkinschool.com/>

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