



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 2: Friday 6th May 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we continue on with providing the best education for our students I need to remind parents of a few matters:

- **Naplan** – unfortunately there are parents who are stating that MCHF is charging for Naplan when no other school pays. This is incorrect. All non-public schools must pay for Naplan. Please refrain from smearing the College name by making false claims such as the College is collecting the money to fund the new building project! It would be appreciated if parents focussed on assisting their children to perform to the best of their ability in Naplan, rather than gossiping negatively about the College
- **Procedure for Applying for Leave (family holidays)** - In line with the College 'Student Attendance Policy' and current legislation, families wishing to apply for leave, 10 to 100 school days, must follow the procedure whereby: 1) Four weeks prior to departure, must complete the 'Application for Extended Leave' and provide supporting documents. 2) The Application is reviewed in consultation with the Principal. 3) If approved, a letter will be issued to the parents. 4) Prior to the student's leave, the College will provide two weeks of work for each Key Learning Area. 5) If the College Principal denies the request for leave, the parents will be notified in writing. Unfortunately parents are not giving the school sufficient notice of the leave OR are notifying the school after booking flights with leave being taken in the middle of exams or after the school holidays. We kindly remind you that Parents **MUST** notify the College **FOUR WEEKS** before departure **AND** prior to booking the flights so together we can negotiate the best time for leave. We understand that sometimes dates may not be flexible but with greater time and discussion, we will be able to reach the best outcome for your child's education.
- **Canteen money** – There are parents who are providing \$10 or more every day for their children to purchase at the canteen. This is your choice but please keep in mind that Primary students are not always well informed on how much money to spend. Furthermore other parents feel the pressure to provide their children with extra money when the budget doesn't allow for it. Please be moderate with the amount of money you give your children on a daily basis.

**We wish all Mothers a very happy Mother's day on Sunday.
May you enjoy time with your family and be lavished with love!**

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:** 9D Homeroom

DOING THE ROUNDS

All students must have an Opal card. Go to is www.transportnsw.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.

Mother's Day stall held on 3/5/16





Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea held on 6/5/16



Students of Year 5 Opal mashed a banana (demonstrating chewing), squeezed it through a stocking (demonstrating food travelling down the oesophagus) and poured through water (demonstrating the nutrients which seep through).



Years 6 & 7 science incursion - 4th May environmentalist Tim Silverwood pointed out to the students that although plastics are useful in many different ways they are also the main pollutant of the world's oceans, leading to the death of thousands of sea birds and animals every year. Tim asked students for solutions and many came up with some great ideas. Please encourage recycling of plastic bottles, glass and aluminium.



On Friday 6th May Yrs 11 & 12 attended an incursion with Elevate Education - Yr 11 focused on developing their study techniques and improving their ability to study effectively. Yr 12 focused on Memory Retention and Mnemonics to be able to successfully rewrite that information in their responses.

Raw Fitness with the collaboration of the MCHF girls have begun there Boot camp to encourage girls to MAKE THEIR MOVE! This initiative has been supported by the NSW Government, parents, students and teachers to promote healthy living and well-being.



29th April, the year 11 Chemistry class, along with Mr Sassine went on an excursion to Blue Scope Steel in Port Kembla - Once we arrived, we were told to put on approved gear in order to be safe. We then went on a bus tour, where we were shown the whole property. We were privileged enough to see how raw material and scrap material was turned into iron, how it was cut into sheets and finally, how it was turned into steel coils. It was an amazing day and on behalf of the Year 11 class, I would like to thank Mr Sassine for organising the day – Sandy Yaacoub Year 11

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Esber-Dayoub and Mrs Abi-Khattar and their wonderful mock trial team who defeated Santa Sabina 214 to 204 on 29/4/16! - Special mention to Brianna AZAR, Danielle Abou-Karam, Natalie Haddad, Krystle Elias and Allanah ElBitar. They worked extremely hard to achieve this fantastic win. **Go students of MCHF!!!!**

Well done and thank you to all the students who represented the College at the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival. All students who competed placed in the top half of their age groups. Special mention must go to Rita Attie (13th place), Dominic Eid (14th place), Mark Azar (17th place) and **Peter Youssef who finished 1st in the 8km event** and is now in the 18 boys PDSSSC Champion. We wish him all the best of luck at the NSW tournament next month.



All Rounder Awards – Yr 5: Benjamin Hannouche 11: Murielle Aboukaram, George El-Bazouni, Elissa Geagea, Christopher Kendirjian, Jennifer Khoury, George Sassine.

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 Nough 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 مجتمعا المعاصر الى دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلاتنا تقدمها الدكتور ديماء عقيق.

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 برك الساعة 9.30 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الساعة 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.

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