



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 3: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have an important week coming up for a number of reasons. Firstly OLOL Parish commences Feast week in celebration of the Assumption. At MCHF we celebrate Foundation Day – acknowledging 15<sup>th</sup> August as the Day the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family was Founded. This is the day the Sisters take their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Please keep us in your prayers. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August Yr 12 commence their trial exams and we wish them the best of luck.

The Secondary walk-a-thon is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. All funds raised will go towards the new \$9.5 million building. Each student must raise a minimum of \$20

Foundation Day school holiday Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Visit of the Cross with Saint Mary MacKillop relics and a letter from Blessed Mother Theresa on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016 from 12-3pm. Parents are invited to pray before the relics from 2-3pm at the Church.

We are moving Holy Communion to Yr 4. The reason is Yr 3 spend the first few months of the year focussing on Naplan and then the rest of the year focussing on Holy Communion, leaving little time to get through the curriculum. Therefore in 2017 there will be no Holy Communion celebration. It will take place in 2018 in late term 1 or early term 2.

**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 purchased bricks recently:** 7D (1 brick)

## DOING THE ROUNDS

Yr 6 students have been using the upcoming Lowes 20% off sale in order to complete their Maths work on percentages. A reminder to all parents that this is a one day only sale, both in store and on line, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August.



**News from the ICT Committee: BYOD and Accessing WiFi** - The College has been upgrading its ICT services and has introduced BYOD for students. Currently students in Yrs 9-12 have been given access. The plan to enable WIFI for students is as follows: Yrs 7 and 8 students by 8<sup>th</sup> August; Yrs 5 and 6 students by

22<sup>nd</sup> August; Yrs 3 and 4 students by 5<sup>th</sup> September; and K-2 students by 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The 2016 NAPLAN results are due to schools on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August and should be sent home to parents by Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Reminder that Homework Club occurs every Wed from 3:30-4:30pm for both Primary and Secondary students.** It is an opportunity to study in a quiet environment at school, with access to computers and internet as well as free assistance from volunteer teachers. Primary students have been keen to use this time but Secondary students have not taken advantage of this. We are keen to see more Secondary students staying back on Wednesday afternoons to study in the library and get assistance.

**It has come to the attention of the College that students and staff have gained access to Microsoft Office through Office 365 using their MCHF email addresses.** Although you are entitled to this, this is causing backend issues as the College is migrating to Office 365. If you have obtained Microsoft Office through Office 365 linked with your school email address please uninstall. Once the College has migrated to Office 365, you'll be able to regain access to your Microsoft Office application suite.

### Secondary Sport and Leadership Assembly held on 3/8/16







## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Kindergarten: Jamie Wakim, Annabelle George, Stephanie Farah, Annalise Khoury.

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 4:: Christina Khoury, Jonah Boustany, Christian Keirouz 5: Ella-Maria Bassil, Kristy El Katrib, Sienna Galayini, Charbel Hauchab, Thomas Keirouz, Matthew Youssef Yr 6: Badwi Makary, Georgis Mawad, Charbel Chehade

**Bronze award** – Yr 4: Edward Harmouche 5: Jonah Daher, Teresa Matta, Antonio Maroun, Georges Tawk; Yr 6: Lawrence Elbayeh

**1 green is 1<sup>st</sup> in the world and 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia in Mathletics! Congratulations Ms Hatem and students**

## World Top 50 Classes

Time remaining 03 days

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Country	Name	School	Points
	Ms Hatem : Year 1	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia	5336
	Mr Khan : Year 5	Sutton Park School, AUK, New Zealand	5257

**Congratulations to the following Year 6 scholarship recipients:**

**Academic scholarship – Elie Joukhadar**

**Pastoral scholarship – Grace Sleiman**

**Sport scholarship – Charbel Chehade**

Thank you to all students who submitted excellent applications. The final choice was difficult.

**Congratulations to Robbie El Bazouni and Gabrielle Baker, represented our College at the Public debating competition. Robbie El Bazouni (Yr 8) was selected as one of only 3 students to proceed to the final round of the Public Speaking Competition. The adjudicator's feedback for their presentations was that she was impressed by both very much.**



## PARENT CORNER

**Census: Collection of information about schools** - The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the Australian Education Act 2013. That Act and the associated Australian Education Regulation 2013 require that your child's school provide the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its financial arrangements, and its student body, in order that the funding is properly calculated and accounted for. Please read the attached Census letter to parents.

**From the PESN: All About Bullying** - Around 1 in 4 Australian students have experienced bullying at some point. It's therefore crucial that schools take steps to create safer environments for students. However, as parents it is also possible to take action against bullying. It is important to know what bullying is, why people bully and how to recognise bullying. Teaching your child how to handle bullying and the importance of empathy and positive relationships comprise preventative measure to ensure bullying does not arise. Learn how to recognise that your child is being bullied and find out how you can help them by clicking on the link [https://parents.au.reachout.com/common%20concerns/everyday%20issues/bullying%20and%20teenagers?utm\\_source=referralstrat&utm\\_medium=copydeck&utm\\_campaign=parents&utm\\_content=bullying](https://parents.au.reachout.com/common%20concerns/everyday%20issues/bullying%20and%20teenagers?utm_source=referralstrat&utm_medium=copydeck&utm_campaign=parents&utm_content=bullying)

**Effective Parenting Course – Session 2 (Free Course)** - MaroniteCare in partnership with Maronite College of the Holy Family Parramatta's Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) invite all to the third session "Challenges of Parenting a Teenager" of the Effective Parenting Course led by Dr Dima Akik held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at either 10am (Arabic) or 7pm (English) with registrations taking place 30mins prior to commencement of each session. For more information please contact 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 الى دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلاتنا تقدمها الدكتورة دينا عتيق. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الثالثة بعنوان "تحديات التربية في مرحلة المراهقة" تقام الثلاثاء 16 آب 2016 في قاعة ماري ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس برك الساعة 10.00 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

**Mon Cheri Laser & Beauty**, Laser Hair Removal, Spray Tanning, Waxing, Facials, Cosmetic Injectables & Cosmetic Tattooing. **New Client Special 50% off 1<sup>st</sup> Laser Treatment.** Valid till 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. Also we have an accredited Nutritionist, Health & Well Being Coach Rita Kalache. Specialising in healthy weight loss plans and one on one consults for support and success. \$40 for Meal Plan Consultation & Free Start up Goodies Bag. Put Health First! Refer to our website [www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au](http://www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au) for more. All bookings/enquiries please call 98914446.



**Cincotta Discount Chemist Harris Park, 82 Wigram Street, Harris Park 2150. Ph: 9635 9466.** Open Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-6pm. Services include Medication Management, Webster packing, Blood pressure testing, Sleep apnoea solutions, Free local

delivery - conditions apply.

**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](mailto:admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au) W: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/> F: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>