



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 1: Friday 14th October 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to the final term of the year. Term 4 is a time to finish off what was started, a period of exams and reports, as well as a time for celebrations that include Yr 6 Graduation, Yr 12 formal, and of course the ever popular end of year concerts. This week Year 11 commenced their preliminary exams and Yr 12 students commenced their final exams. Our prayers are with these students.

- SBS news featured Yr 12 students discussing HSC, which aired on Thurs 13/10/2016. Click on the link <http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/10/12/final-school-exams-should-be-open-book-australian-tutoring-association>
- Parramatta Council Administrator, Ms Amanda Chadwick, will visit the College on Tuesday 18th October to meet with a few students.
- An original hymn recorded by the Advanced Choir: 'God Is Near Us - Hymn on the Body of Christ.' Students involved included: Chris Douaihy, Rachelle Nakhoul, Samantha Toubia, Michael Nouh, Nick Fajloun and Claudia Douaihy. Mr C Hayman was the producer.
https://youtu.be/7LfNOjho5Kk?list=PLG11ule4sIJZv927H2UI_UgJ4IxeZi21s
- More photos of the relics visit - <http://www.mercyhasaface.org.au/single-post/2016/09/16/The-Way-of-Mercy-with-the-Maronite-College-of-the-Holy-Family>

Buy-A-Brick campaign - 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:** Christine Karam (1 brick), Mr & Mrs Daniel and Nancy Hobeiche (1 brick)

DOING THE ROUNDS

Staff Inservice day on 10/10/16 involved work on assessments and programmes and team building!



To prepare our K and Yr 1 students to be more water smart, representatives from the Jump

Water Safety! program will be coming in to address the students in the coming weeks. A reminder to all parents that swimming is a life skill and children should be attending swimming lessons if they will be spending time at the beach or near pools this summer.

Year 12 just about to commence their final exams!



Teachers day Mass and morning tea on Friday 14th October – we recognised 15 years of service by the following staff: Mrs F Farah, Mr E Ghorra, Mrs O Korkor, Mrs A Maxwell and Mrs T Sassine



Mathematics Resources – The College has invested over \$2600 in Think Tank problem solving boxes to help students develop their ability to apply mathematical knowledge. Every Friday classes will be participating in hands on Maths activities and will make use of these new resources. If you are able to help during lessons each Friday, please contact your child's class teacher. **Smoke alarm detectors have been installed all across College campuses at a cost of \$245,000 to ensure the safety of all concerned.**



Extension Market Stall – Extension students from Yrs 1-6 participated in a market stall. They had been tasked to design a product that would appeal to their peers, write a budget, shop, make and sell the items during the stall and calculate the profit. Products created included rosary beads, NRL posters, cakes, play dough and colouring books. All groups did an amazing job! Thanks to the parents who came on the day.



CONGRATULATIONS

All Rounder Awards – Yr 9: Rafca Attie, Jancy Habib, Anthony Fares, Naomi Chehade, Betty Atie Yr 11: Charbel Dahdah, Melissa Eid, Andre Gerges, Mary Issa, Khalil Jeitani, Eliane Saba, John Paul Laba

Bronze award – Yr 8: Mary Akl, Alexia El Haddad, Raychel Fares Yr 9: Julian Nakad, Clarita Youssef, Charbel Chidiac, Maria Khattar, Suzane Fenianos, Tiana Lichaa, Peter Nakhoul, Tatiana Dib, Angela Ibrahim, Serge Boustany, Rebecca Khoury, Mikayla Melhem, Charbel Feghali, Rita Lahoud, Michael Nouh, Adel Atie, Joseph Moussa, Jacinta Mawad Yr 11: Mary-Therese Anjoul, Maria Attie, Brianna Azar, Mark Azar, Claudia Daher, Daniella Fares, Assaad Faddoul, Jebreen Mawad

Silver Award – Yr 8: Karen Hawache Yr 9: Rita Layoun, Anthony Al Douaihy, Joseph Azzi, Mary Sabat Yr 11: Danielle Aboukaram, Brianna Azar, Angelina Bou-Said, Mona Katrib, Matthew Matouk

Principal's award – Yr 8: Mabelle Chamchoum, Ann-Maree Semaan, Rafka Semaan, Antonella Yaacoub Yr 11: John Paul Laba

Congratulations to the following students on their ICAS Maths results - Merit: Brealle Hasham, Bella Moujalli, Juliana Makary, Christian Keirouz, Ann Tannous, Natarsha Haddad, Marissa Samaha, Cindy Massoud, Elie Joukhar. Credit: Christian Abdulahad, Gerard Boudib, Matthew El Bazouni, Michaela Ibrahim, Isabelle Samaha, Melody Sleiman, Tatijana Tannous, Christane Daher, Jerome Francis, Josef Boumelhem. Distinction: Jean Paul Azar

PARENT CORNER

Privacy Policy Update - In line with new information received from CCER the College has updated its Privacy Policy, located on the College website along with the updated Information Collection Notice. Each year the College updates its data base for student photography publications. If you do not wish for your child's photo to be published please ensure you contact the College office and complete the appropriate form. Attached to this Newsletter are School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers.

School Hours – Active supervision at the College begins after 7:45am and ceases at 3:25pm. If you are delayed in the afternoon, please let the office know as unsupervised students from the Infants playground will be sent to the Primary playground to wait for their parents if the College has not been notified.

College Uniform – Please ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform. This includes the correct haircuts, socks, tucking shirts in and wearing the sports uniform only on sports days.



MCHF
Movie Night
 hosted by the
 Parent Association

 Friday 21 October 2016
 7pm (Grass Area)
 All Family members of
 MCHF are welcome
 Snacks
 available 
 Bring your own rug

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016

	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you <u>must NOT STOP your vehicle</u> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$541

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

MCHF Wellbeing Conference: 'Support for Me and My Child' - The College's Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) is hosting a wellbeing conference to provide parents information on support services available to for them and their children. The conference is in collaboration with MaroniteCare's Seeds of Hope Mental Health Month in October. Various organisations will be present on the evening. For more information please contact Mr Elie Asmar at the College or email pesn@mchf.nsw.edu.au.

Topic	Date	Time	Location
Wellbeing Conference: 'Support for Me and My Child'	26/10/16	6:30pm	Primary Hall

From the PESN: Parent's Guide to Online Safety - There is a growing need for parents to increase knowledge of online safety for their children. iParent, from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner, has released a document "Parent's Guide to Online Safety" in **English** and **Arabic**.

Interested in Joining the PESN Committee? - The College's PESN is seeking interest from parents/guardians to join the PESN committee of 5-7 people commencing in 2017. The committee will work with the Public Relations Officer to organise educational seminars, events and workshops for the College community. If interested, email Mr Elie Asmar eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au. There will be a selection process.

2016 Parent Survey - Thank you to the parents who completed the parent survey. We had 100 responses which the College will be collating and reviewing to further develop the College's support services.

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