

# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 8: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn**

We are in the Spring Season and we have Footy finals fever! There is plenty a buzz at MCHF as well the term nearing to a close. Before the end of term we have the important Year 12 Graduation ceremony this coming Friday followed soon after by the Yr 11 Leaders Induction Mass. We ask that the Holy Family keep all of us at the community of MCHF safe and happy as we prepare for the days ahead.

**Buy-A-Brick campaign -** Please refer to the following link for the campaign flyer and application form <a href="http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/latest\_news/mchf-buy-a-brick-campaign/">http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/latest\_news/mchf-buy-a-brick-campaign/</a> 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:** Yr 2 (1 Brick), Ms F Abdul Ahad (2 bricks), Ms M Sassine (1 brick), Mrs Suzy Franjie (1 brick)

#### DOING THE ROUNDS







Yr 6 in Canberra from 7-9 Sept – the students undertook an educational tour of the National Capital and participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and

democracy. We visited the CSIRO, National Capital Exhibition, Electoral Education Centre, War Memorial, Parliament House, Embassy Tour, Institute of Sport and Questacon. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital. To assist families in meeting the cost the Australian Government is contributing funding per student.

**Electricity Safety Week** – Students have been learning about the importance of being safe around electricity. We encourage all parents to continue these discussions and can visit the following website <a href="http://www.electrickids.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/electrickids/electrickids/home/home">http://www.electrickids.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/electrickids/electrickids/home/home</a>

Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Day on 9/9/16 and Reuben Meerman the surfing scientist incursion for Yrs 8 & 10 on 5/9/16 - the Show included experiments involving lasers, heat and liquid nitrogen.





#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 5: Thomas Keirouz, Christabella Sleiman, Joanne Sader, Angelina Koura

All Rounder Awards – Yr 5: Christine Farah Yr 12: Elaine Alhage, Elie Alhage, Tianna Chahin, Mariah Chahine-Karam, Hannah Darjani, Claudia Douaihy, Mathew El Bazouni, Rochelle Elias, Cintia Elkhoury, Eddie Fakhri, James Fares, Joelle Hadi, Sharon Hatem, Assad Ibrahim, Mariette Iskandar, Anthony Kaltoum, Ashley Kenaan, Gabrielle Laoulach, Cathy Layoun, Simon Layoun, Annabelle Nachar, Michael Nemer, Katelyn Ney, Wilson Njeim, Mario Rustom, Josephine Shomar, Anthony Tannous, Abella Yacoub

Bronze award – Yr 4: Rita Raffoul Yr 12: George Abou-Antoun, Hannah Darjani, James Fares, Elissa Geagea, Jessica Ishak, Charles Katrib, Jennifer Katrib, Christopher Kendirjian, Jessica Lahoud, Danielle Laoulach, George Sassine, Annalise Stanton, Michael Succar, Josline Tannous, Joy Wakim, Rachelle Youssef

Silver Award – Yr 5: Georges Tawk and Joshua Khoury Yr 12: Murielle Aboukaram, George El Bazouni, Elissa Geagea, Christopher Kendirjian, Jennifer Khoury, George Sassine, Annalise Stanton, Michael Succar, Rachelle Youssef

Principal's award – Yr 12: Murielle Aboukaram, George El Bazouni

Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards in the ICAS English competition: Melody Sleiman and Patricia Youssef (Credit); Tatijana Tannous, Grace Sleiman and Wadih Tannous (Merit).

Congratulations to Arthur Melhem (Yr 12) who has signed a 2 Year Contract with Parramatta Eels

Congratulations to Intermediate girls touch team who defeated OLMC 20-0

Marina Dahdah (Retail Services) and Mathew El Bazouni (Construction) were awarded the 'Rotary Youth Vocational Awards' on 6/9/16 and George El Bazouni received the Parramatta Bishop's Excellence Award 8/9/16





### **PARENT CORNER**

**2016 Parent Survey -** The College is committed to establishing a culture of ongoing review and development. To achieve this goal, parents are invited to complete a short survey. Please click **here** to access and complete the survey. The survey is available now and will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

**College tour Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept from 2-3pm -** Bookings essential. Contact Mr Asmar or click on the link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bMZQbeWdvJoB2dk2UdWWYgfYUz5Febit3tehh-I7NWQ/viewform?ths=true&edit requested=true

**Purchasing a Laptop for BYOD -** The College is working with Dell to provide an opportunity to purchase laptops at a very good price. This service will only occur if the College receives a high response from parents. If parents are interested contact Mr Asmar at the College or email at <a href="mailto:easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au">easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au</a>

PA Movie Night - Friday 21st Oct. SAVE THE DATE! More details announced soon.

**From the PESN:** All about being anxious - Statistics show that anxiety disorders are very common for young people aged between 16-25. In fact, 1 in 5 young women and 1 in 10 young men experience anxiety to an extent that interferes with their everyday life. As parents it can be difficult to recognise the signs and symptoms and when to take action. Click on the link below to learn more.

https://parents.au.reachout.com/Common-concerns/Mental-health/Anxiety-and-

teenagers?utm\_source=referralstrat&utm\_medium=copydeck&utm\_campaign=parents&utm\_content=anxiety

Effective Parenting Course – Session 4 (Free Course) - MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF Parent Education and Support Network invite all to the fourth session 'Boosting a healthy self-esteem in your child' led by Dr Dima Akik to be held on Tues 13 Sept 2016 at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at either 10am (Arabic) or 7pm (English). 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 الدكتور ديما عقيق. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتتقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الرابعة بعنوان "كيف نزرع الثقة بالنفس في أطفالنا" تقام الثلاثاء 13 أيلول 2016 في قاعة ماري ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة 10.00 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الـ7.00 مساء باللغة الإنكليزية. لمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالشدياق دانى نوح على787 808 7000, 0477 و 10.00 و السيد إيلى أسمر على 6600 600 و 10.00 و 10.00

**Mon Cheri Laser & Beauty**, Laser Hair Removal, Spray Tanning, Waxing, Facials, Cosmetic Injectables & Cosmetic Tattooing. We have an accredited Nutrionist, Health & Well Being Coach Rita Kalache, specialising in healthy weight loss plans and one on one consults. \$40 for Meal Plan Consultation & Free Start up Goodies Bag. Put Health First! Refer to our website <a href="www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au">www.moncherilaserclinic.com.au</a> 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 W: http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/ F: https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/