



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 2: Friday 21st October 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have now completed a fortnight of teaching and learning. Our Yr 12 students are hard at working sitting their final exams. Yr 11 have just completed their exams and will be off 2 days on camp the coming week. All other Secondary students should be in study mode, ready to sit their final exams in the coming weeks. As for Primary, final assessments are happening and rehearsals for the end of year concert should commence soon after. This week was also very busy with Mirath in Mind, Movie night and Max Potential.

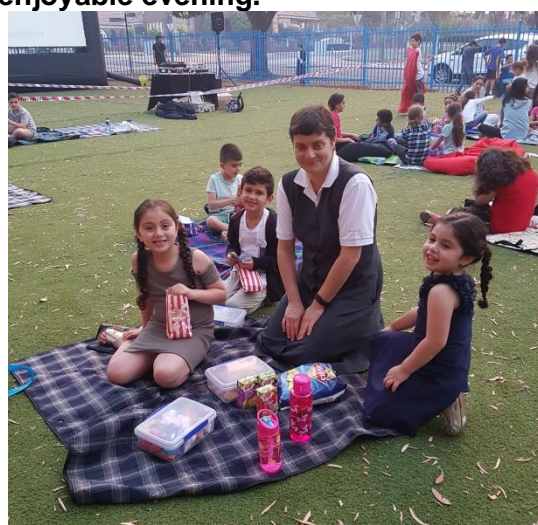
The link below has a playlist of the hymns Mr C Hayman has written and recorded with students and staff of the College: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG11ule4slJZv927H2UI_UqJ4IxeZi21s

Congratulations to Mr R Hassarati has published another book titled 'Found by God.' You can purchase a copy online <http://morningstarpublishing.net.au/product/found-by-god/>

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:** 3 Beige (1 brick), Antony Layoun (1 brick), George and Rania Joukhadar (2 bricks).

DOING THE ROUNDS

The first ever movie night on the grass for MCHF community was held on 21/10/16 at 7pm. The movie was Kung Fu Panda 3 and it was a very enjoyable evening.





Mirath in Mind held on 21/10/16. Both Primary and Secondary students performed and we were winners in all their categories. Congratulations to staff and students involved.



Visit by Parramatta Administrator Ms Amanda Chadwick



On 14th October Channele Gharib, Layla Maroun, Nicholas Fajloun and Youssef Faddoul attended the

Parramatta Diocese Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Students then participated in a mission expo which highlighted social justice initiatives from a variety of schools.

Kindy Rose and Kindy Red went for a walk around to find important places in our local Harris Park Community, for their geography unit and Yr 6 students (Mr Bechara & Mrs Murphy's Classes) experimenting in the Science Lab with Solids, Liquids and Gases.



Getting physical during Thursday sport!



MAX Potential Expo held on Friday 21/10/16. Congratulations to Danielle Abou Karam, Brianna Azar, Natalie Haddad, Jebreen Mawad and Maria Moussa who successfully completed this training course in collaboration with Western Sydney University.

Textbooks and Uniform - If any student no longer requires uniforms or textbooks (and are in good condition) for next year, we kindly ask you to pass them on to the PA Shop for sale. You will be reimbursed the cost by providing contact details. The PA Shop is open every Monday morning for uniform and textbooks to be dropped off; alternatively, they can be dropped off at the Main Administration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Primary students Jorge, Zach, Jonah and Eliah Dayoub who all competed in the National Youth Wrestling Championship in South Australia on the 8th of October for freestyle wrestling. All achieved Gold medals in their weight division and Eliah received a Bronze.



Rep sport – AFL girls defeated Xavier 52 – 6. Inter boys Oztag drew 6-6 with St Clare

PARENT CORNER

MCHF has recently updated the Enrolment Contract – Secondary. We have added the following section concerning the role of Parents/ Guardians which is effective immediately:

Parents/Guardians also have an essential role in the Education of their Children. They must be active in the College life in order to maximise their child's potential and development. They are expected to participate in the following initiatives:

- Parent Information Session (Term 1)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews (Term 1 for Year 12 and Term 2 for Years 7-11)
- A minimum of 1 Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) sessions per year

Failure to attend with no valid explanation, may jeopardise your child's enrolment.

Laptops for Students Update - The College is now negotiating with other suppliers for laptops for students. We are working out the best possible product and service for our parents. Further updates should be provided in the coming weeks. For further information on this please contact Mr Asmar at the College or email eamsmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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. The conference will be held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 6:30pm in the Primary Hall. 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.

UPCOMING PESN WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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

From the PESN: 'Self-esteem and teenagers' - School is a key time when many teenagers develop their sense of self. While it can be normal for a young person to lack confidence, this can become concerning when teenagers view themselves as unable or unworthy. Teenagers who are comfortable in themselves are more likely to have high self-esteem and stronger mental fitness. Click on the link below to learn how to recognise the signs of low self-esteem and how to work with your teenager to build their self-esteem.

https://parents.au.reachout.com/Common-concerns/Everyday-issues/self-esteem-and-teenagers?utm_source=referralstrat&utm_medium=copydeck&utm_campaign=parents&utm_content=selfesteem

Term 4 College Tour - has been moved from Wed 23rd Nov to Friday 25th Nov from 10 to 11am. Bookings are essential. Contact Mr Asmar at the College or complete the booking form on the College website.

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