



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

The school crossing – may I remind all users of the school crossing to respect the rules. Far too many times there are drivers who ignore the stop sign by the traffic controller and continue to drive through despite people crossing the road. And there are pedestrians who cross the road despite the traffic controller signalling them to stop. We need to show respect to all road rules, including at the crossing, at drop off zones and in regards to disability park spots.

We are excited to announce that MCHF will be providing all its Staff and Students free subscriptions to download a licensed copy of Microsoft Office 365 at home - Each registered user at our College (those who have a College email address) will be permitted to connect up to 5 personal devices with the latest Office 365 package. This will ensure that all staff and students can complete their College work while keeping up with the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

New Building Sponsorship Opportunity – We have received the Development Application (DA) approval for our \$9.5 million Secondary Building. The relocation of C Building will enable the College to secure its perimeters. The College is providing an opportunity for corporate or community based sponsorships to assist to assist with the costs of the building. Details of the packages are available in the booklet attached. For further enquiries please contact Mr Asmar at the College or by email eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Please be reminded that you are to use the correct recycling bins for your wastes; Yellow lid bins for can and bottles, Blue lid bins for paper and cardboard, Red lid bins for general waste.

Lebanese Flag Raising Ceremony on Tues 22 Nov from 1-2pm at Parramatta Town Hall, Centenary Square. Parents are welcome.

Smoke detectors have now been installed across the College. Please be aware each time the alarms are set off it will cost the College \$1800 so we all need to be careful on premises. Those caught deliberately setting off the alarms will be charged the call out fee.

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:** 4 Olive (1 brick)

DOING THE ROUNDS

We are nearing our end of year concert and Kindy, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 are in full swing preparing to entertain you! We are very excited to perform our items based on famous books! We still have day concert tickets available so bring your family and friends to enjoy a fabulous display of talent.



The Secondary annual Expo Extravaganza theme is 'Around the World.' It will be in the College Hall where students will display the work they have designed and made throughout the year. The Expo will highlight their efforts and achievements, as well as drama performances, art works, fashion outfits, timber displays and food sales. Fri 2nd Dec at 6pm. \$5 students and \$10 adults.



A delegation of Mirath in Mind headed by Mrs Chadia El Hage visited the Lebanese Consul Mr George Bitar Ghanem. They presented him with drawings, one of them by Tiana Khattar in Yr 7 Arabic, who painted a picture of George Khabbaz. (the first drawing from the left).

Yr 6 Maths Extension students are studying Volume and Capacity and are investigating the concept of displacement to calculate the volume of irregular shapes. It was an engaging activity led by the students. 4 Violet worked in collaborative learning teams to find the size and position of the Sun, Earth and Moon.'



Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal at MCHF - We are asking for \$2 gold coin donation which will be used to purchase food vouchers for needy families. We are also asking for Christmas foods, toys and gifts. Each class will be responsible for collecting one hamper and money donations.

Lebanon's Independence day celebrations have begun with a Mass and Lebanese feast put on by the Parent Association.





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 2: George Taouk, Christine Al Somsom, Katherine Nohra & Mary Therese Nassim.

Congratulations to Christian Moussa in 6 Topaz for making it to the under 12 Parramatta touch state team to compete at Port Macquarie in Feb. We wish Christian the very best of luck.

We congratulate students in Yrs 7-9 who completed the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. In Yr 7 Patrick Abou Azar, Roula Abou-Chedid, Marina Akik, Lauren Al Hage, Georgia Al-Ekhtiyar, Miriam Al-Somson, Michael Antoun, Nadine ATie, Chahid Bazouni, Jessica Bechara, Mariana Bechara, Maria Bou-Melhem, Nina Bousaid, Macey Boutros, Lana Chamchoum, Dejahn Darjani, Joe Deeb, Heleena Diab, Christopher Douaihy, Debbie Doueihi, Steven El-Dimassi, Elissa El-Katrib, Chelsea Elias, Tatiana Estephan, Najib Francis, Christian Geagea, Natalia Gereij, Raymond Hadchiti, Adrian Harb, Antonia Harb, Celine Harb, Johnny Issa, Jamile Jeitani, Christina Karam, George Katrib, Christian Kazzi, Bassam Khattar, Tiana Khattar, George Khoury, Tiana Khoury, Joseph Layoun, Reina Layoun, Charbel Makary, George maroon, Elias Matta, Chanel Melhem, Mariella Mikhael, Celine Moussa, Elly Nassin, Christian Nouh, Margaret Sabat, Joseph Samya, Theresa Sassine, Clara Seaib, Charbel Semaan, Ashton Tannous, Zoe Tannous, Michael Wehbe, William Wehbe. In Yr 8 Nassif Abi-Khattar, Maryrose Aboukara, Mary Akl, Daniel Azzi, Gabrielle Baker, Antonio Bou-Said, Jon Boumelhem, Mabelle Chamchoum, Lara Chamoun, Raymond Chehade, Georgio Daher, Charbel Doumit, Alexia el -Haddad, Theresa El Halabi, Raquel El Katrib, Salma El Katrib, Robbie El-Bazouni, Mona El-Hachem, Clarita Fajloun, Nicole Farah, Raychel Fares, Nour Gereij, Peter Germanos, Christy Gettany, Marybelle Haddad, Karen Hawache, Christina Ibrahim, Katrina Ibrahim, Christine Kaddis, John Kanaan, Joseph Katrib, Nicole Katrib, Rafqa Kayrouz, Georgia Khattar, Steven Khoudeir, Dominique Lahood, Sami-Jo Laoulach, Charbel Layoun, Christopher Makdessi, Tia Malouhi, Carlos Melhem, Samar Najeeb, Rachelle Nakhoul, Angela Nemer, Nepia Rizk, Romeo Rodriguez, Charlene Sabat, Christian Sader, Michel Sader, Jessie Samya, Olivia Saroufin, Ann-Maree Semaan, Rafka Semaan, Antonella Yaacoub, Harrison Yaacoub, Lauren Yaacoub. In Yr 9 Anthony Al Douaihy, Jennifer Al Hakim, Georgie Al Helou, Patrick Altakchy, Betty Atie, Majed Atie, Rita Attie, Charbel Azo, Dominic Azzi, Joseph Azzi, Andrea Barbour, Gina Boumelhem, Vanessa-Marie Boumelhem, Naomi Chehade, Charbel Chidia, Joseph Daher, Marianne Daher, Tatiana Dib, David Eid, Gayelle Elias, Charbel Feghali, Jancy Habib, Zena Hadchiti, Sam Hanna, Tiana Hanna, Anthony Harb, Gabriella Hawach, Jessica Kassis, Carla Katrib, Charbel Kazzi, Maria Khattar, Rebecca Khoury, Rita Laba, Rita Lahoud, Rita Layoun, Alanah Lichaa, Tiana Lichaa, Danni Makari, Jacinta Mawad, Julian Nakad, Peter Nakhoul, Mimo Nassar, Elie Nol, James Nol, Michael Nouh, Teresa Raad, Chantal Rizk, Mary Sabat, Charlene, Semaan, Anthony Taouk, Thomas Taouk, Chloe Wakim, Jessica Wehbe, Boutros Yaacoub, Naomi Yaacoub, Simona Younes, Clarita Youssef, Vanessa Youssef, Anthony Zaidan.

PARENT CORNER

PA Christmas Raffle - \$1 a ticket. Please support this fundraiser which will go towards purchasing new furniture for Primary classrooms. Prizes include. Raffle ticket winners will be drawn at the Primary Awards on 6th Dec at 9am

Thank you to parents who attended our Information Session about Literacy and Numeracy on 17/11/16. Working together to support what the school is teaching is valuable. To find more ideas about helping your child refer to online resources such as ABCYA, <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/> and ABC Splash.



Ya Zaman Concert by MaroniteCare, on 9th and 10th Dec at Revesby Workers Club. All funds raised will go to support the work of MaroniteCare. See attachment for details.

PA Shop - will be open each morning from 8:15–9am on the following days for those would like to purchase second hand textbooks and uniform:

- Monday 5/12/16 until Thursday 8/12/16
- Wednesday 1/2/17 until Friday 10/2/17

If parents would like to sell any textbooks or uniform that are in good condition, please bring them to the main administration. Reimbursements will occur for textbooks so provide contact details.

From the PESN: “Can Social Media Affect Self-Esteem?” - All social networks measure the popularity or reach of your interaction with the online community. Twitter has ‘retweets’, Instagram has ‘followers’ and Facebook has ‘likes’. This can be unhealthy if these online forms of kudos make or break a person’s mood or self-esteem. Click on the link below to know more about why social media is important to young people.

http://au.professionals.reachout.com/can-social-media-affect-self-esteem?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=161110_enews_SCH_DM&utm_content=161110_enews_SCH_DM+Version+A+CID_b599f674166a434b7eb3b636b335107d&utm_source=emailCM&utm_term=Her%20our%20answer

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. For further information on this please contact Mr Asmar at the College or email easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Term 4 College Tour on Fri 25th Nov 2016 from 10-11am. Bookings are essential. Contact Mr Asmar or complete the booking form available on the College website.

Clapetra - 7/9 Blaxcell Street, Granville 2142. PH: 0404 444 588. Facebook: Clapetra Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun by appointment only. Services include Formal dresses for all occasions, Wedding dresses, Flower girl dresses and alteration services.



Education Quarter - Looking for a Tutor? HSC Advanced + Standard English, HSC General Mathematics, Yrs 5-10 English and Maths, HSC Ancient, Modern, Legal. Nth Strathfield and Parramatta. M: 0422 126 725 www.educationquarter.com.au

A very big thank you to Education Quarter who have provided 20 \$100 vouchers to MCHF. We have distributed these to students who could benefit from extra tuition.

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/>