

MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This week we had a very special guest, The Hon Mike Baird, Premier of NSW. He was greeted by K-5 students waving the Australian flag as he entered the playground, accompanied by Lebanese drums. At the assembly the Premier addressed students before spending time meeting a select few students.

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:** Homeroom 8A (2nd brick)

DOING THE ROUNDS

The Hon. Mike Baird, Premier of NSW, visited on Tuesday 25th October from 1-2pm for an assembly and time to meet and greet students.







4 Violet performed a science experiment about erosion on landscapes using sandcastles. On 25/10/16 Jacob Semaan, Joy Sleiman, Josef Boumelhem and Joe Bayeh (Yr 6) attended the NSW Children's week activities.



Debbie Draybi from Seeds of Hope (an initiative under MaroniteCare) presented an informative talk to Year 9/10 students on Mental Health Awareness. Students enjoying lunchtime sport at the park.





MCHF Wellbeing Conference: '*Support for Me and My Child'* - The College's Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) hosted a wellbeing conference to provide parents information on support services available for them and their children. The conference was in collaboration with MaroniteCare's Seeds of Hope Mental Health Month in October. The conference was held on Wed 26th October 2016. Various organisations presented on the evening.



Yr 11 camp held on 27 and 28 October



CONGRATULATIONS

All Rounder Awards: Charbel Semaan, Clara Seaib and Elie Bou-Haroun (Year 7)

Rep sport – Boys 7-10 Cricket 0/51 defeated Emmaus 2/48. Girls AFL defeated St Agnes 20-17. Intermediate Boys Oz-Tag defeated Emmaus 7-3.

PARENT CORNER

Thank you to the PA who worked tirelessly to make the movie night enjoyable for all. We also thank Parramatta League for the donation of the cost of the movie screen (\$2000), an anonymous person who donated the popcorn machine (\$250) and Mr Jelal Bechara who provided the marquee.

From the PESN: 'Wellbeing for the whole family' - Developing a strong sense of wellbeing is an important part of being healthy, happy and getting the most out of life. It can help teenagers manage the challenges of the developmental years and be a protective factor against mental illness. Click on the link below for practical tips to increase the wellbeing of your whole family. <u>https://parents.au.reachout.com/Skills-to-build/Wellbeing/Things-To-Try-wellbeing/Practical-tips-for-your-teenagers-wellbeing?utm_source=referralstrat&utm_medium=copydeck&utm_campaign=parents&utm_content=wellbeing/</u>

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Laptops for Students – Update: The College is now negotiating with suppliers for laptops for students. We are working out the best possible product and service. For further information contact Mr Asmar at the College or email <u>easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au</u>

Term 4 College Tour - College Tour for this term has been moved from Wed 23rd November 2016 to Friday 25th Nov 2016 from 10 to 11am. Bookings are essential. Contact Mr Asmar at the College or complete the booking form available on the College website.

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