



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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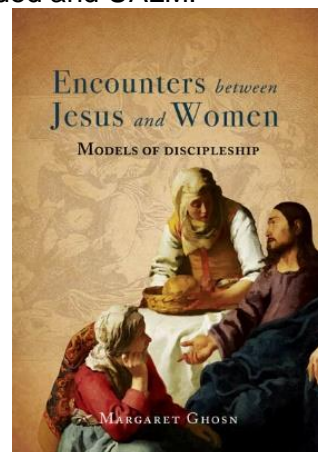
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

A very warm welcome to all staff, students and parents to the 2017 Academic year at MCHF, and in particular to all those who are new to the College. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday break and are ready to get back into action! The biggest event on our calendar this year is the construction of our new \$9.5 million building which will replace the current C block all in the effort to improve the quality of education provided for our students who I trust will put in every possible effort this year to achieve their best. So as we enter another year in the life of MCHF community I pray that God will watch over and bless each one of you.

**Australia Day Award presented by United Australian Lebanese Movement** – I was honoured to receive this award and I thank the Sisters, MCHF community, those who attended and UALM.



My recent publication, *Encounters between Jesus and Women in the Gospels. Models of Discipleship*, reflects on the many women Jesus engaged with and the model of discipleship these women embraced.

**The MCHF theme for 2017 is 'Building Up.'** This theme was chosen for a number of reasons:

1. We are commencing the building of the new C block which will be completed by the end of the year so in 'building up' we hope to create a better future for our students.
2. 'Building up ourselves,' through new skills, experience and learning. We should always be people who move forward, look up, and strive to build upon what we are.
3. St Paul writes, 'Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing' (1 Thess 5:11). So as a Maronite Catholic College each person should be 'building up the other,' helping and assisting, so that we all reach our full potential.

### New Primary Leadership Team for 2017

**Stage 1 Coordinator:** Ms C Rozario

**Stage 2 Coordinator:** Mr D Day

**Stage 3 Coordinator:** Ms J Azzi

## DOING THE ROUNDS

Staff reflection day at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan with the theme 'Building Up'





**Work over the holidays:** New carpets in K-2 classrooms, painting of classrooms and doors and corridors, gardening, new flyscreens in Infants classrooms, tiles fixed in Primary stairwells, steam cleaning of carpets, high pressure cleaning of all playgrounds, cleaning of all windows, upgrading to Windows 10 on all computers, installing new air conditioners etc. **Ladies of the Gospel reflection Day and lunch with the Sisters at MCHF on 15/12/16**



### Revamping the libraries to become Learning Centres



On 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, Primary teachers attended the Seven Steps to Writing course hosted by Ann Korab, which empowers teachers to engage and inspire students to improve their writing skills. We look forward to build a stronger love for creative writing at MCHF! New MCHF Marquees purchased



### School officially starts and Kindergarten's first day of 'big' school







## NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

**New Building Sponsorship Opportunity** - The College is providing an opportunity for corporate or community based sponsorships to assist to cover the costs for the \$9.5 million Secondary Building to replace the current C Building. Details of the packages are available in the package booklet attached. For any further sponsorship enquiries please contact Mr Asmar at the College or by email [eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

**Buy-A-Brick campaign** - 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.

**Demolition has commenced** – our demolishers Groundworx Australia were busy demolishing the units on 63 Weston Street to make way for our new C block.

**Tenders** – The College will soon make a decision about who will construct our new building.





## PARENTS' CORNER

**PA Shop open 8:15–9am until Fri 10/2/17** for those would like to purchase second hand textbooks and uniform. If parents would like to sell any textbooks or uniform that are in good condition, bring them to the main administration. Reimbursements will occur for textbooks so provide contact details.

All grade **term overviews and assessment plans** will be accessible via the College website <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/primary-cohort-2/> by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

### **JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details**

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

**Use of Church car park and Drop off zone** – we request that all parents follow the road rules around the school and Church. Please do not use the disabled parking unless you qualify and do not use the drop off zone as a carpark. Always do the right thing otherwise you are putting young lives at risk.

**Any parent wishing their child to take private guitar or piano or keyboard lessons with Mr Wood at \$20 per lesson, please inform the admin.**

**Updating Information** - On 1<sup>st</sup> Feb a letter was sent to all parents requesting updated Medical information and Photography/Video permission. Please provide the information no later than 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Any information that is not updated by parents by this date will remain in our system with no changes and recorded as a 'no return' for 2017. If your child has an ongoing medical condition and you did not receive a letter, please contact the College administration. If your child requires temporary administration of medication you must complete a First Aid Medication Request form. Please contact the College Admin office for this form.

**The College Privacy Policy and Information Collection Notice is available on the College website** under College Life and Community. Please access this if you wish to learn more about how the Collection collects and handles information it collects from you.

### **From the PESN: MaroniteCare's 7 Back to School Tips for Parents and Students**

Tip #1 – Be Organised! Prepare your uniforms, books, stationary, electronics and back to school essentials to ensure a great term! Stay organised through the year with the use of the College Student Planner.

Tip #2 – Get Involved! Being involved in extracurricular activities is a way to have fun and make new friends. Studies have shown that students involved in sports, church or school activities achieve higher results.

Tip #3 – Don't Stress! Be confident and prepared for what this year has to offer.

Tip #4 – Maintaining a healthy sleep schedule is important. Try to sleep and wake up at the same time to have an effective routine and to stay energised through the school day.

Tip #5 – Eat Healthy! Breakfast and healthy snacks are the best way to keep energised through the school day. Make sure to eat a healthy and satisfying lunch. Eating right will help with mood, stress, and focus.

Tip #6 – Be Positive! Stay positive and excited for what this year has to offer. Just like eating your veggies and getting plenty of sleep, it's proven that smiling is good for your health too.

Tip #7 – Set Goals! When you set goals you are able to plan what you need to do to prepare for them. Having that list can be a motivating force. Every new school year is an opportunity for a fresh start, new friends, and to make it count. You have the potential to make this year one of the best.

**Parent Volunteer Induction** will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2pm in the Secondary Hall. A letter will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks

**MaroniteCare invites you to attend a Mass** celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay for people with cancer on World Cancer Day, Sat 4 February at 6pm at OLOL Co-Cathedral. The Mass will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick. For info contact Subdeacon Danny Nouh on 8898 1526.

**Learn Taekwondo at Fearless Martial Arts.** Unit 5, 187 Fairfield Road Guildford West. Chris Barnes - 0415 663 966 [www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo](http://www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo)

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