



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 2: Friday 10th February 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

St Maroun and Honour Day Mass - We were privileged to have our Bishop, His Excellency Antoine-Charbel Tarabay celebrate the Mass. As MCHF community we proudly acknowledged the achievements of our 2016 HSC students who achieved excellent ATARs. We also welcomed the presence of Mr Bakhos Georges, President of the Maronite Catholic Society in Australia, who attended the celebrations.



Refugee Fund - With the influx of refugees into our school, they are struggling financially. As a result we have set up a fund where members of the College community can donate to assist these families to pay for textbooks, uniforms, excursions etc. If you know anyone who would like to donate please direct them to the main office.

Firedrill and Lockdown drill on Mon 13 Feb 2017

College photo days on 14 & 15 Feb 2017

OPEN DAY - Sunday 26th March from 10-1pm

This is an opportunity for current, new and future parents/guardians and students to experience the College life. The Open day will include tours, workshops, demonstrations and showcases.

DOING THE ROUNDS

We congratulate the students on their HSC results. I am pleased to announce that our College has jumped up in ranking. In 2015 we were ranked 356. In 2016 we are ranked 241. Of the 2016 cohort 80% of students were accepted into university which is an excellent result.

2016	Name	ATAR
DUX	Christopher Kendirjian	95.60
	Jennifer Katrib	95.05

	Murielle Aboukaram	93.45
	Rachelle Youssef	91.60
	Annalise Stanton	91.25
	James Fares	91.20
	George Sassine	89.90
	George El Bazouni	88.85
	Laura Sassine	86.25
	Rita Hatem	85.55
	Jennifer Khoury	85.25
	Melanie Haddad	84.55
	Cathy Layoun	83.95
	George Abou-Antoun	83.15
	Josephine Shomar	82.60
	Jessica Ishak	82.00
	Michael Succar	80.80
	Jessica Lahoud	80.50



All students must have an Opal Pass to travel on the school buses - As of week 4, students who do not have an opal card will not be allowed on the bus. Apply online www.transportsw.info/school-students

NRL players visit MCHF on 10/2/17 – Yrs 5-10 viewed an informative presentation about 'Belonging' and 'Living active lifestyles' hosted by Parramatta Eels players Clinton Gutherson and Suaia Matagi.





Gymnastics fun in Primary



Learning centre in full swing



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

Buy-A-Brick campaign - Money raised will contribute to 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 have purchased bricks: Lucia Bou Nasr (1 brick).

Tenders – submitted their quotes on 24/1/17. The College will make a decision about who will construct our new building on Monday evening at the Advisory Board meeting.



PARENT CORNER

Changes to Attendance – Partial Absence: Late arrivals - Attendance and punctuality are essential prerequisites to success at School. Recent Government laws emphasise this point and links 'habitual absence' to neglect of a child. In recent times we have become concerned about students arriving late to school. Although **we begin Secondary at 8.30am** with Homeroom Time, students arrive late and miss morning announcements. We have introduced the following change to take effect from Mon 20th Feb:

- Students must be at the College no later than by 8:30am
- **Students arriving late to homeroom are recorded by their homeroom teachers as Partial Absence Late Comers with the time they arrive. All partial absences are recorded on the Secondary Administration. (This is new)**
- Students arriving after 8:50am must report to the office with a signed permission note or medical certificate explaining the partial absence. The student's diary will be signed by the relevant member of the Secondary Administration Team – This is as per usual
- **The Year advisor will follow up and contact you via a phone call or in writing if we become concerned about your child habitually arriving late to school.**

JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

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

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): Supporting my Child's Anxiety - Many students experience anxiety which can be triggered by many factors such as starting school, lack of sleep, ongoing stress, major life events, poor health, illness and hormonal changes. Taking positive and active steps to prevent your child from experiencing anxiety include: developing good sleep patterns, getting help with stress, supporting them through major life changes, eating well and and regular exercise. The College employs two psychologists, who can assist. The PESN is organising a session for parents on helping your child manage anxiety . . . stay tuned!

Parent Association 2016 AGM and 2017 Elections - The College has revised the PA constitution and the role of the Parent Association which will be presented to parents/guardians on Fri 24th Feb 2017 at 9am in the Secondary Hall. The PA is an important component of our College and a great opportunity to be involved in the College life.

Want to be part of a team, learn new skills and have lots of fun? Holroyd Hotshots Netball Club is currently accepting registrations for all girls aged 5 and Up. For all enquiries, go to our Facebook page, or refer to <http://holroydhotshotsnc.nsw.netball.com.au>, or call Jo 0417 364 501 or Stephanie 0421 776 125.

Learn Taekwondo at Fearless Martial Arts. Unit 5, 187 Fairfield Road Guildford West. Chris Barnes - 0415 663 966 www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo

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