



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 3: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we settle down into routine for another academic year I invite all parents to consider ways they can contribute to the College life and how to improve their child's educational performance. A number of suggested ways include:

- Making sure your child eats and lives a healthy lifestyle
- Making sure at least 1-2 hours of homework is completed in Primary and 2-3 hours in Secondary
- Becoming a parent volunteer

**Refugee Fund** - With the influx of refugees into our school, they are struggling financially. 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.

**Primary Parent Info Evening at 6:30pm in Secondary hall on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Secondary Parent Info Evening at 6:30pm in Secondary hall on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**OPEN DAY - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



**All students must have an Opal Pass if they wish to catch the bus to and from school** - As of week 4, any student who does not have an opal card will not be allowed on the bus. You can order via the following link [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Student clinic collaboration with ACU** - Six speech pathology students from Australian Catholic University (ACU) will be attending MCHF every Tues as part of their professional practice placement. They will be supervised by Nisrine El-Choueifati, a qualified speech pathologist. The Student clinic will offer:

- Speech and language screenings and assessments to children in K-2.
- Support for talking, listening, reading and writing

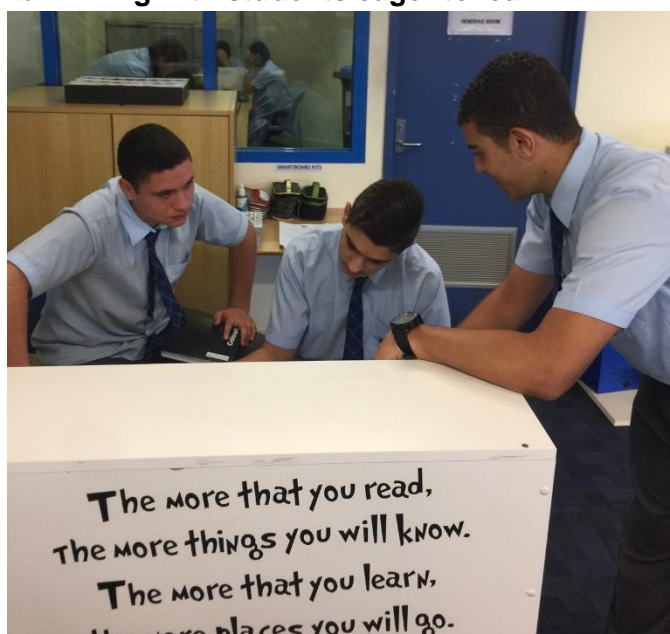
The students will also be spending time in the classrooms working with teachers, groups of children and families. If you would like your child to be part of the program please complete the consent form and return it to your child's classroom teacher. If you have any questions please talk your class teacher or Nisrine El-Choueifati, the supervising speech pathologist, by email, [Nisrine.ElChoueifati@acu.edu.au](mailto:Nisrine.ElChoueifati@acu.edu.au).

**Yrs 2–6 Homework club is on every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. Permission notes must be collected from the office. Secondary homework club will also commence this coming Wednesday. A letter has been sent home for parents to sign.**

**The Primary Learning Centre is well underway. 1 Green explored sound and how it is produced; and Year 3 are working on their travel PBL's**



**Secondary Learning Centre at lunchtime – brimming with students eager to learn!**





**Project Compassion during Lent** - Students will be asked to make small donations to help people who are less fortunate than themselves. Through their generosity they will be supporting the most vulnerable people worldwide and helping them learn skills that will empower them and make them more self-sufficient. Each homeroom will be given a Project Compassion Box into which students are free to make whatever contribution they would like. Students can also ask for an individual box to take home. Please encourage your children to donate during Lent because if they do so they will be putting Jesus' command to, 'Love your Neighbour' into practice.

**Year 11 Textiles and Design** - first project for the year, hand made blankets ready for winter. Girls touch footy rep team in action.



**2016 Cohort has seen impressive improvements in percentage of students attending university in comparison to the 2015 cohort from 63% to 79%** - Students received offers from USYD, UNSW, ACU, Macquarie and WSU. A large number of students were able to secure their spots in universities and courses of their choice BEFORE sitting their HSC. 24% of the students also graduated with dual qualification; HSC and a Certificate II in either Construction or Retail Services. Congratulations graduating class of 2016!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Kindergarten: Helen Maroun, April Katrib, Isabella Taouk and Michael Bechara.

**Primary Zone swimming carnival on 14/2/17** - an eager group of Primary students represented our College in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to the following students who competed this year: Monique Abou-Touma, Mikayla Moussa, Anthony Bou Francis, Angelea Ibrahim, Patricia Youssef, Christina Elkhoury, Darla Assi and Savannah Youssef. All students who participated will be receiving an award at our end of term assembly.



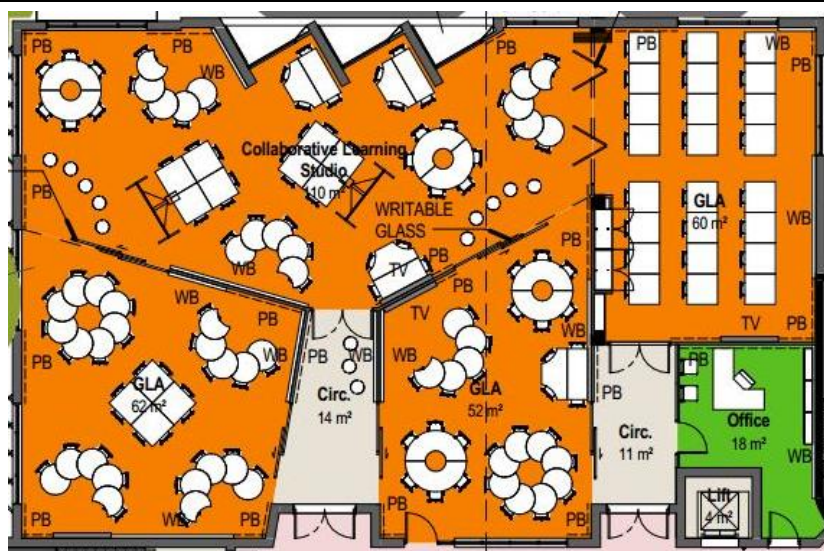
**Rep sport – Volleyball:** Jnr boys gold defeated St Bishoy 40-24; Jnr boys blue defeated St Clare 39-34; Int boys defeated St Clare 38-32; Int girls gold defeated Emmaus 61-22. **Touch footy:** Jnr boys lost to Emmaus 1-6; Jnr girls lost to Emmaus 1-2; Int girls touch defeated St Agnes 5-2 and Int boys lost to Emmaus 6-5.

## 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 [easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

**Tenders** - The Executives and the Advisory Board members met on Monday night 13/2/17 to go over the tenders. It was decided that the building of the C block would be awarded to Steve-Watt Constructions, who came in with the lowest price and have many years of experience in building schools. Commencement of construction should occur within the next few weeks.



## PARENT CORNER

**At a pedestrian crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a 'STOP Crossing' sign, you must stop** - You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed. It is the law, that when the crossing is operational, that the driver stops until the supervisor has permitted you to proceed.

**From the PA:** Refunds of books have been handed out to students

### JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details

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

School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

### Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Parents Key to Helping their Kids with Bullying' -

New figures released reveal nearly one in four young people have experienced bullying in the past 12 months, and were most likely turn to their parents for support. Click on the link below to read more including tips for parents concerned about bullying and tips for young people who are experiencing bullying.

[http://about.au.reachout.com/parents-key-to-helping-their-kids-with-bullying/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=170209\\_enews\\_sch\\_DM&utm\\_content=170209\\_enews\\_sc\\_h\\_DM+Version+A+CID\\_18d7a478196633fa24b245e4d34d7ec3&utm\\_source=emailCM&utm\\_term=Learn%20more%20plus%20some%20tips](http://about.au.reachout.com/parents-key-to-helping-their-kids-with-bullying/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=170209_enews_sch_DM&utm_content=170209_enews_sc_h_DM+Version+A+CID_18d7a478196633fa24b245e4d34d7ec3&utm_source=emailCM&utm_term=Learn%20more%20plus%20some%20tips)

**Parent Volunteer Induction** - The 2017 Parent Volunteer Induction will be held on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2pm in the Primary Hall. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to assist in various voluntary roles at the College.

**Parent Association 2016 AGM and 2017 Elections** - The College has revised the PA constitution and revamped the role of the PA which will be presented on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 at 9am in the Secondary Hall. The PA is an important component of our College and is 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](http://www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo)

**Events:** <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/> **To receive the e-newsletter email**

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