



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 4: Friday 24th February 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This week we held the Parent Information evenings. I thank those parents who attended. However, having a look at the statistics, only 46% attended the Secondary Parent information evening ie: 150 families from 325 families. The attendance figures for Primary were even less impressive. I cannot emphasise how important it is for every parent to take a vested interest in their child's education. As of next year attendance will be compulsory as your contribution to your child's education is imperative.

Refugee Fund – please donate so we can assist the refugee families enrolled at the College.

OPEN DAY on 26th March 10-1pm. Will include tours, workshops, demonstrations and showcases.

JB HiFi BYOD Portal login: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

Students require an Opal Pass to catch the bus– apply through www.transportnsw.info/school-students

**May this Lenten Season be blessed
for all staff, students and parents**

DOING THE ROUNDS

Primary Parent Info Evening on Mon 20th Feb



Secondary Parent Info Evening Wed 22nd Feb



Premiers Reading Challenge: Mon 6th March till Fri 25th August. K-2 will complete the challenge with their teachers. Yrs 3-6 are encouraged to borrow PRC books from the Learning Centre weekly in order to complete their 20 book requirement. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Yr 7 reflection day with the theme 'Building Up' held 21/2/17



Peer support leaders' training on 20/2/17

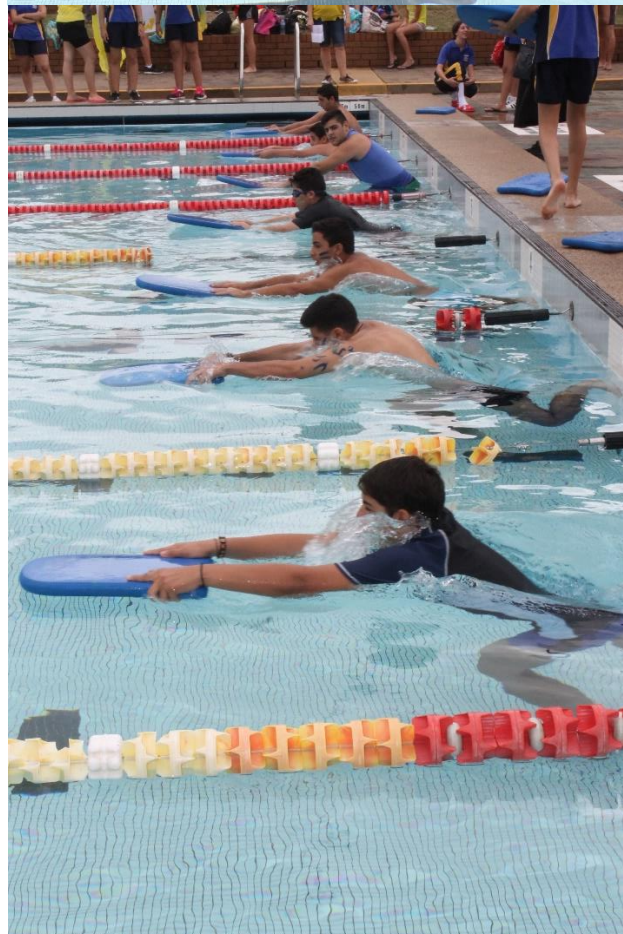


K-12 Homework club on 22/2/17. Great to see so many students staying after school to study.





Secondary swimming carnival on 24/2/17



Project Compassion during Lent - Through the generosity of students, they will be supporting the most vulnerable people worldwide and helping them learn skills that will empower them to be more self-sufficient. Each homeroom will be given a Project Compassion Box. Students can also take home a box. Please encourage your children to donate and so put Jesus' command to, 'Love your Neighbour' into practice.

NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

New Building Sponsorship - 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 attached. For enquiries contact Mr Asmar eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Buy-A-Brick campaign - 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: Mary Ayoub (1 brick)

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. Commencement of construction should occur within the next few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Year 1: Claire Khoury, Danny Toauk, Annalise Khoury, Sophia Khoury.

Rep sport: Volleyball - Inter girls gold vs St Bishoy won 49-22; Inter girls blue vs St Agnes won 57-36; Jnr boys gold vs St Clare won 56-32; Jnr boys blue vs St Bishoy won 57-42 **Touch** - Inter girls vs Bede Polding win 7-3; Inter boys vs St Clare drew 5-5.

PARENT CORNER

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Anxiety and Teenagers - Anxiety is when worry or fear get out of control and start interfering with everyday life. Anxiety affects 1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men aged 16-25 years. Click on the link below to understand more about anxiety.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/Common-concerns/Mental-health/Anxiety-and-teenagers>

Announcement of MCHF becoming a Community Hub School: The hub is a program run by Settlement Services International (SSI) for 3 years. In 2016, the College applied to become a school hub to provide another service for our parents – especially parents newly arrived from overseas. We were successful and commencing Tm 2, a hub leader will be at our College working 25 hours a week. Currently there is an advertisement by SSI to employ hub leaders. See the link below. Applications close 3rd March 2017.

https://www.seek.com.au/Job/32839480?_ga=1.98704158.1233028859.1475533881

To know more about Community Hubs click on the link: <http://www.ssi.org.au/services/community-hubs>

Parent Volunteer Induction on Tues 28th February 2017 at 2pm in the Primary Hall.

Parent Association 2016 AGM and Elections on 24th Feb. We thank the previous committee and congratulate the new members: Jackie Bou Melhem (Chairperson), Nadine Elias (Secretary), Salma Germanos (Treasurer), Antoinette Deaybes, Arze Abi-Khattar, Hayley Bazouni, Lucia Bou Nasr, Marie Rose Moussa, Mary Ayoub, Maya Bousaid, Fayrouz Fares, Maggie Nakhoul, Jisele Fares, Carol Merheb, Yolla Boustani, Najla Massoud, Alice Ghannoum, Mantoura Moujalli and Rhonda Wehbe.



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