



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 5: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

So we are half way through term 1. It was a busy start to the year and it doesn't look like it is going to slow down! As we delve deeper into the Lenten Season of sacrifice, may we discover the hope and light that emanates from the everyday events in our lives and learn to offer all we do to God.

**Primary students must be at school no later than 8:40am. No parent is permitted to take students home from 2pm onwards. Unless there is a medical certificate produced, students will not be called down from their classes. Secondary students must be at school no later than 8:30am.**

**Refugee Fund** - to assist refugee families at the College, to purchase textbooks, uniforms, excursions etc. Thank you to those who have donated: Jessica Ibrahim, Joyce Murphy, Ms Dalla, Ms Rizk, Ms Zaiter.

**OPEN DAY** on 26<sup>th</sup> March 10-1pm. Will include tours, workshops, demonstrations and showcases.

**JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details:** <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](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

## DOING THE ROUNDS

2 Jade have been using BeeBots (basic robotic system), a computing activity to show how algorithms are achieved as stored programs. Yr 1 is currently doing STEM based activities.



## Ash Monday Mass on 27/2/17





**Project Compassion during Lent** - Giving to charity and helping the poor is a fundamental part of Christian life and Lenten practice. 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. Please encourage your children to donate and so put Jesus' command to, 'Love your Neighbour' into practice.

**Year 6 SRC Students picking up litter from the playground as they take part in Clean Up Australia Day. Girls of 10D. Preparing space for Lent Reflection**



**Yr 12 sitting their exams during the assessment block**



**More new furniture for the Secondary Learning Centre**





Yr 8 Food Tech achievements! Yrs 7 & 8 study skills



Secondary Leadership Assembly with special guest Dr Elie Aboutanios on 14/2/17





## 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 [eamsmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eamsmar@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:** Sofia Makdissi (1 Brick), Zena Hadchiti & Gabriella Hawach (Year 10) – 1 Brick, Gabriella Hawach & Family (1 Brick), Marie Claire Maroon (3 bricks)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Year 2: Amber Fasavalu, Danielle Hobeiche, Gabriella El Bayeh, Christine Fajloun.

## PARENT CORNER

**The Maronite Ladies of the Gospel invite you to attend a Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, followed by dinner**, on the occasion of International Women's Day, on Wed 8 March at 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. Dinner is \$60 per person. All proceeds go to the work and mission of MaroniteCare. For bookings, please contact Sr Irene at the College.

**Prayer during Lenten Season for parents** – Sr Irene will be running a prayer and Gospel reflection session for parents during Lent every Friday from 2:30-3pm in the Church. If interested please let her know.

**Special Arabic Community Event: Supporting Children with Autism** - Positive Partnerships with Arab Council Australia are hosting an event on childhood autism for the Arabic speaking community. The event will be held on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Bryan Brown Theatre in Bankstown. Event flyer attached.

**Secondary Parents' Information Evening** - Attendance was compulsory and required a written apology from parents who did not attend. The College had sent a letter explaining this from the commencement of the year. It was also communicated in the newsletter and is a requirement of the enrolment contract. Therefore, unexplained absences will result in a letter placed in your child's file.

**Parent Volunteer Induction held on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with an excellent turn out!**



**Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Family Conflict and Teenagers'** - Conflict is part of family life and can escalate during teenage years. Click on the link for tools parents can use to minimise the impact of conflict and strengthen family relationships.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/Common-concerns/Everyday-issues/Family-conflict-and-teenagers>

**JOIN THE FUN.** Play Rugby league at the Parramatta city Titans junior rugby league club. We are taking registration for all players both boys and girls from 4 to 7 years old. Contact 0424 754 886 or [www.parracituitans.com.au](http://www.parracituitans.com.au)

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

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