



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 6: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Our Open Day is fast approaching and we have plenty of events happening on the day. Please encourage each other and prospective students to attend. We also have anti-bullying week commencing on Monday, with an entire week of activities.

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

**Refugee Fund** - we have set up a fund where members of the College community can donate to assist the refugee families enrolled at the College, to pay for textbooks, uniforms, excursions etc. Thank you to staff and parents who have donated. Special thanks to Ms C From who has volunteered to assist every Monday in helping the students with their studies.

**JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details:** <https://www.ibeducation.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

**Students from Kinder Red met their Yr 6 Indigo buddies and enjoyed a creative arts lessons**



**Project Compassion during Lent** - Giving to charity and helping the poor is a fundamental part of Christian life and Lenten practice. Each homeroom will be given a Project Compassion Box. Students can also take



home a box. Please encourage your children to donate generously and so put Jesus' command to, 'Love your Neighbour' into practice.

**Feeding the homeless on Saturday 4/3/17** Mr Hassarati, Mr Abboud, Ms Pucovski and Salima Douieh, Gaby Moujali, Grace Tower, Michelle Merheb, Isabella Bou-Said and Theresa Anjoul.



**In Lent, we asked the Yr 6 students to reflect on and be thankful for all that God has provided -** The students experienced what life is like for the less fortunate by holding a rice lunch. A special thanks to all the parents who generously contributed rice and took time to cook and prepare it for our students.



### Primary STEM Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017







Maths, Science and Technology are pathways to career opportunities. Engaging in technology activities can stimulate interest, develop mastery of technologies, and energise the classroom. As such **MCHF is proud to welcome MTA Professional Learning to conduct a Robotics Workshop for teachers from our College and other schools.** This will assist for the Yr 8 Robotics STEM program in second semester.

**Yr 11 biology excursion to Freshwater Beach on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March.** After travelling on the train, ferry and bus from Granville, accompanied by Mr Stillen and Ms Zaferis, the students investigated the distribution and abundance of the blue sea snail on the rock platform at the northern end of Freshwater Beach, Harbord. The students were excellent representatives of the College throughout the day. **Students gathering for quiet time in Lent with hymns, prayer and personal reflection on Friday at lunchtime.**



**Homework club on 8/3/17**



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is Anti-Bullying Day and mufti day with a splash of red!**  
**Students are to bring a gold coin donation.**

### **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)

**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. **Thank you to the following who have purchased bricks:** Angelina Koura

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 3: Lauren Tawk, Mary Therese Nassim, Khali Yacoub, Milaniya Nehme.

**Congratulations to Kayla Fasavalou** - Our school was invited to take part in a group performance inspired by the Australian famous ballade "*Waltzing Matilda*" at The Parliament House NSW on Tues 7 March. Students from various schools took part in this performance and exhibited their talents in multimedia, singing, drawing, dancing and acting. Kayla Fasavalou (Yr 6) demonstrated creativity and talent by mixing both languages when she sang *Waltzing Matilda*.



## PARENT CORNER

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

**BYOD students' devices** - The College IT department is here to look after College associated IT concerns. If a student has a problem with their device but it isn't related to the College network, we unfortunately cannot take or inspect the device for insurance and liability reasons.

**From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Body Image, Eating Disorders and Teenagers'** - Developing a positive body image during the teenage years is an essential factor in resilience and wellbeing later in life. Click on the link to learn the signs of body dissatisfaction and find out about eating disorders. <https://parents.au.reachout.com/Common-concerns/Mental-health/Body-image-eating-disorders-and-teenagers>

**Parent Volunteer Induction Feedback** - Thank you to all the parents who attended the volunteer induction last week. Staff have been advised of the parent inductees and will advise of volunteer opportunities through the newsletter.

**A link for parents' guide to Internet safety** - which includes free downloads of files presented in Arabic. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/resource-centre/brochure-parents-guide-to-online-safety>

**Catholic Primary Student Competition** - One lucky winner will win a family holiday in the Whitsundays. All you have to do is report in 25 words or less your great idea to save the Great Barrier Reef! To enter the competition please see competition details attached to this newsletter.

**Lowes 20% off Sale In-Store and Online which includes Schoolwear on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**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 17 years old. Contact 0424 754 886 or [www.parracititians.com.au](http://www.parracititians.com.au)

**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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