



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 8: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

**GRAND OPEN DAY** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10-1pm. It is an opportunity to experience firsthand the everyday life at the College and witness its achievements. The day includes displays of student work, stalls, demonstrations, experiments, workshops, showcases, food and tours. Thank you in advance to the parents and students who are assisting on the day and to the staff.



**Road Safety is imperative. Ignoring road rules, rudeness, speeding, ignoring the crossing man instructions, parking in people's driveways etc. are unacceptable behaviour. We are getting constant complaints about the erratic behaviour and poor driving of numerous parents. Please always drive respectfully, park only in allocated parking areas and follow all road rules. Drop off zone is NOT for parking. Disabled parking is to be used only by parents with students who have a disability. The Crossing is there for everyone's safety so please follow the instructions.**

**MCHF Phone App** - Our College has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To install, search for our College name **Maronite College of the Holy Family** in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The App has the ability to sort and filter the notifications you receive. To turn these filters on follow these steps:

- Go to your App
- Click on the 3 dots labelled "More" (Bottom right hand side of App)
- Click "Setup Push Notifications"
- Tap the "ON" tab beside the category that is applicable to you.

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Feeding the homeless on Saturday including Sr Margaret, Jeannie G and Yr 10 students: Maryann Yacoub, Tatiana Dib, Rita Attie, Rafca Attie, Jancy Habib and Tayla Laoulach.**





## Primary Awards Assembly on 21/3/17



Sr Guitta and K-2 students pray every morning in front of the Holy Family. Chadia Hajjar and Fayrouz Fares presenting the Parliament of NSW award for contribution to the Arabic culture

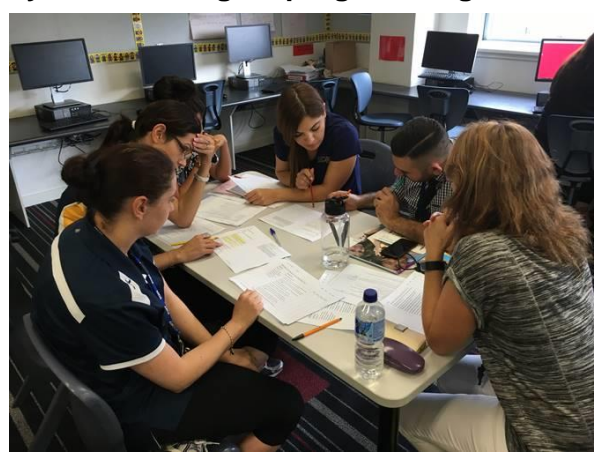




**Elective 10 and 11 Music classes watched the Encore in the Concert Hall in the Sydney Opera House Harmony Day - Teachers vs Students Volleyball Challenge 21/3/17**



**Ten staff members attended a dinner and inservice about 'Fads, myths and legends: unproven or disproved strategies and resources for teaching.' Primary staff working on programming.**



**Yr 12 students have completed their Semester 1 exams and assessments. A reminder that the College will be celebrating the achievements of our Yr 12 students at the Academic Assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend.**

**Project Compassion during Lent - Each homeroom will be given a Project Compassion Box. Please encourage your children to donate and so put Jesus' command to, 'Love your Neighbour' into practice.**

**Ms Pietak's Yr 8 science students dissecting hearts!**



**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:** Yr 7 students: Grace, Chanelle, Andrea, Marissa, Joy, Melody, Hind, and Nadia (1 brick).

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr Year 5: Gerard Boudib, Jessica Sukkar, Anna Licha, Claudia Kabalan.

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Alissar Ishac, Elias-Charbel Lahoud, Joy Sleiman Luciana Dib, Clair El Hakim, Marissa Franjie, Joelle Lahood, Yr 12: Danielle Abou Karam, Brianna Azar, Claudia Daher, Mona Katrib, Christina Khoury, Sarah Lichaa, Matthew Matouk, Jebreen Mawad, Najwa Mourad, Maria Moussa, Charbel Yacoub, John Youssef

## 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.



**From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age' - Tip #1 - Focus on outcomes, not inputs:** Many parents worry excessively about things like screen time or time spent on social media (input) rather than their child's happiness or school performance (outcome). If your child is safe, happy and well then you probably have the inputs about right.

**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.

**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)

**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.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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