



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 9: Friday 31 March 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Last Sunday we celebrated our first ever Open Day and it was a great success. I thank all those who came on the day and all who were involved. There was a real community spirit in the air. We hope that the College will continue to grow in popularity, success and in the Spirit of the Holy Family.

Project Compassion/Caritas during Lent – Congratulations to all on a fantastic effort. Over \$3000 was raised. \$2000 towards Australia Caritas and the rest for the disadvantaged in Lebanon.

School Attendance - Every Learner, Every Day - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qb_O7XYoTs8

Official Visit on Mon 3rd April 2017 from 9:30-10:15am

His Excellency Mr Gebran Bassil – Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants

His Excellency Dr Pierre Raffoul – Lebanese State Minister for Presidency Affairs

DOING THE ROUNDS

GRAND OPEN DAY on Sunday 26th March 10-1pm. Thank you to the following who donated various items for our Parent Association Food Stall: Bob Nassim (Bob the Butcher), Rania Nassim, Abbotsford Family Pharmacy, Events by Rachel, Maya Hobaiter Bousaid, Carol Merheb and the many parents who assisted with setting up stalls and cooking the BBQ. We thank the Parent Association for their hard work.





Yr 6 display on 'Building Up' and Kindy performing Godly play about Palm Sunday



Peer Support Session between Yrs 7 and 10. Students making good use of newspapers



Yr 12 Blood donations - Mary Anjoul, Priscilla Dib, Claudia Daher and Matthew Matouk. **Yr 12 Legal** enjoyed a session about Police power by Senior Constable Dusan Dakic



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 6: Joanne Sader, Claudia Harb, Kristina Chepurnaia and Angelina Koura.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Anthony Aflak, Andrea Akl, Nelwin Nassif Yr 11: Jacob Lebnan, Jenny Moussa, Rebecca J Mansour, Nicolas Fajloun, Salima Doueih

Well done to Lawrence Elbayeh (Yr 7) and Lara Elkhoury (Yr 11) who represented the College at the PDSSSC swimming carnival. Both swimmers scored personal best times in their events.



On 29th March, Adel Atieh, Jaycob Anjoul, Ibrahim Fakhri, Charbel Yacoub and Charbel Tasipale were selected to represent the PDSSSC U/15's and Open Boys rugby league teams at Sydney Independent

Catholic Colleges trial. Congratulations to Jaycob Anjoul and Charbel Tasipale on being selected to compete at the NSWCCC trials. Well done to Betty Atie, Chloe Wakim (Yr 10), Charlie Yacoub, Matthew Bechara, Anthony Harb, Mema Yacoub and Daniel Al-Chakty (Yr 11) who represented the College at the NSWCCC volleyball trials on Thurs 30th March. Congratulations to Chloe Wakim and Anthony Harb on being selected to compete at the NSW all schools tournament in April.

NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

New Building Sponsorship Opportunity - for corporate or community based sponsorships to assist to cover the costs for the \$9.5 million Secondary Building. Details of the packages are available in the booklet attached. For further enquiries contact Mr Asmar eamar@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:** 8A (1 brick)

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.

2017 College Tours - College Tours will occur once a term commencing in Term 2. The first tour will be held on Wed 21st June 2017 at 11am. The tour will include a short presentation followed by a tour the various buildings. Bookings are essential. To book please visit the College website and complete the online form or complete the eForm through the College App. For more information contact Mr Asmar.

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.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age' - Tip #2 – Balance: Does your child have a balanced life? Are they doing well at school, have friends, exercise and help out the family? If so, an extra hour on social media won't do them any harm. We can help our kids distinguish between the productive use of technology and using it for escapism, but we need to be reasonable in an age where they need to use technology for all their school work.

PA Easter Events - The Parent Association are hosting events to celebrate Easter. For Primary students, a colouring competition with entries closing on Wed 5th April. For Secondary students, an Easter egg guessing competition held on Tues 4th April. Students can participate through a gold coin donation. Please refer to the letter sent with your child. For more information please email the PA mchf.pa@gmail.com

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.

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

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.parracititans.com.au

Learn Taekwondo at Fearless Martial Arts. Unit 5, 187 Fairfield Road Guildford West. Chris Barnes - 0415 663 966 www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo

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