



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 10: Friday 7th April 2017

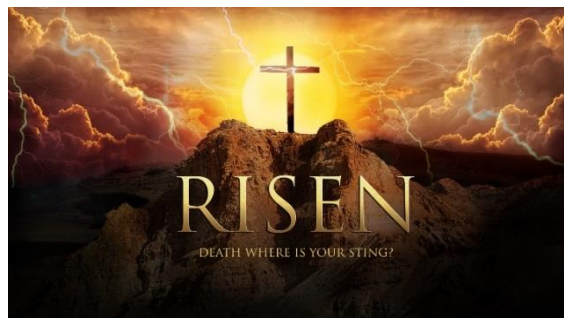
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

So we have come to the end of the first term of 2017. I take this opportunity to congratulate all on their contributions to the life of MCHF. I pray that the Easter break be filled with abundant blessings for one and all and that the light of the resurrection will offer hope and love to all families over this Easter Season.

**We wish all the family at MCHF a very
blessed Holy Week and Easter**

**Students return for term 2 on Thursday 27th April
in full Winter uniform**

**Thank you for raising around \$4000 for Caritas. Half the
money will be going to Australia Caritas and the other
half to the needy in Lebanon.**



DOING THE ROUNDS

Official Visit 3rd April 2017 - His Excellency Mr Gebran Bassil – Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants and His Excellency Dr Pierre Raffoul – Lebanese State Minister for Presidency Affairs





Primary SRC Cake Day on 5/4/17 A big thank you particularly to Yr 6 parents who generously donated over 80 different varieties of sweets - It was very much appreciated.



Yrs 2, 4 and 6 students have participated in 2 weeks of swimming lessons to develop their swimming skills and gaining confidence in the water. Easter bunny made a visit to the school.



Yr 12 Construction Brick and Block Training held 5-6/4/17 and Yr 10 Commerce assessment on devising legislation to reduce alcohol-fuelled violence in the Parramatta area among youth.



On 5th April 2017, Charbel Hawache and Jenny Moussa attended the **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Youth Forum** at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

Yr 12 Academic Awards held on Friday 31st March. Congratulations to Maria Moussa who is the DUX of Yr 12 and to all Yr 12 students who have shown a marked improvement in their results.



Every student at the College can access the latest Microsoft Office suite, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel, for **free**. Go to <https://portal.office.com> and enter your College email and password. Then click the 'Install Office 2016' button on the top right hand side of the window and follow the prompts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jenny Moussa who received the Year 10 Sydney University Academic Excellence Award, a highly coveted and prestigious award. **PA Easter Egg Guessing Competition** - Congratulations to Lawrence Elbayeh (Yr 7), who guessed 460 Easter eggs (egg count: 463). Second prize was awarded to Nassif Abi-Khattar (Yr 9) who guessed 457.



Congratulations also to Yvonne Moussa (former student) who received Sydney University Dean's Honour Award, coming first out of 500 Pharmacology students and the youngest ever to win the award in this field.

All Rounder Award – Yr 7: Sabine Bou Sanayeh, Ray Hobeich, Hind Mourad, Stephanie Atie, Julien El Bazouni, Nadia Souccar, Vanessa El-Katrib, Xavier Nohra, John Ayoub, Alexander Basha, Chanelle Mekary, Anthony Chouhaili, Jorge Dayoub, Ashley Habib, Grace Sleiman, Mikayla Stavrinakis Yr 8: Therese Abi-Khattar, Patrick Abou-Azar, Roula Abou-Chedid, Lauren Alhage, Nadine Atieh, Maria Bou Melhem, Jason Chakti, Heleena Diab, Maria Doumit, Elissa Elkatrib, Erica El-Bazouni, Chelsea Elias, Najib Francis, Adrian Harb, Natalie Hawache, Emilio Hourani, Jamile Jeitani, Bassam Khattar, Tiana Khattar, George Maroun, Briana Mekary, Celine Moussa, Mansour Rahme, Margaret Sabat, Theresa Sassine, Clara Seaib, Mary Shamoail, Ashton Tannous, Simon Zaiter Yr 10: Charbel Chidiac, Jizel Farayeh, Helmi Mourad, Peter Nakhoul, Christa Yaacoub, Anthony Zaidan

Bronze award – Yr 8: Lauren Alhage, Adrian Harb

PARENT CORNER

Thank you to Swan Chocolate for their support and donation towards the Parent Association's 2017 Easter event.

There is currently an outbreak of measles in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March 2017. See attachment.

Mirath in Mind fundraiser on 26th May at 7:30pm at the Renaissance. Tickets \$100. Contact Fayrouz for bookings on 0405 103 535.

Parent Volunteer Opportunity: The College is seeking parent volunteers to assist in the Secondary Learning Centre for a couple of hours a week. Any interested parent please contact Ms Korkor.

2017 College Tours - first tour on Wed 21st June 2017 at 11am. Includes a short presentation and touring the various buildings. Bookings are essential. To book 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 #3 - The grandma rule: The easiest way to learn good digital skills is to teach them this rule: 'If you wouldn't be happy for grandma to see it, don't put it online.'

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.ibeducation.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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