



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 3: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Naplan has come and gone and now we wait for the results. We also had an audit from the Government to ensure we comply with all financial matters. Our Mother's Day Mass and morning tea was popular and we thank all mothers for their contribution to the College and wish each one a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. Next week we commence Kindy 2018 interviews, Yr 11 sit their exams and Yr 8 enjoy camp.

**Parent Volunteers' Mass and Morning Tea on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9am**

To commemorate the end of the Month of Mary there will be a trip to Saint Rafqa led by Sr Irene. Cost is \$35 and includes bus trip, breakfast, prayer, Mass and social time.

Please contact Sr Irene or Ramona for more details.

**Change of date:** Commencement of term 3 for students will be Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July, not Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July

## DOING THE ROUNDS

NAPLAN testing took place for years 3,5,7 and 9 on 9-11 May





**Year 11 commenced exams on Friday 12/5/17**



**Yr 6 students have been invited to participate in the Scholarship program for their 2018 Secondary enrolment, sponsored by the College.** These include MCHF Academic, Pastoral and Sporting Scholarships. All applications must be submitted to the class teacher by Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**We wish all Mothers a wonderful day on Sunday**

**Mother's Day Stall, Mass and Morning tea**





**The Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6) boys touch football team, alongside our amazing coach Mr Danny Eliss,** are training hard to represent MCHF at the Parramatta touch football Gala day next term. Thank you Danny for volunteering your time!



**National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 19 May 2017** - Australian children are becoming less active and this program is geared at educating children to walk more for better health. The Students at MCHF will be involved in activities to promote a better understanding on being healthy and adopting good habits with a focus on exercise and walking. Information can be found on the website: [www.canwalk.org.au/walktoschool/national-walk-safely-to-school-day/](http://www.canwalk.org.au/walktoschool/national-walk-safely-to-school-day/)

**The Sisters met with His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri  
– Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches**



**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.

### **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 \$10 million Secondary Building to replace the current C Building. Details 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** - 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:** Kindy White (1 brick), Jayden Hermez (1 brick)

## CONGRATULATIONS

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 8: Joseph Aboukaram, Sebastian Daoud, Charlie Bechara, Melissa Elkrina, Pierre Raffoul, Julia Elkatrib, Emma Katrib, Patricia Harb, Amanda Katrib, Celine Al Draibi, Ella-Marie El Katrib, Justin Succar, Natalie Khoury Yr 9: Nassif Abi-Khattar, Mary Akl, Gabrielle Baker, Angel Maria Bouyssa, Mabelle Chamchoum, Raymond Chehade, Elie Choueiri, Theresa Doueihi, Theresa El Halabi, Robbie El-Bazouni, Mona El-Hachem, Joshua Elkerr, Clarita Fajloun, Nicole Farah, Raychel Fares, Christina Ibrahim, Charbel Katrib, Rafqa Kayrouz, Samijo Laoulach, Samar Bassam Najeeb, Angela Marie Nemer, Christian Sader, Ann-Maree Semaan, Antonella Yaacoub, Rafka Semaan

**Bronze award** – Yr 8: Marissa Franjie, Alissar Ishac, Joy Sleiman Yr 9: Robbie El-Bazouni

## PARENT CORNER

**The College has become a community hub** - We were successful in our grant and we have been working with settlement services to find an appropriate candidate for the position. On Tuesday Ms Afrah Haddad will commence in the role. She will be the point of call for parents who wish to access community services. Afrah is of Iraqi background and speaks fluent Arabic and English.

**Prayer with the parents** – Sr Irene will resume her prayer time with parents on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30-3pm in the Church. All parents are invited to this reflection.

**2017 College Tours** - will commence in Term 3. It will include a short presentation followed by a tour of 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 info please contact Mr Asmar.

**MCHF Phone App** - Our College has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To install, search for our College name **Maronite College of the Holy Family** in 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 #6 Technology is not the enemy.** We tend to focus on the negatives, but there are many [positives to technology and social media](#). There are incredible online parenting and mental health tools (like [ReachOut.com/Parents](#)) and for young people, technology can facilitate a sense of belonging and self-esteem as well as be a tool for learning.

**'Anxiety and My Child' - Parent Workshop hosted by the Parent Education and Support Network**

The PESN is hosting a practical workshop to provide assistance and strategies for parents with children experiencing anxiety on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 9:30am in D001 Conference Room. Spaces are limited so if interested complete the booking form to confirm attendance at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfN\\_WGPq4t4nRFDPT0JYA2HGf9VluQ83CpXrVTolX1zRrKcg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfN_WGPq4t4nRFDPT0JYA2HGf9VluQ83CpXrVTolX1zRrKcg/viewform). For more information email [pesn@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pesn@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

**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)

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