



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 4: Friday 19th May 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

A number of parents have been complaining as to why they are being charged NAPLAN cost. All non-public schools must pay for NAPLAN. Most schools will incorporate this cost into their school fees. However, given there are students who do not sit the NAPLAN we charge parents separately. I would like to add that our College has the lowest school fees in the area compared to all other schools. Furthermore, at other schools the building fund is approximately \$700 per family, whereas we are charging only \$200. So please appreciate what MCHF has to offer rather than gossip about incorrect information.

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 Wednesday 19th July.

DOING THE ROUNDS

Kindy 2018 interviews took place from 16-17 May



Yr 2 Purple sang a Mother's day song in Arabic to the delight of the seniors at OLOL Parish. Fr Bernard rewarded the students with small bags of lollies. May God bless and protect all our precious seniors.



Parent Volunteers' Mass and Morning Tea on Friday 19th May at 9am



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.

Yr 8 enjoy camp from 17-19 May





Feeding the homeless 2/5/17 - Sr Irene, Mr Hassarati, Ms Abdul-Ahad and Yr 12 students: Mona Katrib, Tia Semaan, Mary Anjoul, Briana Azar, Michelle Toubia and Claudia Dagher. **Peer support session**



NRMA Science & Road Safety Day on Tues 13th June - The program at our College will involve the students participating in a live show in the primary hall. The show combines road safety with science, covering messages including the importance of wearing a helmet and fastening your seatbelt. The science component demonstrates the impact of the forces experienced on the body should an incident occur. The show times for each Stage are below. We hope to see many parents there.

Kinder 9am show runs for 40 minutes; Yrs 1 and 2 at 11am runs for 40 minutes; Yrs 3 and 4 at 11:45am runs for 50 minutes and Yrs 5 and 6 1:30pm show runs for 60 minutes.

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 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:** Barbara and George Helou (2 bricks), Natalie Farah (3 bricks), All of Yr 1 (4 bricks)!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr Kindergarten: Clara Geagea, Alexia Botros, Jonathon Ishac, Gabriella Assi

All Rounder Awards – K: Helen Maroon, Alexia Boutros Yr 2: Ayva Wakim Yr 3: Rebecca Boustani, Milaniya Nehme, Angela Sammour, Rita Nouh, Tony Bou Melhem, Alex Moussa, Elizabeth El Katrib, Annabel Youssef, Therese Sassine, Isaac Bou Francis Yr 7: Georgia Khattar, Patrick Licha, Anna-Marie Yaacoub, Cynthia Sabat, Georgia Mawad Yr 10: Anthony Harb, Jessica Kassis, Carla Katrib, Thomas Taouk, Rita Layoun, Boutros Yacoub, Vanessa Youssef, Clarita Youssef Yr 12: Mary-Therese Anjoul, Angelina Bou-Said, Natalie Haddad, Tia Semaan

PARENT CORNER

If any parent is available to assist at the Primary athletics carnival on Friday 2nd June, please leave your contact details at the main admin office.

Prayer time – Sr Irene will lead reflection on Fridays from 2:30pm in the Church. All parents are invited.

Hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea – Ray and Shirley Wehbe invite parents to this cancer fundraiser on Tues 23rd May at 107 Bettington Road Oatlands, from 6am till noon. Donation of \$20.

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.

Launch of the Parent Portal - The portal is a web based system which allows parents to log in and view their child's details, records and other educational information and features. The other features of the portal is viewing student reports, booking parent/teacher meetings online and subject selection in Secondary. Parents/Guardians have the option to change and edit their child's details – however changes need to be verified by the College. The portal link can be accessed via the College website under the *Parents/Guardians* tab. Login details for the parent portal are also now available. There are two ways parents can receive their login details:

1. Collect the log in details slip from the Main Administration. If a parent is unable to collect the slip, your child is permitted to collect the slip on your behalf only with a signed letter by the parent/guardian.
2. Email Mr Elie Asmar at eamsmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au and request for the login details to be sent to you via email.

College App and Parent Portal Demonstration Session hosted by the PESN - will be held on Friday 26th May at 2:15pm in Conference Room D001. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend to learn how to use the parent portal and College app. For more info email Mr Elie Asmar eamsmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age.' **Tip #7 - Get amongst technology yourself.** That way your teens will be more likely to come to you for help with a problem online if they know you are knowledgeable about it. You can even ask them to show you how. Research shows that young people are more likely to engage in healthy online behaviour if they see it being modelled by their parents.

'Anxiety and My Child' - Parent Workshop hosted by the Parent Education and Support Network - a practical workshop to provide assistance and strategies for parents with children experiencing anxiety held on Wed 24th May from 9:30am in D001 Conference Room. Bookings essential

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