



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 6: Friday 2nd June 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This week we welcomed Paul Abdul Ahad as the new groundsman. The mothers enjoyed a bus trip to Saint Rafqa led by Sr Irene. Years 7 and 8 completed their exams while Years 9 and 10 commenced their exams. Students in Primary enjoyed an AFL clinic session and ended the week with a revamped Sports Carnival, while Secondary celebrated Mass for Pentecost and this Saturday will feed the homeless.

Parents are NOT to purchase hot food from the café or fast food outlets and drop them off to students at break times. Any food dropped off will be confiscated.

No parent is to pick up their children after 2:15pm as it is becoming very disruptive to classes.

College is closed on Monday 12th June – Queens' birthday public holiday

Commencement of term 3 for students will be Wednesday 19th July.

DOING THE ROUNDS

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day on Tues 13th June - 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.

The visit of Mary to MCHF commemorate the end of May



A trip to Saint Rafqa was led by Sr Irene on 30th May with over 50 mothers enjoying the day



Primary Athletics Carnival held 2nd June



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge - encourage your child to read and enter their books via <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

BYOD – Students must ensure the devices including laptops and iPads and tablets have full batteries at the commencement of each day. They will not be permitted to charge their devices at the College.

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:** Kindy Red (1 brick), Amine and Salma Germanos (1 brick), Norma Douaihy (2 bricks)



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 2: Rene's El Khoury, Raphael Semaan, Angelina Deeb, Lynn Nakhoul.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 1: Sebastian Diab Yr 2: Alexi Nasar, Elie Ghannoum, Michael-Al-Drabi, Jacob Harmouche, Timotheus El-Katib, Youssef Sarkis Yr 3: Christian Ibrahim, Gabriella Mahfoud, Jason Sader Yr 7: Georgia Deeb

Bronze award – Yr 7: Joelle Lahood, Nelwin Nassif

Congratulations to the G1irls Giants Cup AFL team – defeated Catherine McAuley 19-0. Defeated William Clarke 19-1. Lost in the Grand Final to Castle Hill by only 3 points.

Rep sport results: Junior Girls Soccer team defeated St Clare 8-1. Goals scored by Celine Harb (3), Layla Mawad (3) and Debbie Douaihi (2).

PARENT CORNER

Invite to parents to a Morning High Tea run by the Community Hubs.

16th June at 9:30am in the Secondary Hall.

See attachment for details or contact Afrah on 0401 451 686.

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

Road Safety Plan 2021 Stakeholder and Community Engagement Program - Transport for NSW, in partnership with key delivery partners, stakeholders and the broader community, is developing a plan to map out priority actions to meet the Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021 targets for reducing road trauma. <https://survey-au.researchnow.com/survey/selfserve/53b/170509?list=2&src=95&c=19#?>

Canteen Online Ordering - lunch orders from the canteen can be now made online. Parents/Guardians are required to register and activate your account at www.QuickCliq.com.au. Attached is a flyer with info.

Exert from CEC Bulletin - School systems may be accessed when emails or links in them are opened or responded to, and malware or ransomware downloaded to systems. As a consequence, parents, students and staff please note:

- to be alert to emails which request any personal information or payments;
- the school would not request details of parents' credit cards by email;
- never to provide passwords or sensitive or financial information in response to an email request;
- check the destination of the email address and ensure it is trusted and known before they reply;

- not to reply to any suspicious emails from the school, its service providers or other third parties;
- not to click on any links in any emails of this kind; and
- to immediately report any suspicious emails to the school.

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

- 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.

Parent Portal - a web based system which allows parents to log in and view their child's details, records and other information such as student reports, booking parent/teacher meetings online and subject selection. 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. There are two ways parents can receive their login details:

1. **Collect the log-in details from the Main Administration. If 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 easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au and request for the login details to be sent to you.

Parent Portal User Guide - for the parent portal for those parents who require assistance. See attached for a copy of the user guide.

College App and Parent Portal Demonstration Session hosted by the PESN on Wed 7th June at 2:15pm in Conference Room D001 - All parents/guardians are encouraged and invited to attend to learn how to use the parent portal (including booking parent teacher interviews) and the new College app. For more information please email Mr Elie Asmar easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Parent/Teacher Online Booking – Email Server Error Message - Please note that the *email server error* message you are receiving when booking interviews is being addressed. This will not affect your ability to book appointments. The College will confirm all bookings requested. This will change to the colour green when confirmed. For more information contact Mr Elie Asmar easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Effective Parenting Course - MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF's PESN invite parents to the Finding Peace parenting course led by Dr Dima Akik. The FREE course includes four sessions with the first session 'Fight or Flight: Controlling Anger' on Tues 20th June at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at 9:30am (Arabic) and 7pm (English). Find attached flyer for more info or contact Dr Dima Akik on 8898 1540 or 0406 296 698 or Mr Elie Asmar on 9633 6600.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age.' **Tip #9 - Get to know the resources available to help you and your young person be safe online.** The **e-Safety Commissioner** website is a good place to start. You can also get familiar with how to block, delete and report offensive or bullying social media posts. Visit their website <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Free Workshop for Parents and Supervisors of Learner Drivers - Wed 21st June from 6-7.30pm at Riverside Theatre, Corner Church and Market Street Parramatta in Raffertys Theatre. For information or to book contact Elisabeth Sacco lis@saccomms.com.au or M: 0449 247 495.

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

Dance Expression: Building confidence, friendships and talent. Please contact Nicole on [0409 366 441](tel:0409366441) or email: danceexpression@hotmail.com.au

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