



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 5: Friday 26th May 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

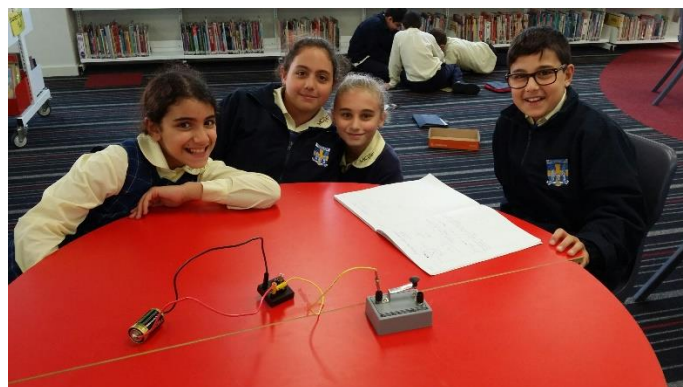
Finally, after numerous delays, our new building is underway with construction commencing next week. We anticipate just over a year for completion. I thank all those who have supported us thus far in this new and important endeavour. We pray all goes well and ask you to assist us by finding financial sponsors to help pay the cost of the \$10 million project.

The Primary Learning Centre is looking for volunteers to assist on a regular basis. If you are interested in shelving books, preparing displays and general maintenance, please leave your name and a contact number with the main office.

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

DOING THE ROUNDS

In the Learning Centre, Yr 5 are learning about electrical energy by constructing circuits with light bulbs and switches.



Great examples below of Secondary students getting the assistance they need from teachers.



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge is well underway. Please encourage your child to read and log onto <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> to enter their books.

The MCHF Secondary ePlatform is a library lending system designed to make the borrowing and reading of eBooks simple and enjoyable. Through this ePlatform, secondary students are able to browse for, borrow and read eBooks anywhere, anytime and on multiple devices. There are over 1,250 unique titles and multiple copies that can be accessed based on demand. Students can borrow two eBooks at a time for

a maximum loan of two weeks each. The simplest way to read these eBooks is to access the free ePlatform app or directly through the following link: <https://mchf.wheelers.co>

Yr 7&8 commence semester 1 Exams



Yr 6 Maths Extension created three-way tables and triple column graphs using applied formulas on excel spreadsheets. Yr 12 organised a successful fundraiser.



Yr 10 ceramics and Yr 12 VET Construction students concreting as part of their assessment



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

Rules at the Crossing:

- There is NO RUNNING allowed on the crossing at any time YOU MUST WALK - this is a safety issue in case someone falls over and hurts themselves or knocks into other people while crossing.
- You must wait until the School Crossing Supervisor has the stop sign raised and has given you the ok to proceed to cross.
- When the School Crossing Supervisor has given you the direction to proceed you MUST proceed - Do not give directions to School Crossing Supervisor on when you are ready to cross. If you are not ready to cross then move away from the crossing.
- School Crossing Supervisor is appointed by the Roads and Maritime services to keep the crossing safe during morning & afternoon peak times. Respect & courtesy is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 1: Andrew Khoury, Angelina Khoury, Maribelle Abdulahad, Jasmen Saba.

Congratulations on brilliant Olympiad 1 results! Jerome Francis (Yr 6) scored 4 points and Tatyana Tannous (Yr 5) scored 3 points.

We have a very promising group this year for the Maths Olympiad. Half of the participants got 3/5. Congratulations to Jason Chakti and Simon Zaiter from Year 8. Year 7 congratulations go to Joy Sleiman, Christopher Germanous, Elie Joukhadar, Grace Sleiman and Wadih Tannous.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 4: Aiden Naddaf, Jacob Kassis, Sami Boutros Yr 11: Salima Doueih, Rebecca J Mansour

Bronze award – Yr 11: Nicolas Fajloun

On Fri 19th May, Robbie ElBazouni represented the College at the Plain English Public Speaking Competition at Strathfield Girls High. Despite not making it into the next round, Robbie represented the College with pride as he competed against students from grades higher than his own, with even the adjudicators stating they thought he performed well above his year group. We thank Robbie for his continued participation in this competition over the years and congratulate him.

Rep sport results: Rugby League - Years 7/8 boys defeated St Clare 20–16; Years 9/10 boys drew with McCarthy 22–22 **Soccer** - Years 7/8 girls defeated McCarthy 7 – 0

PARENT CORNER

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

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.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): '9Tips for Raising Teenagers in the Digital Age.' **Tip #8 - Prepare to respond to mental health difficulties.** Approximately 1 in 4 young people experience a mental health difficulty. Services like *ReachOut Parents* can assist in knowing what to look out for and how to respond. Visit <http://parents.au.reachout.com/> for more information.

Effective Parenting Free Course - MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF's Parent Education and Support Network 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' to be held Tues 20th June at Our Lady of Lebanon's CYPC at 9:30am (Arabic) and 7pm (English). Find attached course flyer for more information or contact Dr Dima Akik on 8898 1540 or 0406 296 698 or Mr Elie Asmar on 9633 6600.

Wed 24th May, the Parent Education and Support Network hosted a workshop on child anxiety led by provisional psychologist and parent of the College, Vena Nohra. It provided practical strategies to assist parents to address anxiety in children. We thank Vena and the PESN team for the workshop.



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.

Parent Portal - The portal is a web based system which allows parents to log in and view their child's details, records and other information and features such as 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 easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au for the login details to be sent to you via email.

Parent Portal User Guide - The College has developed a user guide for the parent portal for those parents who require assistance and are unable to attend a demonstration at the College. The user guide includes assistance for parents to book parent teacher interviews. 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

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

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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