



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 8: Friday 16th June 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

With the cold months upon us many students are absent due to the flu. Other families are escaping the cold by travelling to Lebanon. All these times away from class impact on a student's learning. Parents need to be mindful of the number of days their children are absent as it becomes difficult to catch up on return.

'Caring for the sick, elderly, dying and grieving'

A free course by Sr Margaret at OLOL seniors' room on 19 and 26 June from 7-8pm.

Jidoo and Tayta Mass on Friday 23/6/17. We would like to see all grandparents in attendance

Last day for students in term 2 is Tuesday 27 June.

Parent-Teacher interviews are on Wednesday 28th June.

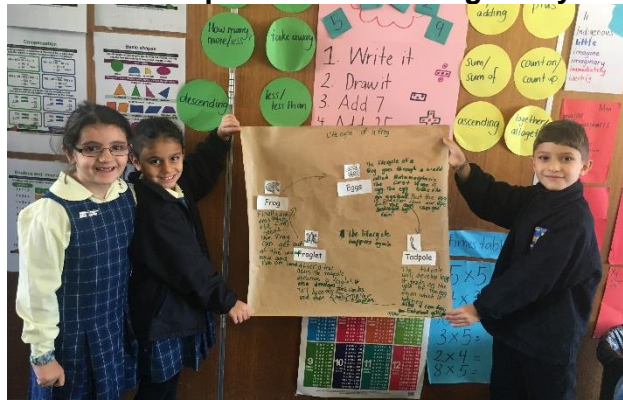
Commencement of term 3 for students will be Wednesday 19th July.

DOING THE ROUNDS

NRMA Science and Road Safety Day on Tues 13th June



Kindy measuring areas of shapes in our playground. Yr 2 students presented their frog life cycle



MCHF has subscribed to the World Book Online for students. Students can access features including interactive maps, atlas, videos, audio, images, educational games, activities and science experiments.

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/?uid=lunch&pwd=parks>

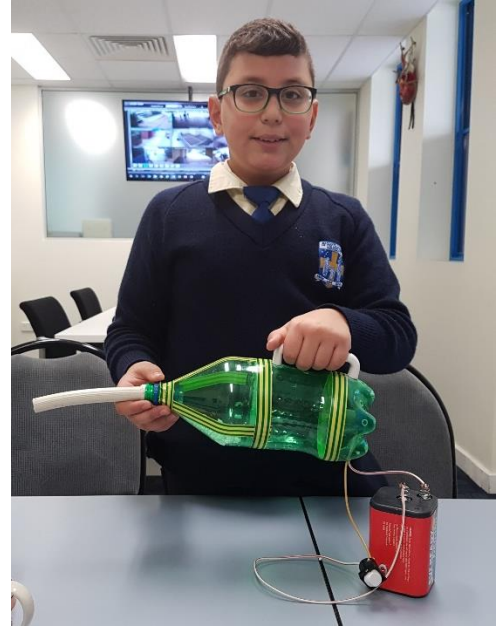
NSW Premiers Reading Challenge - encourage your child to read and enter their books via

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

**Speakers from Heaven on Earth spoke to Year 10 about caring for the homeless.
Yr 11 bullying committee addressing Yr 8 boys**



AFL clinic every Wednesday. Michael Bouyssa (Yr 5) creates a vacuum for his electricity project!



Yrs 10-12 Careers Expo on 16/6/17 presented by Australian Maronite Professional Council (AMPC)



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 on the website. 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:** 2 purple (1 brick)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall in Year 4: Angelina Frangie, Andrew Chohaili, Isabella BouMelhem.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 1: Jacob Massoud, Anthony Doueihy, Andrew Khoury Yr 2: Ava Nohra, Alexi Nasr, Joseph Karam, Gabriella Elbayeh Yr 5: Brianna Diab, Ella Marie Kalache, Sayed Sleiman Yr 7: Sparsh Dhir, Charlie Barbour, Cindy Massoud, Lawrence El Bayeh, Elissa Maroun, Joseph Boumelhem, Maria Ebeed, George Kenaan, Badwi Makary, Christopher Yaacoub Yr 10: Rita Lahoud, Charbel Kazzi, Betty Atie, Joseph Barakat, Chantal Shalhoub

Bronze award – Yr 7: Clair El Hakim, Mikayla Stavrinakis, Jorge Dayoub, Luciana Dib, Elias-Charbel Lahoud, John Ayoub, Alexander Basha, Chanelle Mekary

Silver award – Yr 7: Joy Sleiman

Congratulations on brilliant Olympiad 2 results! Jerome Francis (Y6), Nicholas Laba (Y6) and Rita Raffoul (Y5) all scored 4 out of 5.

Rep sport results: Junior girls' soccer team defeated Emmaus 5-1

PARENT CORNER

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! From Wed 26th July to 19th Sept, those who shop at Woolworths can collect Earn & Learn Stickers for the school. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). The sticker sheet can be placed in the Collection Box in the Primary office. Please participate as the school receives educational resources for students.

A reminder to all parents that the College is not responsible for babysitting your child because you are running late. The College takes no responsibility for students after 4pm.

Prayer time with Sr Irene every Friday from 2:30pm in the Church. Community hubs representative Ms Afrah Haddad, held a high tea for the mother son 16/6/17 in the Secondary hall.



Secondary Reports - Secondary Reports will be published on the parent portal after Parent Teacher Interview Day. Interviews are compulsory and all fees must be finalised on this day. Reports will not be published for families with outstanding fees.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): *Helping You Help Your Teenager: Free Online Support with ReachOut Parents Coaching* - ReachOut Parents Coaching is a free service that makes it easy for you to talk to an expert confidentially without even leaving home, and build a plan to support your child in their teenage years. Refer to the flyer attached or click on the link below.

https://parents.au.reachout.com/Coaching-eligibility?utm_source=referral&utm_campaign=Coaching&utm_medium=schoolnews&utm_content=Article

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.

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 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 from the Main Office. 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.

Parent Portal User Guide - The College has developed a user guide for the parent portal for those parents who require assistance. See website.

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.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'What is Parent Engagement?' - is being positively involved and active in your child's learning. Your attitudes, values and behaviours can positively influence your child's education outcomes. When you are positively engaged in your child's education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school. When schools and families work together, children do better at school. The earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children. **With parent teacher meetings coming up, this is an opportunity to engage in your child's education.**

<https://www.studentsfirst.gov.au/engaging-parents-education>

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.

JB HiFi BYOD Portal <https://www.ibeducation.com.au/byod/> School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

'Be A Citizen' is a preparation course in Arabic to help you pass your citizenship test. Call Eva on 0404868195.

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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