



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 7: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

The term is drawing to an end. With only a few weeks left parents are reminded to book their parent-teacher interviews online. This is an opportunity to sit down with the teachers and understand your child's progress in classes. Also a reminder that any threats of violence made towards the School Crossing Supervisor will be reported to the Police. Furthermore, a reminder that MCHF encourages recycling: **Blue Lid bins** – paper and cardboard; **Yellow Lid bins** – cans, bottles and other recyclable material; **Red Lid bins** – general litter.

**College is closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Queens' birthday public holiday**

**Jidoo and Tayta Mass on Friday 23/6/17**

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

**Parent-Teacher interviews are on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Commencement of term 3 for students will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Yr 5 students made tabouli in Ms Sassine's Arabic lesson and Sr Margaret gets fed! Yr 11 blood donations on 5/6/17 - Terasa Anjoul, Anita Francis, Grace Tower, Gabrielle Moujalli, Allana El Bitar.**



**'MCHF Got Talent' auditions with Yr 6 SRC students judging. Talent Quest will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> June**





**A big thank you to all parent volunteers who assisted in the Primary Athletics Carnival.** Carnival Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Blue (3020 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> Green (2970 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> Yellow (2810 points), 4<sup>th</sup> Red (2775 points)

**The following students performed at the University of Sydney, Australian Lebanese Foundation award night on 8/6/17 in front of 500 guests including Mr Carlos Ghosn – Nicolas Fajloun, Charbel Hadchiti, Rebecca Mansour, Dominic Nakhoul and Sarah Therese Nemer. Special mention to Mr Jonar Nader and Mr C Hayman for guiding these students. Congratulations to Christopher Kendirjian, recipient of the Australian Lebanese Foundation scholarship for Sydney University.**



**On 3/6/17 the homeless feed took place with Mr Hssarati, Ms Gahdmar, Mr Abboud who brought warm winter items, and students Danni Makari, Carla Katrib, Rebecca Khoury, Valentina Namnoum, Helmi Mourad who donated loads of croissants and Anthony Fares who donated a large box of oregano pastries. Constable Dusan Dakic addressed Yr 11 and 12 students about illicit substances**



**Construction boys putting their knowledge into action by demolishing a wall and then cementing!**





**NRMA Science & Road Safety Day Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Parents welcomed. Kinder 9am show; Yrs 1 and 2 at 11am; Yrs 3 and 4 at 11:45am and Yrs 5 and 6, 1:30pm show.

**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.

**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. Click the 'Install Office 2016' button on the top right hand side 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 on the website. For any further sponsorship enquiries please contact Mr Asmar at the College or by email [eamar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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:** Suzie and Robert Kassis (2 bricks), Kindy Rose (2 bricks)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 3: Josie Afram, Lily El-Katrib, Sebastian Ibrahim, Octavian MizraKh Manousis.

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 1: John Jurdi, James Azzi Yr 2: Georgia Khoury, Janae Diab, Joseph Assi, Rene Khoury, Fayez Atie, Joshua Ghabache, Christian Youssef, Tianna Ninni, Elie Ghannoum Yr 5: Santiago Mahfoud, Audrey Tannous, Tatijana Tannous Yr 7: Jacob Semaan, Justin Chahin, Charbel Chehade, Joey Andraous, Wadih Tannous Yr 8: Veronica Bou Melhem, Lana Chamchoum, Dejahn Darjani, Joe Deeb, Tatiana Estephan, Celine Harb, George Ishak, Kristina Ishak, Jack Jabbour, Charbel Makary, Elias Matta, Mariella Mikhael, Christian Nouh, Michael Wehbe, Rochelle Wehbe Yr 11: Joy Akik, Kristal Elias, Christy El-Khoury, Marcelin El Khoury, Youssef Faddoul, Angelina Katrib, Celine Kazzi, Rebecca Massoud, Layla Maroun, Joshua Nahmy, Gina Sassine, Jacinta Semaan, Grace Tower, Johnathan Yacoub

**Bronze award** – Yr 2: Alexi Nasr Yr 7: Hind Mourad, Nadia Souccar Yr 8: Lauren Al hage, Adrian Harb, Tiana Khattar, Ashton Tannous, Simon Zaiter Yr 11: Jenny Moussa

**Well done to Anthony Harb and Chloe Wakim, who represented the NSWCCC Volleyball Opens teams at Sydney Olympic Park.**



## PARENT CORNER

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

**School Zone Reminder** - Parent/caregivers please note school zones remain in operation for all gazetted school days, up to and including Friday 30 June and resuming on Monday 17 July.

**Secondary Reports** - Parents please be advised that the Secondary Reports will be published on the parent portal after Parent Teacher Interview Day. A reminder that these interviews are compulsory and all fees must be finalised before reports are published.

**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.

**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](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au).

**From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): *Helping You Help Your Teenager: Free Online Support with ReachOut Parents Coaching*** - Trying to guess what's going on with your teenager's mental health and wellbeing is tough. Many parents find that, at times, they are concerned about their teenager's behaviour, whether it's being non-communicative, feeling anxious or dealing with issues like relationships. ReachOut Parents Coaching is a free service that makes it easy for you to talk to an expert confidentially and build a plan to support your child. Refer to the flyer attached. Click on the link.

[https://parents.au.reachout.com/Coaching-eligibility?utm\\_source=referral&utm\\_campaign=Coaching&utm\\_medium=schoolnews&utm\\_content=Article](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. The App has the ability to sort and filter the notifications you receive. 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** - 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 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:danceexpression@hotmail.com.au)

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