



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 2: Friday 28th July 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we settle into the Winter months we pray for some much needed rain but also give thanks for those extensive moments of sun and warmth. Arriving this morning from Lebanon yesterday, we welcomed from the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family, the Deputy Congregational Leader and Council Member Sr Marie Raymond and Council Member Sr Marie Celeste, who will be in Australia for a month (from 28 July), visiting the ministries of the Sisters in Sydney. We ask that you make them feel at home.

DOING THE ROUNDS

Yr 4 students went to the park this week for a Geography lesson – they are learning about the Earth and Environment. They carried out an investigation on the climate, vegetation and animals in the local park and took notes to make geographical questions. **Yr 9 Food tech are studying breads of the world and discovered the art of baking naan bread as well as the fermentation process!**



New Building progress. We would appreciate any sponsorship to assist in the \$10M cost. Each fortnight the College will focus on a theme whereby students are reminded to adhere to College Policies. Weeks 3 and 4 focus are **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**. Attached is important information.



ICAS English Competition will be held on Wednesday 2/8/17 for selected Primary students.

The 2017 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be held in Sydney from 7-9 December. Organised by the Australian Catholic Bishops, the event is for youth faith formation. The three days will consist of workshops, prayer and live music at Homebush. The concluding Mass will be held at The Domain with Archbishop Anthony Fisher. The College is inviting students from Yrs 9-12 to consider attending this opportunity for faith development. Bookings will be through the College and teacher supervision will be provided. To register, please complete the permission note available on the skoolbag app or from Mr Hayman and provide a \$50 deposit asap. <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

Yr 5 excursion to Mary MacKillop Place on 28/7/17



MCHF is leading the way with the latest addition of Virtual Reality Headsets - Mrs Gahdmar's Yr 7 History class were engrossed in their virtual tour of the pyramids and the land of Ancient Egypt; exploring ancient temples at Karnak and the tombs of the pharaohs. This fantastic new resource provides the students with experience and opportunity to explore distant countries without leaving the classroom.



Yr 11 Subject Selection Information Night at 6:15pm on Wed 2nd August in the Primary Hall. This is compulsory for all Yr 10 students wanting to enrol into Yr 11 for 2018.

Rochelle Wehbe (Yr 8) presented a fascinating talk on her recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Yr 12 received a deeper understanding of Sufism by guest speaker Dr Milad Milani



Students require an Opal Pass to catch the bus– apply through www.transportnsw.info/school-students

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

All Rounder Awards – Yr 1: Michael Boumelhem, Rita Hadidi, Rafael Ishac, Charbel Ishak, Laurelle Sadek, May Nakhoul, Catalina Sleiman, Sophia Khoury, Yr 2: Olivia Rizk, Christian Ghabache, Julien Nabahan Yr 3: Audrey Moussa, Lauren Tawk, John Yaacoub, Jovan Achy, Charles Dignan Yr 7: Mandalin Moussa, John Massoud Yr 9: Lara Chamoun, Raquel El Katrib, Charbel Khoury-Geagea Yr 10: MaryAnn Yacoub, Charlene Semaan, Valentina Namnoum, Joseph Moussa, Maria Khatrar, Dominic Azzi, Rita Attie Yr 11: Charbel Azzi, Elias Bou-Melhem, Lara Makary, Sarah Therese Nemer, Theresa Taouk, Jacob Lebnan, Michelle Mereb, Tatiana Nehme, Emly Zaiter, Anita Francis, Chanelle Gharib, Colin Makary

Bronze award – Yr 3: Isaac Bou Francis, Alex Moussa Yr 7: Patricia Harb, Anthony Aflak, Pierre Raffoul, Charlie Bechara, Anthony Chohaili, Yr 10: Helmi Mourad Yr 11: Rebecca J Mansour, Layla Maroun, Jacob Lebnan, Michelle Mereb

Silver award – Yr 7: John Ayoub, Marissa Franjie Yr 9: Therresa El Halabi Yr 11: Jenny Moussa, Nicolas Fajloun

Principal's Award – Yr 9: Robbie El-Bazouni

Maths Olympiad 3 Results: Congratulations to Jerome Francis (Yr 6) who scored 3 correct answers.

ICAS Secondary Science Competition run by University of NSW - Students from Yrs 7-9 sat the 45 multiple choice question paper based on interpretation and data analysis of scientific information. Congratulations to the following who received awards for their performance: **Distinction achievement by Robbie El Bazouni (Yr 9). Receiving a Credit were Joseph Samya & Simon Zaiter (Yr 8) and Nicole Farah (Yr 9).**

Rep sport results: Junior boys rugby league defeated Delaney 50–8.

PARENT CORNER

Woolworths Earn & Learn – from 26th July to 19th Sept, those who shop at Woolworths can collect one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. The sticker sheets can be placed in the Collection Box in the Primary office. Please participate as the school receives educational resources for students.

Community hubs – see attachments in regards to term 3 events including Zumba, social club and cooking lessons. **Zumba every Tuesday at 9:30 in Primary hall. Social club every Wed and Fri at 9:30am. Cooking lesson 10th August Thursday at 1:30pm. Contact Afrah to book on 0401 451 686**

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

September 13th College Tour - will include a short presentation followed by a tour of the various buildings. Bookings are essential through the College website or complete the eForm through the College App. For more information 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.

Changes to PA Shop commencing Term 4, 2017 - The PA Shop will be called the 'Uniform/Book Shop' which will be operated by the College. Families who no longer require their uniform or books are welcome to donate them to the College. Commissions will no longer occur for textbooks. Families who have given their books for the PA to sell have the option to collect them to sell privately. As of term 4, 2017, all stock remaining in the PA Shop will be considered as automatically donated to the College. A reminder the PA Shop is open every Monday from 8:15am – 9am. We thank the PA who have volunteered for so many years operating the shop.

WSLHD Youth Health is delivering the Engaging Adolescents Program - See attached information. It is a parenting skills program for addressing teenage behaviour problems over three-sessions being delivered at High Street Youth Health Service (HSYHS) 65 High Street, Harris Park on Tues 1st, 8th and 15th August 2017 from 10–12pm. To register send the completed Referral Form and signed Participation Agreement to jo-anne.pogorelsky@health.nsw.gov.au or fax to (02) 9687-2731 - addressed to Jo-Anne.

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Help Your Child to Beat Exam Stress' -

Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their teenagers through exam time. It's normal for teenagers to feel stressed out in the lead up to exams, particularly those teenagers in year 12. Your teenager may feel anxious about just one or two exams, or every exam may cause them increased stress. Click on the link below for the "7 Tips for Managing Exam Stress."

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/things-to-try-school-and-education/help-my-teenager-manage-exam-stress>

Free Effective Parenting Course 'Finding Peace' – Session 2: MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF PESN invite all to the second session for 2017 'The Power of Body Language' of the Effective Parenting Course led by Dr Dima Akik on **Wed 2nd August 2017** at OLOL CYPC at either 9.30am (Arabic) or 7pm (English). For more info contact Dr Dima Akik on 8898 1540 or 0406 296 698 or Mr Asmar on 9633 6600.

دورة مجانية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في تنشئة العائلات "السلام في العائلة"
"مارونايت كير" بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة وشبكة تثقيف ودعم العائلات بدعوة الأهالي الى دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلاتنا تقدمها الدكتورة ديماء عقيق. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الثانية بعنوان " لغة الجسد و التواصل" تقام نهار الأربعاء في ٢ آب ٢٠١٧ في قاعة ماري ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة ٩:٣٠ صباحاً باللغة العربية أو ٧ مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية. للمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالدكتورة ديماء عقيق 0406296698 أو 8898 1540 (02) أو بالسيد إيلي أسمر 9633 6600 (02)

JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details: <https://www.jbeducation.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.

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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