



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 3: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Diocesan Assembly for our Maronite Eparchy in Australia will hold its first general meeting from the 24-26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. The theme is: 'Strong in faith ... Growing in love'. The Assembly will include participation of parish and ecclesial representatives and Maronite organisations from all over the country including from our School. To prepare for this Assembly and to enable us to have a better understanding of the hopes, expectations and challenges that face Maronites in Australia we have created an online survey which will take 10-15 minutes. Your responses will set the framework for the Assembly. The survey can be completed through the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/maronitesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maronitesurvey)

14<sup>th</sup> August is Foundation Day - There will be Mass and a walk-a-thon. Parent volunteers are needed. Please leave your name at the front office if you can help marshal students on the day.

15<sup>th</sup> August is a holiday for staff and students as the Sisters renew their vows on this day.

## DOING THE ROUNDS

Each fortnight the College will focus on a theme whereby students are reminded to adhere to College Policies and be ready to learn. Weeks 3 and 4 focus will be: **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**. Yr 8 Geography had an integrated learning session today with Mr Bechara's Year 6 class.



Leadership Assembly 2/8/17 with Sr Marie Raymond, Sr Marie Celeste and Constable Dusan Dakic



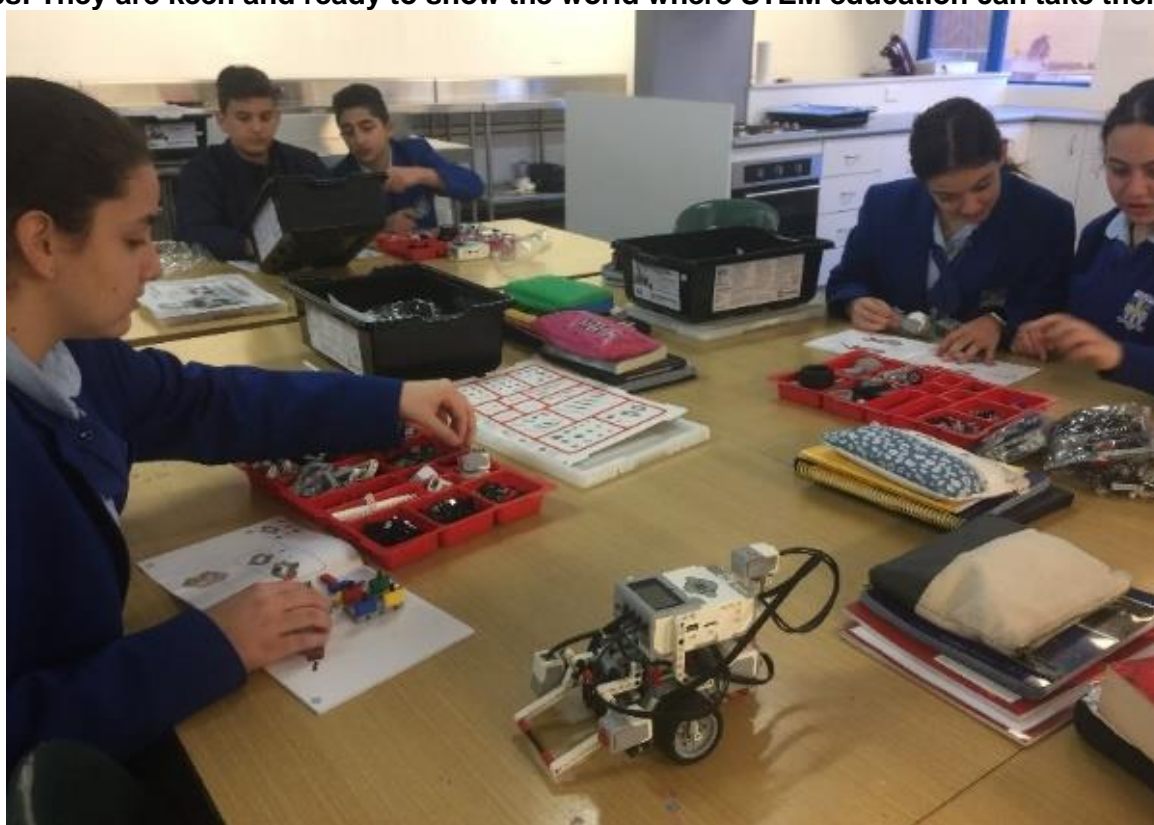




**Primary break time social group enjoying coding and Secondary Thursday sport**



**Yr 8 Technology have started on their much anticipated learning experience into the world of Robotics! They are keen and ready to show the world where STEM education can take them.**





**Our staff have IT sessions every Tuesday after school. This week they focussed on Virtual Reality.**  
**Naplan Online Readiness Testing for Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9** - NAPLAN, in 2019, will be conducted as an online test. In preparation for this all will participate in a practice NAPLAN Readiness test this term. The aim of the practice test is to assess our technology capacity. The practice test also allows children to experience and be-come familiar with how the testing looks and feels.



The 2017 **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** will be held in Sydney from 7-9 December. Organised by the Australian Catholic Bishops, the ACYF is an important event for youth faith formation. The three days of the ACYF will consist of workshops, prayer experiences and live music at Homebush, while the concluding Mass will be held at The Domain with Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

The College is inviting all students from Years 9-12 to consider attending this important opportunity for faith development. Bookings will be done through the College and teacher supervision will be provided. To register your interest with the College, 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/>

**Students require an Opal Pass to catch the bus—** apply through [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://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.

### NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

**New Building Sponsorship Opportunity** - for corporate or community based sponsorships to assist in covering \$10M Secondary Building cost, which will replace the current C Building. Details are available on the College website. For enquiries contact Mr Asmar 96336600 or by email [easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:easmar@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:** 3 Orange (1 brick), Joseph Georges Rizk (3 bricks)

### CONGRATULATIONS

**All Rounder Awards** – Y1: Anthony Bouchaya, Roy Al-Ashkar, Ava Hasham, Alisha Youssef, Youssef Sukkar Y2: Amber Fasavalu, Gabriel Deeb Y10: Brandon Challita Y3: Raquel Elias, Isabella Francis, Chanel Chahin Y4:Youssef Elias

**Bronze award** – Y1: Charbel Ishak Yr 8: Briana Mekary, Jason Chakti, Chelsea Elias, George Ishak Y3: Therese Sessine, Milaniya Nehme, Gabriella Mahfoud Y10: Jizel Farayeh

**Silver award** – Y8: Tiana Khattar

**On 31<sup>st</sup> August, Sebastian Daoud in Yr 7 represented the College at the Junior Legacy Public Speaking Competition at Crestwood High.** Facing tough opposition from other schools, Sebastian represented the College well with his topic 'The importance of communication' and the impromptu topic of 'Boundaries.' He was commended by the adjudicators for his efforts. Congratulations Sebastian.

**Rep sport results: Congratulations to our junior girls who beat Delaney College 13-7 in their last game of netball. Also congratulations to the Junior boys soccer team which defeated Delaney 5-0.**

### **PARENT CORNER**

**Woolworths Earn & Learn** – from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sale at Lowes on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August – 20% off school uniforms. See attachment.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au).

**Changes to PA Shop commencing Term 4** - 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, all stock remaining in the PA Shop will be considered as 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.

**From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'Building Self-Confidence'** - Children and teenagers are confronted with a variety of tough issues from dealing with changes to their physical appearance to being accepted in friendship groups. This is then reflected in how they behave in public, how well they perform in school and other areas of their life, and family expectations. By becoming more accepting of themselves, teenagers become better equipped to deal with hurtful things. Click on the link for more information and strategies to build self-confidence.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/skills%20to%20build/wellbeing/self%20confidence%20and%20teenagers>

**Multicultural Foster Care Information Session:** Settlement Services International, in partnership with the College Parent Education and Support Network, invite parents/guardians and families to an information session on foster care. The session will be held on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 2pm in D001 Conference Room. See attached flyers in English and Arabic for more information. RSVP is required.

**JB HiFi BYOD Portal login details:** <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>  
School BYOD Code: MCHF2017

**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)

**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)

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