



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

23-25 Alice Street, Harris Park, 2150

Tel: 9633 6600 Fax: 9689 1662

Term 3 – Week 4: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have had a very exciting week in sport, winning the Rugby Grand Final for the 5<sup>th</sup> year running and 9 of our Primary students advancing to the final round in the Zone athletics competition.

**14<sup>th</sup> August - Foundation Day Mass followed by the walk-a-thon.**

**15<sup>th</sup> August - holiday for staff and students as the Sisters renew their vows.**

12 & 19 Sept – Talks by Sr Margaret on caring for the dying and grieving at 7pm in the conference room.

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Kindergarten working on their Learning Centre STEM project with Year 5**



**Yr 4 making chocolate in correlation with their study of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. They made good use of the food tech room and were assisted by parents who volunteered their time.**







Hand dryers have been installed in toilets. As part of 'Past in the Present' unit in History the Yr 2 students experienced saj (bread making) as done in past times.



Yr 12 trial exams have commenced. Good luck! Robotics in Yr 8



**Feeding the homeless on 5/8/17: Sr Margaret, Mr Hassarati, Mr S Gerges and Yr 10 students: Samantha Toubia, Simona Younis, Helmi Mourad and Mary Sabat. Each fortnight the College focuses on a theme. NOW TARGETING THEME for Week 5 and 6: STUDY HABITS / TECHNIQUES**





### Peer support (Yrs 7 & 10) and making cupcakes (K and Yr 9)



**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.

**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:** Ms K Swamy (1 brick), Yr 12 Graduating class 2017 (1 brick)

### CONGRATULATIONS

**All Rounder Awards** – K: Charbel Taouk, Mikaella Fahad, Isabella Makdissi, Angelo El Asmar, Alyssa Dababneh Y1: Chanel Bazouni, Veronica Youssef Y2: Ayva Wakim, Angelina Deeb Y3: Sebastian Ibrahim, Zoe Fagerstrom, Aurora Fenianos, Nour Khalife, Antonio Melhem, Deana Tawk Y4: Rafqa Tawk Y7: Josef Boumelhem, Layla Mouawad, Sid Zaidan

**Bronze award** – Y1: Andrew Khoury, Anthony Douihi Y3: Christian Ibrahim, Mia Maria Al Helou, Maryanne Habib, Joseph Habib Y7: Sabine Bou Sanayeh, Sebastian Daoud, Georgia Khattar, Ann-Marie Yaacoub

**Silver award** – Y3: Alex Moussa Y7: Jorge Dayoub, Luciana Dib, Clair El Hakim, Hind Mourad, Grace Sleiman

**Third Maths Olympiad** - Jason Chakti, Simon Zaiter, Joy Sleiman, Pierre Raffoul and Nina Bousaid all achieved 2 out of 5. Congratulations also to Joseph Samya, Christopher Yaacoub, Christopher Germanos, Elie Joukhar and Grace Sleiman who all achieved 1 out of 5.

**Congratulations to all students who represented MCHF at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. 9 students have progressed to the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival:** Claudia Harb, Charbel Khoury, Mia Bella Nohra, Kayla Fasavalu, Kristina Chepurnaia, Zachariah Dayoub, Anthony Khoury, Jonah Dayoub and Xavier Nabhan. A big thank you to all teachers and parents. **Congratulations to Senior boys rugby league team who won the Hill's cup Grand final 22 – 20 over Northmead High School. That is our 5<sup>th</sup> straight year of winning the competition.**



### PARENT CORNER

**Woolworths Earn & Learn stamps** – from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please participate as the school receives educational resources for students.

**Diocesan Assembly for our Maronite Eparchy in Australia will hold its first general meeting 24-26<sup>th</sup> Nov at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral.** The theme is: **'Strong in faith ... Growing in love'**. The survey can be completed through the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/maronitesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maronitesurvey)

**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. 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.

**Foster Caring Information Session** - Settlement Services International hosted an awareness session at the College on foster caring in our community. Attached is more information about foster caring.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> College Tour** - Bookings are essential through the College website or complete the eForm through the College App. For more information please contact Mr Asmar.

**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 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. The PA Shop is open every Monday 8:15–9am.

**From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 'How your child can manage distractions'**  
- There are many distractions around that impact on a child's education and personal development. If you want to help your teenager study more efficiently or minimise distractions, click on the link below.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/things-to-try-school-and-education/how-your-teen-can-manage-distractions>

MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF's Parent Education and Support Network invite all to the third session for 2017 **'The Art of Winning Every Battle'** of the Effective Parenting Course led by Dr Dima Akik, held **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> August** at OLOL's CYPC at either 9:30am (Arabic) or 7pm (English). For more information please contact Dr Dima Akik on (02) 8898 1540 or 0406 296 698 or Mr Elie Asmar on (02) 9633 6600.

دورة مجانية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في تنشئة العائلات "السلام في العائلة"  
"مارونايت كير" MaroniteCare بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة MCHF وشبكة تثقيف ودعم العائلات PESN بدعوة الأهالي إلى  
دورة تثقيفية حول تفعيل دور الأهل في عائلتنا تقدمها الدكتورة دينا عقيق. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم إلى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الثالثة بعنوان "كيف  
تربح كل معاركك؟" تقام نهار الأربعاء في 30 آب 2017 في قاعة القديسة ماري ماكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك  
الساعة 9:30 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الساعة 7:00 مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية.

للمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بالدكتورة دينا عقيق 0406296698 أو (02) 8898 1540 أو بالسيد إيلي أسمر 02 9633 6600

**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)

**Events:** <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/> To receive the e-newsletter email

[admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au) W: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/> F: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>