



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 5: Friday 18th August 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have had a spate of incidences in regards to parents and lack of propriety. Please if there are any issues you should make an appointment via the office. May I remind parents that:

- Staff emails are not to be used to send a complaint or to ask questions about your child
- If parents need to discuss something, make an appointment via the main office
- If there are complaints do not verbally abuse the staff or Sisters
- If there are issues do not take matters into your own hands

In all cases, parents need to approach the matter with a calm attitude. Often you will find what you presumed to be an injustice is actually not, but you had not heard the full account.

NAPLAN Results - This year we have performed exceptionally well across all Year levels. Yrs 3,5,7 and 9 were all above the National average in Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation. In numeracy we were above or on a par with the National average. The one area we can work on is Reading and this is where parents need to play an important role. Students performing exceptionally in Yr 3 (at least 3 band 6s): Tania Zaiter, Milaniya Nehme, Mary-Therese Nassim, Audrey Moussa, Gabrielle Massoud, Nour Khalife, Claudia Hawach, Christian Ibrahim, Mary Anne Habib, Charbel Francis, Aurora Fenianos, Zoe Marie Fagerstrom, Joseph Daher, Leila Bou Melhem, Isaac Bou Francis, Christine Al-Somsom. **Special mention to Jude Hasham (all above band 6s).** Students performing exceptionally in Yr 5 (at least 3 band 8s): Tatijana Tannous, Isabella Samaha, Rita Raffoul, Antonios Joseph Melhem, Michaela Ibrahim, Brealle Hasham, Matthew El Bazouni, Anthony Bou Francis, Gerard BouDib, Suzannah Al-Alam. Students performing exceptionally in Yr 7 (at least 3 bands of 8 or 9): Joy Sleiman, Grace Sleiman, Peirre Raffoul, Mandalin Moussa, Layla Mouawad, John Massoud, Georgia Khatrar, Elie Joukhadar, Julien El Bazouni, Josef Boumelhem, Sabine Bou Sanayeh. Students performing exceptionally in Yr 9 (at least 3 bands of 9 or 10): Rafqa Kayrouz, Christina Ibrahim, Nicole Farah, Georgio Daher, Mabelle Chamchoum, Angel Maria Bouyssa, Gabrielle Baker. **Special mention to Robbie El-Bazouni (All Band 10s)! Parents please note your child's Naplan results will be sent home with students.**

12 & 19 Sept – Talks by Sr Margaret on caring for the dying and grieving at 7pm in D001

Buy-a-brick – 3 weeks left to purchase a brick and have your name engraved into the new building

DOING THE ROUNDS

14th August - Foundation Day Mass followed by morning tea



Walk-a-thon - Congratulations on a fantastic effort. We raised \$20,000 which will go towards our new building. Most raised - 1 Lilac, 1 Silver, K White. Best dressed - Bernadette Yaacoub (1 Lilac), Charbel Chiha (1 Lilac) and Anna Yaacoub (Yr 7). **Thank you to parent helpers for the walk-a-thon:** Barbara Helou, Petra Maroun, Dalia Kerbag, Lily Semaan, Latifa Maroun, Georgette Youssef, Tanya Green, Sharren Elis, Clara Faddoul, Rose Ghabouche, Ramona Chakti, Suzie Kassis, Natalie Farah, Antoinette Hanna, Joanne Habib, Denise Melhem, Rose Bechara. **Thanks to the PA helpers for organising the food:** Jackie BouMelhem, Salma Germanos, Maya BouSaid, Yolla Boustani, Gloria Yaacoub, Jisele Fares, Mary Ayoub, Carol Merheb, Arze Abi-Khattar, Sally ElKatrib. **Thank you to those who donated towards the walk-a-thon:** Bob the Butcher supplied the sausages, Buddy and Vera Nohra donated the water bottles, Arze Abi-Khattar donated sauces and napkins and Mary Ayoub donated the zooper doopers and lollies.





Scholastic Book Fair 24-31st August - Students will have the opportunity to purchase new resources. Parents are invited to attend the Book Fair on 28-29th August before school from 8:10am-8:40am.

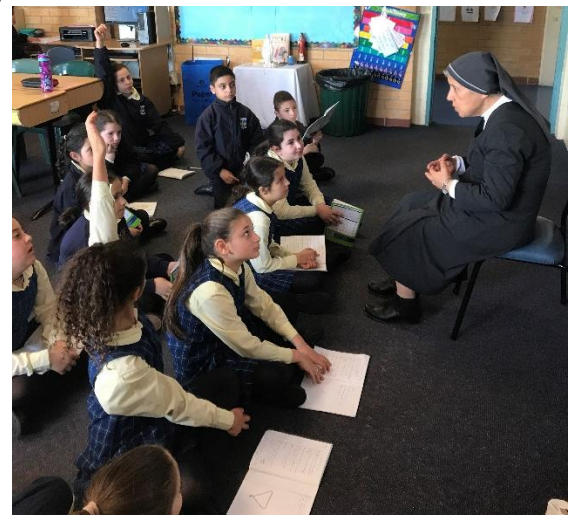
Constable Dakic, our School Police Liaison Officer, educating Yr 6 students about the importance of applying safe strategies concerning cyber safety. Michelle Frangi's (Yr 12) Major Textiles Project. Her focus was fabric manipulation which was executed extremely well and her portfolio is just as great.



Each fortnight the College will focus on a theme whereby students are reminded to adhere to College Policies and be ready to learn. NOW TARGETING THEME for Week 5 and 6: **STUDY HABITS / TECHNIQUES.**

Thank you to parent helpers for HSC trial supervision: Yolla Boustani, Salma Germanos, Mirna Yossef, Fayrouz Fares, Marian Tawk, Laiela Sassine, Rose Fares

Yr 11 Blood donations 11/8/17 - Michelle Mereb, Mona Zaidan, Monica Fares, Terasa Anjoul and Dominic Nakhoul. **Sr Irene answered 4 Amber's questions including The Assumption and Foundation Day.**



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 and allows students to become familiar with the testing.

CONGRATULATIONS

All Rounder Awards – Y1: Farrah Sleiman, Elisa Francis Y3: Gabriella Massoud, Natalia Alam, Charlise Ishac, Tony Khoury Y11: Nadia Atieh, Marianne Yaacoub

Bronze award – Y1: Laurelle Sadek, May Nakhoul, Roy Alashkar, Sophia Khoury, Rafael Ishac Y3: Annabel Youssef, Rebecca Boustani Y11: Joy Akik, Antonio Challita, Kristal Elias, Christy El-Khoury, Gina Sassine

Silver award – Y3: Gabriella Mahfoud, Isaac Bou Francis, Christian Ibrahim

Buy-a-brick campaign: Congratulations to 2 Diamond on purchasing a brick!

PARENT CORNER

Woolworths Earn & Learn – from 26th July to 19th Sept, those who shop at Woolworths can collect one Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. Please participate as the school receives educational resources.

Diocesan Assembly for our Maronite Eparchy in Australia will hold its first general meeting 24-26th Nov at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. The theme is: **'Strong in faith ... Growing in love'**. Your responses will set the framework for the Assembly: www.surveymonkey.com/r/maronitesurvey

Community hubs – 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.

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): 'Problem Solving and Teenagers' - Problem solving is a big part of adult life. However, if a teenager is used to their parents making decisions for them, then approaching problems can be daunting and they may not know where to start. Problem solving is a skill that can be learnt. Click on the link below for more information and tips to help your child solve problems. <https://parents.au.reachout.com/skills-to-build/connecting-and-communicating/problem-solving-and-teenagers>

MaroniteCare in partnership with MCHF Parramatta's Parent Education and Support Network invite all to the third session **'The Art of Winning Every Battle'** of the Effective Parenting Course. The third session will be held on **Wed 30th August** at OLOL CYPC at either 9:30am (Arabic) or 7pm (English). For more info 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" بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة MCHF وشبكة تثقيف ودعم العائلات PESN بدعوة الأهالي الى "مارونايت كير" MaroniteCare بالتعاون مع المعهد الماروني للعائلة المقدسة MCHF. الدورة تقدم مجاناً وتنقسم الى أربعة أقسام. المحاضرة الثالثة بعنوان "كيف تريح كل معاركك؟" تقام نهار الأربعاء في 30 آب 2017 في قاعة القديسة ماري مكيلوب في المبنى الجديد في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان هاريس بارك الساعة 9:30 صباحاً باللغة العربية أو الـ 7:00 مساءً باللغة الإنكليزية.

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