



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 2: Friday 9th February 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

So the second week of the school year has come and gone and it was a busy time welcoming Kindy students and Chinese exchange students. We also welcomed back the Yr 12 students who performed well in their HSC. On Friday we celebrated the Feast of Saint Maroun and on Monday we commence Lent. We pray it will be a time of repentance and prayer for each of us.

College Fete on Sunday 18th March 2018 from 10–3pm - The day will include rides, stalls, entertainment and much more. Further information will be released soon. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the fete – please contact Mr E Asmar for more information on sponsorship packages.



DOING THE ROUNDS

Our students performed at the St Maroun fete 4/2/18. Gymnastics for Yrs 1,3 and 5 every Monday



MCHF Welcomes Chinese International Students and teachers from 5-9 February





We welcomed our Kindy students and parents to their first day of BIG school on 5/2/18



Parramatta Eels visited the Primary students 9/2/18. Gymnastics every Monday for Years 1,3 and 5



ELEVATE EDUCATION led our Yr 12's on 7/2/18 through techniques and strategies of memorisation and recalling information. Skills that were covered included: Understanding memory and how to manipulate it · Examination of why we forget · How to ensure more information is retained · Effective revision strategies · How to minimise reliance on rote learning

Yr 7 learn-to-swim swimming programme for term 1.



Donating Towards New Furniture in the New Building: The College has partnered with SchoolsPlus to seek donations towards purchasing new furniture for the new building. Donations are tax deductible. Refer to the donation booklet <https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/projects/modern-furniture-new-secondary-building/>

St Maroun and Honour day Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay and Bishop Mouneir Khairallah. HSC exam results for 2017: Congratulations to the following students: Maria Attie 91.90, Maria Moussa 91.75, John Youssef 88.25, Charbel Yacoub 87.10, Sarah Lichaa 86.20, Tia Semaan 84.85, Brianna Azar 82.65, Najwa Mourad 81.05 and Natalie Haddad 80.10.



PARENT CORNER

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills - There will be an Evacuation drill on Monday 19th February and a Lockdown drill on Tuesday 20th February as part of our WHS annual plan.

Access Free Microsoft Office suite, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel: <https://portal.office.com>

Students require an Opal Pass to catch the bus – <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

The JB HiFi BYOD Portal - <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> School BYOD Code: Maronite2018

Family and Student Details Update - if your details change, log onto the parent portal to make the changes. Access the portal via the website under the "Parents/Guardians" tab. A user guide for the portal is available. <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Parent-Portal-User-Guide.pdf>

Vaccinations for 2018

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Year 10 & 11	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home. Return the completed consent form to your child's school. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phone the school www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated.

Parent Coles Sports for Schools - Every \$10 spent at Coles during the program (excluding gift cards, liquor, fuel and tobacco), will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher which goes towards purchasing sport equipment for the College, encouraging all our children to get active. We have 8 weeks to collect the vouchers.

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. Parents can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student. They can be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. To apply, visit the website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Dual Book Launch – Fr Yuhanna Azize and Peter El Khouri have written about the Maronite faith, history and identity. The Book launch will occur on 18th Feb at OLOL Community room at 8pm. All are welcome.

AFL Auskick 13-27 March – see flyer

From the Parent Education and Support Network (PESN): 5 things to remember when starting at a new school –

Parent Volunteer Induction - will be held Tues 13th February 2018 at 2pm in the Secondary Hall. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to assist in various voluntary roles at the College.

Community hubs – term events include . . . Contact Afrah on 0401 451 686 and see attached flyer.

Prayer time – Sr Irene will lead reflection on Fridays from 2:30pm in the Church commencing 16/2/18.

Canteen Online Ordering - lunch orders from the canteen can be made online at www.QuickCliq.com.au.

Join the BIGGEST AND BEST Taekwondo school in the Holroyd area! Fearless Martial Arts - 187 Fairfield Road, Guildford West. High energy Taekwondo classes with experienced, qualified instructors. Call Master Chris Barnes on 0415 663 966 or visit www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo

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