

MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 6: Friday 9th March 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Lent and fasting – It has come to our attention that there are students in Kindy to Yr 2 that are fasting and are not drinking any water. May I remind parents that young children are not required to fast and if they choose to, they are allowed to drink water while fasting. If young children are becoming lethargic while fasting, I encourage parents to allow them to have breakfast as 40 days of fasting can

have a negative effect on their concentration and ability to learn in class.

My new book: 'The Miracle of Love. A guide for Catholic Pastoral Care' is available for purchase from the College or through the publisher http://coventrypress.com.au/Bookstore?product_id=52

This is a new, comprehensive and encouraging guide to Catholic pastoral care. The book is about caregiving that involving physical effort, practical assistance, spiritual wisdom, relationship development, faith nurturing, justice seeking; about growing together and, in the light of the Jesus tradition, making the world we live in a more welcoming, forgiving and caring place.

Our College can now be found on Twitter - Sign up for regular information and keep up-to-date with the learning experiences of our students: https://twitter.com/MCHF_Parramatta

DOING THE ROUNDS

Homeless feed 3rd Feb – Mr Bechara and members of Yr 6 SRC and Sports Captains committee helped feed the homeless at Prince Alfred Park on Saturday morning Ella-Marie K, Antonios M, Simon B, Liliana M, Audrey T, Patricia Y, Bella M, Jean-Paul A and Brealle H. **Yrs 1,3 &5 doing gymnastics every Monday**





MIRACLE

Caritas - In Primary there are very generous children who want to help the poor with a number donating their savings. We encourage our students to think of those in need and to help where they can.

College Fete 18th **March (Entry is free) -** Wrist bands for unlimited rides are pre-sold \$25 and on the day \$30. We will have a Chocolate Wheel. Entertainment will include a DJ and a Zaffet performance. There will be general stalls and food stalls, BBQ, Lebanese Saj, sweets, cakes, confectionery, corn etc. There will be games and children activities including face painting and Dunk the Teacher (and students) and much more... Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Mr Elie Asmar or email easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au



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Yrs 11 and 12 textiles students at the stitches and craft show 8/3/18.

Yrs 7/8 Social Media Talk by Police Liaison Officer





New C Building - The Opening of the new C block will take place around July and staff and students will have access to a new learning environment with the latest in technology and spaces that allow for team teaching and collaborative learning. The Secondary will now be on the one campus ensuring better security. **Donating Towards New Furniture in the New Building:** The College has partnered with SchoolsPlus to seek donations towards purchasing new furniture. Donations are tax deductible. Refer to the donation booklet https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/projects/modern-furniture-new-secondary-building/

Rep Sport: Volleyball 9/10 boys defeated St Agnes 56-36. 7/8 girls (gold) defeated St Clare 51-42, 7/8 girls (blue) defeated St Bishoy 64-38.

PARENT CORNER

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 - Please read the specifications of each device to ensure you choose the correct device. Go to https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/ and enter the School BYOD Code: Maronite2018

The Athlete's foot – When you mention the College name during purchase at The Athlete's foot in Parramatta or Merrylands stores, they will donate \$5 of the purchase to MCHF.

Coles Sports for Schools - Every \$10 spent at Coles will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. These vouchers will go towards purchasing sport equipment for the College. **This weekend double points!**

Parent Prayer day at Mulgoa Wed 14/3/18 – Sr Irene will be accompanying the parents. The day involves a bus trip, Mass, social time and Stations of the Cross. Cost \$30 covers the bus trip and day. Bring your own lunch or purchase on the day. For bookings call Ramona.

Term 1 College Tour - The first tour will be Wed 21st March from 11–12pm. To book, complete the tour booking form on the College App or via the link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Riy53dVPHkqKNkQ7G7ifQujTSh1JOyNJk0U6Fe WMesFUNkY5U1hBOEowN0gwQVJMRkM3OVgwU08xVy4u For more info contact Mr Elie Asmar on 9633 6600 or easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Community hubs – Contact Afrah on 0401 451 686 or see flyer. Tues: Fitness for mums and kids, Wed: Floristry course, Thurs: Play group and cooking class & Fri: Nutrition & healthy lifestyles. **Our Parent Association met 2/3/18 to plan the Fete. We appreciate all their efforts and donations.**





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.

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