



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 11: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Term 1 has been a more than expected busy term and we couldn't have gotten through it all without the collaboration of all. In term 2 we will see the completion of the new building and the transitioning of students into the new learning space. Yr 4 will celebrate their first Holy Communion first weekend of term 2. I take this opportunity to wish each one of you a blessed term break and thank you for all your efforts in term 1.

**Term 2 commences for students Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Winter uniform**

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Saturday morning homeless feed on 7/4/18** at Prince Alfred Park, Parramatta. In attendance Sr Margaret, Mr A Bechara, Yr 6 students: Christiane Daher, Audrey Tannous, Michaela Ibrahim, Michael Bouyssa, Brealle Hasham, Bella Moujalli and Anthony Bou Francis and parents.



**Yr 9 Drama Mime Assessment.** Yr 2 using the bee-bots to learn about coding in the Learning Centre. Yr 11 **Modern History students** Brandon Chalita, Toufic Darjani, Carla Katrib, Maria Khattar and Rita Laba represented the College at the RSL and schools ANZAC commemoration service in Hyde Park on 9<sup>th</sup> April.



**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/>

**Sr Margaret's new book: 'The Miracle of Love. A guide for Catholic Pastoral Care'** is available for purchase through the College or the publisher [http://coventrypress.com.au/Bookstore?product\\_id=52](http://coventrypress.com.au/Bookstore?product_id=52)



**Yr 6 Asia Expo on 6/4/18**



**Primary Academic Awards on 12/4/18**



**SRC mufti and cake day on 11/4/18**



**Under the Patronage of His Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay, the Maronite Ladies of the Gospel invite you to 'Designers of Lebanese Origin Fashion show.' Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10:30 to 2pm. Oatlands House. \$100 per person includes lunch and refreshments. RSVP to Noelle Zeidan 0433 373 720 or Zita Doueihy 0414 789 042.**

**Word Flyers, the new programme being used in the English Department to enhance students' skills in reading and writing.** This programme allows students to practise their skills by regularly engaging with reading texts, fictional and non-fictional, which contain the optional extra of an auditory function which allows students to read and learn how to pronounce words which are non-phonetic – not spoken as they are written – while simultaneously engaging with a range of new vocabulary words and expressions. This programme



includes NAPLAN style exercises and activities and the teacher can track the student's progress. - Mrs Moyer, English KLA Coordinator

**Kindergarten** took a walk to the park for English on 9/4/18 and explored the park and identified nouns within the environment. **Yr 8 tech class** commencing timber technology unit.



**Yr 12 fundraiser day** on 10/4/18 and **Dance fever parent show**



**Yr 12 General Math** investigating a way to estimate the population of toothpicks. The capture-recapture method was then applied to real life situation questions. **Swimming lessons for Primary students.**



**7-5 Arabic class** working on a poster on the Arab world flags. **Rebecca Mansour and Chanelle Gharib (Yr 12)** attended a student leadership program at the NSW Parliament House on 11/4/18.





**Congratulations to Rita Layoun (Yr 11) on receiving the Sydney University Academic Excellence Award on 10/4/18. Congratulations Rafqa house - winners of 8/9 European Handball.**



**Congratulations to our Representative Volleyball teams for their success in the PDSSSC competition. Yrs 7/8 boys were runners up in this division losing to St Bishoy 41-45. Yrs 7/8 girls were the undefeated champions defeating St Clare 62-48. Yrs 9/10 girls were crowned champions defeating St Clare 62-53. Well done to our Volleyball representatives and coaches.**



## PARENT CORNER

Parents that purchased school family photos can download their digital copy at <https://www.snapix.com.au/access/1804121/>



**Parent Portal Username and Passwords** - If you have forgotten your Parent Portal password or username you will need to follow the instructions attached to this newsletter. If you are a new parent you can also use this information to access the Parent Portal.

**Community hubs** – Contact Afrah on 0401 451 686

**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](http://www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo)

**Alphabeta OOSH would like to invite all MCHF families to our Vacation Care program 16 to 27 April 2018** at Wentworthville Scouts Hall in Dunmore St. Vacation Care Activities range from \$50 to \$75 a day and rebates apply. Collect forms from Admin office or email [assistant@alphabeta.com.au](mailto:assistant@alphabeta.com.au). Alphabeta OOSH - 02 9831 4001.

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