



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 2: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

A warm welcome to all the existing and new families joining the Maronite College of the Holy Family Community. I assure you that your children will be in safe hands. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and are now ready to begin another successful school year.

### **SUCCESS IS NOT AN OPTION.....BUT AN EXPECTATION**

As we celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint Maroun on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, I wish all of you a very blessed feast day. I ask St Maroun to inspire us all to follow in his steps of holiness so that we may be able to reflect the face of God to everyone.

I would like to remind all Primary parents that there will be a very important Parent Information Night on Monday, 11 February 2019. It is imperative that at least one parent of each child in year K-6 be present at the meeting. The meeting will commence at 6.30 pm and will take place in the College Hall.

**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Secondary Swimming Carnival (Granville Pools) – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Primary Parent Information Evening – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30-7:30pm
- Photo Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
On Tuesday, students need to wear their full summer uniform **with a tie (boys) / tab tie (girls)** for the College photos but **NO BLAZER**.
- Secondary Parent Information Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30-7:30pm
- Ash Monday – 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Bullying Awareness Week – 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Welcome back to the start of another very exciting year! We have had a positive beginning to the term and are pleased to report how settled the students are.

### **New Primary Staff**

We welcome to the MCHF family the following new staff.

Mrs Eugenia Vrontas - Stage 1 Coordinator

Mr Christopher Perrett – Special Needs Coordinator

Ms Sandra Hanna – Kindergarten Red Class Teacher

Ms Souad Assaf – Year 3 Yellow Class Teacher

Ms Laurise Dasouqi – Year 5 Ruby Class Teacher

Ms Lamia Mourched – Year 6 Emerald Class Teacher

## Welcome to Kindergarten

This week we welcomed our new Kindergarten students to MCHF. It was a very calm start to the year for them and they are quickly settling into the daily routine of school. We also welcome all new parents to our school. I encourage you to get involved in school life. MCHF is very lucky to have an active parent community. Parents contribute in many ways, but your most valued contribution is time. We welcome parents who have the time to volunteer and assist our community.



## Parent Information Evening

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. We will begin in the Secondary Hall before moving to grade classrooms where you will hear more about your child's learning for the year. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher.

## Parent Volunteer Induction

We will be holding a Parent Volunteer Induction on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 2pm in the Primary Hall. This induction must be completed to enable you to assist in various voluntary roles at the College. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to be actively involved in the College. Further inductions will be held in Term 2 and Term 3 for those that cannot attend this term.

## New Furniture

New furniture has been purchased for the following Primary classrooms: Kindergarten, 1 Gold, 2 Jade, 3 Beige, 3 Orange, 4 Olive, 4 Amber and 5 Ruby. This furniture has not only brightened up our classrooms but will also allow for a more collaborative approach to our students' learning.





## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Welcome to our 2019 academic year. A special welcome to our new year 7 cohort, new students and families. We also welcome the following staff to our secondary department: Mr Gabrael (HSIE and RE), Ms Chaaban (HSIE and RE), Mr Cheung (HSIE and RE) and Ms Hoang (Maths for Term 1). Furthermore, the Secondary Leadership have restructured to introduce two new members – Ms Dalla (Director of Curriculum) and Ms Abdul-Ahad (Director of Pastoral Care).

A reminder to parents the College strives for presentation excellence. Therefore, all students must be in the correct summer uniform and adhere to the College grooming policy. The College does not accept inappropriate haircuts and styles. We request you respect this policy and address your child if they have been asked to rectify their grooming. The House polos (colour polos) are a compulsory uniform item and students are now permitted to wear the polos on Thursdays in addition to carnivals. The College sport polo is to be worn for PE lessons.

This week we have welcomed students from China to experience education in Australia. Some students from our College were assigned as their buddies and spent the week with them at the College. I thank the students who participated as buddies and for the remainder of students who welcomed our guests. A special commemorative assembly was held on Friday where we presented the Chinese students with a certificate of attendance and a show bag as a souvenir for their stay with us during the week.



This week we also celebrated the Feast of St Maroun and Honour Day where we congratulate our HSC High Achievers. These students were presented at a special Mass led by our Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and Fr Tony Sarkis (College Chaplain). This was followed by a morning tea to celebrate this achievement, not only for the students, however also for their parents, families and the College.



**Mr E. Asmar**  
Head of Secondary

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our HSC honour students on their exceptional results!

2018	Name	ATAR
<b>DUX (Part time Student)</b>	Justina Grace (All Rounder for 6 subjects band 6)	99.80
<b>DUX (Full time students)</b>	Jenny Moussa	97.20
	Christy El-Khoury	94.95
	Michelle Mereb	94.75
	Johnathon Yacoub	91.65
	Youssef Faddoul	91.20
	Layla Maroun	90.80
	Charbel Azzi	87.95
	Tatiana Nehme	86.85
	Chanelle Gharib	86.70
	Nicholas Fajloun	86.35
	Gina Sassine	85.90
	Rebecca Mansour	85.30
	Emily Zaiter	83.90
	Zaidan Moussa	83.55
	Joshua Nahmy	83.00

Special mention to Joy Akik for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State for Arabic Continuers.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- As the college shop ran out of MCHF hats, Secondary students can wear another hat to the swimming carnival, on Monday, until they restock.
- The MCHF house colour shirts **MUST** be worn on Monday, for the Secondary swimming carnival, and on Thursday's from next week.
- On Tuesday, students need to wear their full summer uniform **with a tie (boys) / tab tie (girls)** for the College photos but **NO BLAZER**.

### **An Important Message from the School Crossing Supervisor**

Dear Parents and Students,

As we are now in a new school year for 2019 there are some important School Crossing rules that need to be advised to all Parents and Students during peak hour times when a School Crossing Supervisor is present:

- You Must wait at Red/White Stripe candy poles - please do not stand close to School Crossing Supervisor
- Never walk out with School Crossing Supervisor - you must wait until School Crossing Supervisor has given you the OK to cross
- You must **NOT** walk out on your own - The School Crossing Supervisor needs to keep traffic of vehicles flowing so traffic does not get too congested, please wait until School Crossing Supervisor has stopped vehicles and has given you the **OK** to cross
- Students must **NOT** RUN, SKIP, Walk-backwards or use MOBILE PHONES while on crossing

**Safety is important during Peak hour times from: 8:00AM - 9:30AM & 2:50PM - 3:50PM**

Please show your respect & obey instructions from the School Crossing Supervisor during these peak hour times.

## PARENT CORNER

### Parent Association

The Parent Association will be holding its first meeting and afternoon tea for 2019 on Monday 18th February at 1:00pm in D001 (Infants Playground). This is a great opportunity to get involved in fundraising events such as the College Fete, Independence Day and the Mother's and Father's Day Stall. It is also a great way to get to know the school community and meet other parents. We especially look forward to meeting our new College parents and hope you will join us for an exciting year of events.

If you would like further details, please contact Mary Bechara on 0411 033231 or the college administration.

### BYOD Link and Code –

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: MCHF BYOD2019

Events: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/> For E-newsletter email [admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

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### 2019 MCHF FETE



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
from 10am–3pm

The day will include rides, games, Chocolate Wheel, bargain basement, entertainment, stalls, activities plus much more! If you would like to donate or sponsor, please contact Mr Elie Asmar at the College or email [easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:easmar@mchf.nsw.edu.au)



Come and play Junior Rugby League

Boys and Girls Aged  
4.5 – 11 years old are welcome

Registration held Fridays Nights  
6-7pm

Training Friday Nights  
6-7pm

Games Played Sundays

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