



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 7: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

### *Feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Christian Family – 19<sup>th</sup> March*

A very happy St Joseph's Feast Day to all our Father's and all who carry the name of Joseph. I would like to extend a particular word of encouragement to all fathers, so that they may take St Joseph as their model.

In God's love

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



*Almighty God,  
As you once sent the  
almighty Joseph  
to protect and provide for  
Mary and Jesus,  
so now send the Spirit  
that guided him  
to protect us in all our  
ways.  
Joy to you all on this  
Happy Feast!*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 3 Athletics Clinic – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Year 12 Physics Excursion – 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons – 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April
- Our College is hosting *Speaking 4 the Planet*- 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Year 8 Camp – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 3:30-7:30pm
- Year 11/12 RE Excursion – 11<sup>th</sup> April
- K-12 Lent Mass at OLOL (9am) – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 1 Ends – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2 Begins for Students – 30<sup>th</sup> April

**College Tour Dates...** For tour bookings, please complete the booking form available at <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/college-tours/>

- *Term 1 Tour – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (Done)*
- Term 2 Tour – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 3 Tour – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Today marks the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The theme this year is, 'Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.' Primary students spent the week engaging in activities designed to develop awareness of bullying in our community. They learnt how to recognise the signs of bullying and how they could take action to address the issue. The aim of the week was to empower our students so that they could assist in creating a safer community for everyone. The highlight for me was hearing the positive conversations amongst our students about the topic of bullying. I was also impressed with the creativity that all classes demonstrated in drama lessons and the Classroom Door Display competition.



To complete our Bullying Awareness program this week, Years 3 to 6 were treated to a performance by our high school students. This experience allowed our students to observe situations where bullying can occur in our community and how the situation can be resolved. Class discussions after the performance enabled individuals the opportunity to share their opinions and apply some of the knowledge they acquired throughout the week.

### Mass

Today we celebrated mass to honour the Feast Day of St Joseph. We gave thanks for St Joseph's humility, faithfulness and attentiveness to the way he listened deeply to the call of God. Thank you to Sr Cynthia and the Year 6 teachers and students who assisted in preparing the mass.



### Learning Centre News

This week Mrs LeMerle with the assistance of some SRC members, began a Book Club in the Learning Centre. These sessions included story time as well as some book related activities. This initiative aims to foster a love of reading in our students. Book Club will be held each Monday and Tuesday during Break 2.



### School Uniform

Just a friendly reminder that all students must attend school in the correct uniform for that day. This includes wearing the school hat when outside. It is expected that all students have suitable hairstyles that are consistent with the College's expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. If for any reason your child cannot wear their full school uniform, a note to the class teacher is required. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Mr D. Day**  
Head of Primary



## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

This week was an important week at the College where we hosted our annual Bullying Awareness Week with this year's theme being **#STOPTHEBULLYING**. The week is planned to coincide with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence which is held on the third Friday of March each year. It is an opportunity for our College and Australian schools to highlight the everyday work to counter bullying and violence. Furthermore, it is an opportunity to send the message to our students the importance of the College being an anti-bullying environment and reporting and speaking up against bullying. The National Day gives us a chance to reignite the national conversation about bullying and work together to find lasting solutions. We all have a role to play and it's important that as a College community we are embracing input from our students. We know one in four students experience bullying and that it can have long lasting impacts.

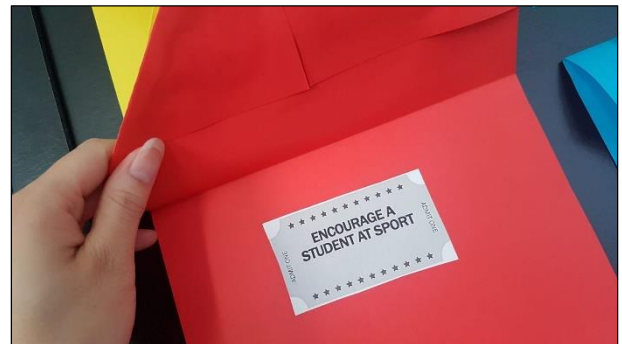
The activities held in this year's bullying awareness week included watching short videos during morning homeroom, bullying pledges, poster making activities, invisible theatre activities, Kahoot challenges, prayer writing, watching the movie "Cyberbully" in the Learning Centre and an in-house bullying production. The main event was the splash of red where students were permitted to wear red accessories as a symbol to stand up against bullying. I thank Mr Abboud and Ms Youssef for coordinating the week along with all the staff, the Bullying Ambassadors and the students for getting behind and supporting the week.

This week our Year 7 students participated in their learn to swim program over three days and am proud to say they were excellent in completing the program. Their instructors and the teachers that attended with them commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic they were.

Our staff have continued this week attending after school workshops to analyse the 2018 HSC results and identify improvement strategies to implement with our future students to ensure our HSC results continue to improve.

Have a great week.

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Head of Secondary**





## CONGRATULATIONS

**All Rounder Awards** – (Kinder Rose) Julianna Fenianos – (1 Lilac) Gaia El Khoury, Georgia Hobeiche, Charbel Namnoum, Charbel Diab, Lucia Grace Saad, Jacob Abou Haydar – (1 Green) Matthew Abi-Khattar, John Daher, James Koura, Charbel Georges Sleiman, Sireen Mary Sukkar – (2 Diamond) Hiam Katrib, Charbel Taouk – (3 Beige) Catalina Sleiman – (3 Yellow) Matthew Elcham – (3 Orange) John Melhem – (5 Sapphire) Elie Al-Ekhtiyar, Olivia Bechara, Alex Moussa - (Year 7) Christiane Daher, Tiana Bou Melhem

**Bronze award** – (1 Green) Sally Zeydan

## THIS AND THAT

Our Parent Association will be selling tickets for our Easter Raffle starting **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Tickets will be sold every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8am-8:40am in the Infants, Primary and Secondary Playgrounds. The cost of the tickets will be **\$1 each or 12 for \$10**.



(Bottom-Left) Years 7 and 8 Girls Soccer Champions with their coach, Ms Chaaban. (Bottom-Right) Intermediate Boys Oztag were premiers last season. Congratulations boys and proud coach, Ms Zaferis!



Year K-12 Feast Day of St Joseph Mass. Students are wearing a splash of red to support the National Day of action against bullying and violence...



This year's theme - **#STOPTHEBULLYING**

## PARENT CORNER

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### When your child needs to be picked up early:

Please send a note with your child in the morning – They can be found at the back of the school diaries, or you can just write one up. The note must contain the date, time you will be picking your child/children up and the reason.

Secondary students must have their notes signed by their Year Advisors and Primary students by their class teachers.

Students are not to leave school early unless the reason is urgent or medical.

No parent is to come to the College, unannounced, to pick up their child/children unless it is due to an unavoidable emergency.

Please remember – According to College and Government policies, your child should be at school during school hours.

#### BYOD Link and Code –

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School Code: MCHFBYOD2019

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## COMMUNITY HUB



(Above-Right) Come and join our friendly English Conversation course, with a professional TAFE teacher, every Wednesday from 1-3pm. Learn new things and make new friends while you talk.

(Above-Left) Boxing for fitness! Fitness class is held every Tuesday Morning from 9-10am. It is run by Parramatta Council, with a special trainer, and is absolutely free.



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