



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 8: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

We would like to remember all the faithful departed in our families, school community and the many people who lost their lives in the tragedy that occurred recently in Christchurch, New Zealand. For all those who are mourning, struggling and in despair. Let us pray....

Dear Lord  
Embrace in your loving arms  
all who are grieving the loss of family and loved ones through tragic circumstance;  
Where lives are in turmoil,  
hope turns to despair and pain is all that's felt.  
Be with them in their sorrow,  
uphold them with your strength,  
and through the generosity of love shown by others and your  
presence within their hearts,  
may they know they are not alone in their struggle through today.  
Amen



In God's love,

Sr Irene Boughosn  
PRINCIPAL

## ★★★★ SPECIAL THANKS ★★★★★

A very special **thank you** to our first Walkathon sponsor who has asked to remain anonymous. It's wonderful that our first donation comes from one of our MCHF families. This generous contribution will pay for most of our printing and is greatly appreciated!

*Heartfelt* ♥

# THANKS



**ATTENTION ALL GENEROUS SOULS!** We are hoping to add more thank you's to this page! For sponsorship details, please scroll down to the last page...

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic progress and social development. Even as children grow older and more independent, families still play a key role in ensuring that their child is at school every day. We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health issues or other circumstances. However, we also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, it will affect their learning and progress. For example, if a child misses just one day of school a fortnight, that will equate to 4 weeks for the year. If that pattern continued during their 13 years of schooling, then that day a fortnight would be equal to nearly one and a half years of learning lost.

Partial absences also have a detrimental effect to your child's learning. Students who habitually arrive late to school will miss out on vital elements of the day such as morning routines and literacy instruction. Being late to school also has an impact on a student's social development as they miss the opportunity to socialise with their friends at the beginning of the day. Leaving early also has similar effects to student's academic progress. We understand that at times appointments for a specialist and the like are unavoidable, but these need to be planned and if at all possible should occur outside of school hours.

### Communication with Teachers

Parent and teacher communication is encouraged at our school. Can I please remind parents again, that if you wish to speak to a teacher regarding any concern you have with your child you are required to make an appointment through the main office. Trying to speak to your child's teacher in the morning during assembly or whilst on class is not permitted. Teachers have a duty of care to all students once the bell has rung. I would also like to remind parents to be respectful in the way that you approach and speak to any staff member at the College.

### Parent Helpers

At the Parent Induction Sessions held earlier this term, it was clearly stated that parents must keep any issues regarding students at the College confidential. Please ensure that you continue to comply with the College Policy.

### Athletics Clinic

This term our College received funding from Sporting Schools Australia. The funding is a Government initiative aimed to encourage and promote healthier and more active lifestyles in young children. We are using this funding to run an Athletics Australia clinic for all Year 3 students. The program is designed to help students develop their ability and confidence around athletics-based skills in a fun environment.



### Cake Stall

Yesterday, the Year 6 Student Representative Council and Sport Captains organised and coordinated a cake stall to raise funds for educational resources. Thank you to the parents of our Year 6 students who generously supplied the many delicious treats on the day. A big thank you also to Ms Mourani, the Year 6 teachers and those students who assisted, for their efforts on the day.



**Mr D. Day**  
**Head of Primary**

## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Our SRC students have been quite active for during the week assisting with Project Compassion, organising the Mufti Day coming up on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and planning the 3 a side basketball tournament. It is great to see them contributing to the life of the College. This is one of the areas that makes our College great – when we see all stakeholders working together.

The important role of parents/guardians contributes immensely to the success of their child at the College. It is evident that when parents/guardians are supportive of all facets of the College, the development of their child benefits in a positive manner. Therefore, it is vital and required from parents/guardians that the College policies and procedures are maintained, supported and adhered to at all times. When we have parents/guardians respecting the policies and procedures of the College, then the child will also.

Furthermore, it needs to be reminded that students must be at the College on time and more importantly parents/guardians must remind their child to make their way immediately to their area on arrival. We have had instances where students are being dropped off, but are not entering the College grounds until half an hour later.

It is important to appreciate the importance of branding. As a College community, we strive to ensure we promote a positive and professional brand. This means that we need to ensure our students are well presented and groomed at all times. Tucking shirts in, wearing ties correctly, ensuring appropriate haircuts, appropriate amount of jewellery etc. are all examples of what makes a positive and professional College brand. Please ensure this is a focus in your home and supported.

Finally, and most importantly, we acknowledge the terrific work, attitude and cooperation of the majority of our students and parents/guardians. Have a great week!



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

*Thank you to Constable Dukic for educating Ms Esber's Yr 12 Legal Studies on the rights of Young Offenders.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 3 Athletics Clinic – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Secondary Students Mufti Day – 26<sup>th</sup> March (\$2 donation)
- 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)



## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

**All Rounder Awards** – (Kindy Red) Mary Bella Taouk, Mary Merheb, Raphael Merheb - (Kindy Rose) Annabella Daher - (Kindy Blue) Matthew Sassine - (1Lilac) Eliana Eljer, Sophie Esber, Clarita Deeb, Julian Basnet, Jayden Antonis, Antoun Nakhoul, Richard Seeman, Theresa Bassil, Eva Nakhoul, Amelia Akkoui, Jan Shalhoub, Julian Azar, Youssef Elias, Isabella Marie Zaher - (1 Green) Christean Boumina, Christian El Khoury - (3 Orange) Veronica Youssef - (3 Lavender) May Nakhoul, Anthony Bouchaaya, Mariebelle Abdulahad, Sarah Taouk - (3 Beige) Mariam Jarges, Peter Sassine - (4 Amber) April Zdrilic, Julien Nabhan

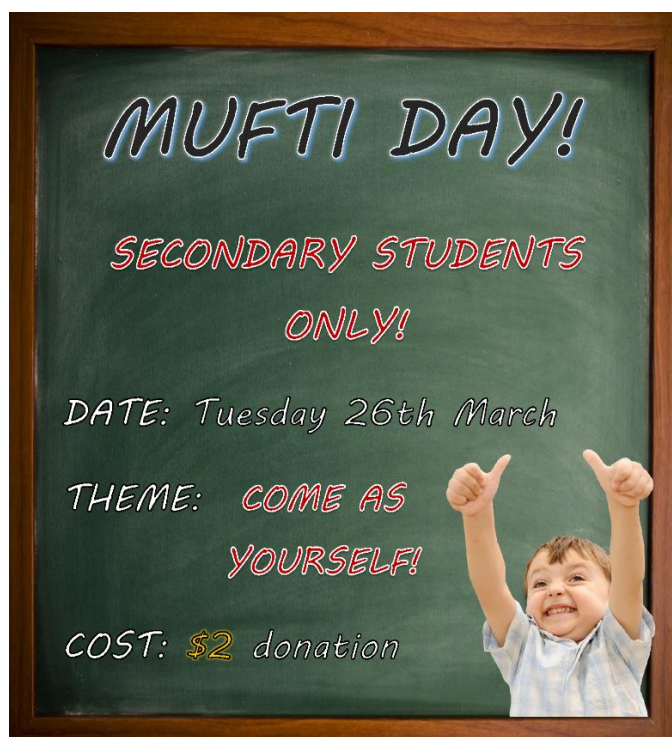
**Bronze award** – (1 Lilac) Lucia Saad, Georgia Hobeiche, Gaia El Khoury - (3 Lavender) Annalise Khoury

**Silver award** –

**Principal's Award** – Never Give Up! Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

## 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**.



(Top-Right) Therese Abi-Khattar represents our College in Public Speaking. The kid on the left gives her the two thumbs up of approval! Great job, Therese!

## 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 –**

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

School Code: MCHFBYOD2019

**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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# **MCHF IS LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR OUR 2019 WALK-A-THON**

## **MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF AND RESOURCES FOR OUR COLLEGE**

Any offer under \$500 – Your name is mentioned on the back of the pamphlet and on the Electronic board (for the two weeks leading up to the Walkathon) with the amount donated.

\$500 – The business advertisement (jpg) is posted on the electronic board for the two weeks leading up to the Walkathon and on the back of the pamphlet. The advertisement will take up the entire page of the electronic board.

The Walkathon is on 14<sup>th</sup> August so the Electronic board will run the advert from 29<sup>th</sup> July up until and including 14<sup>th</sup> August.

If you are a kind-hearted generous person, and are able to help our College give our students the best we can, please contact Georgette on 9633 6600 or Email: [gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

