



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 9: Friday 29th March 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn



The Theme for 2019 will be based on our College motto 'To Know, Love and Serve.'

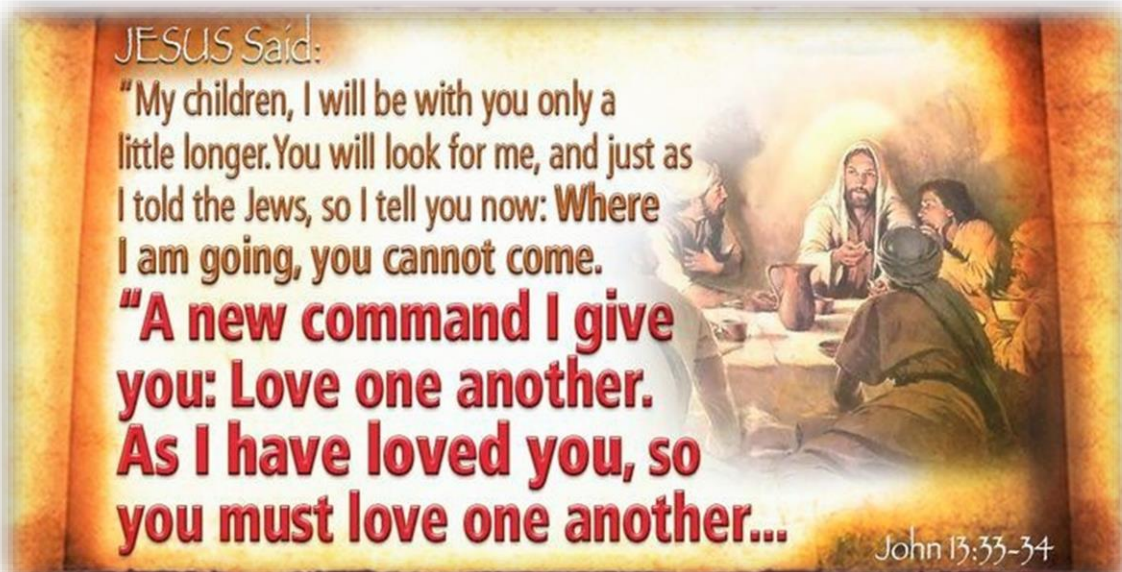
We will take 'To **Love**' as our focus for the year.

To **Love** God – this is our ultimate purpose in life.

To realise that God is **love** and we matter to God.

To **Love** oneself – in our journey of life we will be faced with positive and negative realities about ourselves. We can only become the person we are meant to be when we know ourselves honestly.

As St John writes (1 John 4:16,17), 'God is **love**, Who-ever lives in **love** lives in God, and God in him. In this way, **love** is made complete among us.'



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!

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

The Parent Association would like to thank you the following donators who have kindly donated Easter hampers. We have 10 beautiful hampers to be won and these will be drawn at the Primary assembly on Tuesday 9th April.

Craft_Supplies, Hayley Bazouni, Sonia Tatian, Angela Najja and Fabiolla Kanaan (Je'Taime Flowers & Chocolate Decorations).

Also a big thankyou to all the parents who have been helping in selling tickets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Quite often I am told about the struggle many parents have with getting their children to read at home. There are many fun and engaging ways you can encourage your child to read. Inviting your child to join you in every day reading routines provide authentic reading opportunities. Reading a recipe to follow instructions while you're cooking, looking up information on the internet or reading the instructions for a new game or gadget are just a few. For a reluctant reader, it is always a good idea to look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or craft. Watching television programs and age-appropriate movies that are based on books can also serve as a catalyst for reading. Being a good role model for your child is also important so that they can develop a love a reading.

Holy Communion Preparation

This week our Year 4 students continued their journey in preparing for their First Holy Communion. Sr Cynthia guided the students through some practical activities about the Seven Sacraments. A big thank you to the Year 11 students who assisted as group leaders on the day.



Year 6 Rice Lunch

This week, our Year 6 students were asked to reflect on and be thankful for all that God has provided for them. Students were invited to experience what life is like for those who are less fortunate than themselves by participating in the annual MCHF Rice Lunch. Being involved in the lunch allowed the students to experience the quantity and quality of food that people in third-world countries eat on a daily basis. Thank you to Ms Mourani, the Year 6 teachers and the parents who assisted in the cooking of the rice.



Writing Superstars

This week a number of Kindergarten students rushed to the office to show Sr Irene their fantastic pieces of writing. Sr was amazed at the students' writing ability and their enthusiasm towards their learning.

Message from Mrs LeMerle

If you're looking for something exciting for your children to do in the upcoming school holidays, then perhaps head down to your local library. All City of Parramatta Libraries run school holiday programs for children. The programs offered include literature based activities involving art, craft and design. Registration is already open. For more information, go to www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to our year 12 parents/guardians that on Wednesday 10th April 2019 the parent/teacher interviews will be held. The meetings commence from 3:30pm until 7:30pm with a 30 minute dinner break from 5:30pm. A letter with all the details has already been issued to year 12 students and bookings are now open through the Parent Portal. Please make the time and the effort to meet with all teachers and have open discussions with them regarding your child's progress. This is the final opportunity to have these discussions before their HSC trial exams.

Social Justice Mass

On Friday 29th March we held our Social Justice Mass prepared by our year 10 students. Thank you to the year 10 students and staff who assisted and prepared for this Mass.

Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8 students will be attending their camp at Wiseman's Ferry from Wednesday 3rd April until Friday 5th April. The students attending are extremely excited as are the staff members accompanying them. We wish them all the best and we hope they enjoy this experience. Please note that there is very minimal to no reception at the venue, however, the College will be in daily contact with the staff at the camp. If you would like any updates please contact the College. We will do our best to provide updates via our College Facebook page.



SRC

I would like to highlight the amazing work the SRC students have been doing this term. Last week they held their mufti day and raised \$890. They are also continuing to assist with raising funds for Project Compassion including hosting the 3-a-side Basketball Tournament.

Year 11 Elevate Education Session

This week, year 11 attended their elevate education session titled "Ace Your Exams" focusing on strategies they can implement to perform to the best of their abilities in exams. We hope the session was beneficial for the students and will assist them in their preparation and performance in exams.

Afternoon Detentions

I would like to clarify some points regarding afternoon detention. Firstly, afternoon detentions are a form of disciplinary action that the College has in its Student Development Policy. We acknowledge and appreciate that it can, at times, be an inconvenience for you as parents as you feel that you are the ones being disciplined. Unfortunately, staff who are rostered to supervise these feel the same way. Students must acknowledge their mistakes and take ownership of their actions. Afternoon detentions are a mandatory consequence in our policy, therefore, the College would appreciate your support in this matter.

Chapel Program

This term we commenced a program for our Chapel led by Sr Cynthia. The weekly program includes Masses being celebrated every Tuesday at lunch (1:25pm) and Thursday mornings (8am). Furthermore, an adoration session is held every Friday morning at 8:15am. Please encourage your child to attend these opportunities. We are extremely fortunate and blessed to have this service under the leadership and guidance of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family and the College Chaplains.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

College Tour Dates... For tour bookings, please complete the booking form available at

<http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/college-tours/>

- Term 2 Tour – Wednesday 29th May
- Term 3 Tour – Wednesday 28th August
- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20th November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Joseph Richard Dababneh, Carlos Boumina, Jean-Paul Bechara, Joe Obeid, Andrew Ters, Marie Antoinette Youssef, Joseph Sassine, Alyssa Dababneh, Jeana Bou Mehem, George Merheb, Jovan Achy, James Akoury, Natalia Aktila, Genevieve Eskaff, Charbel Feghali, Jude Hasham, Charlise Ishak, Dahey Maalouf, Jason Sader, Angela Sammour, Bernadette Yaacoub, George Bousaid, Elijah Ghabach, Rene El-Khoury, George Esber, William Taouk, Jason Azar, George Saba, Georgia El-Khoury, Peter Germanos

Bronze award – Heavannah Faith Nehme, Natasha Younane, Rebecca Boustani, Julien Nabhan

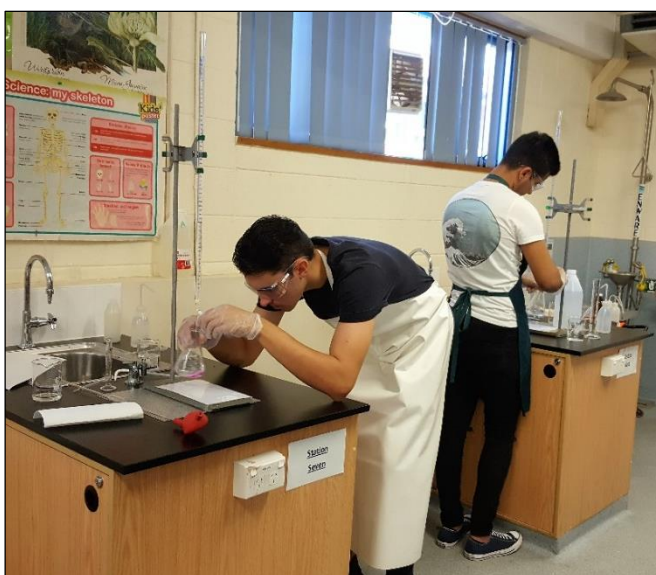
THIS AND THAT

(Bottom-Left) Congratulations to Joseph Assi of Year 4 for coming 2nd in the U/8's 50 metre Breaststroke at the Metro South West Sprint Meet at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Saturday the 23th March 2019.

(Bottom-Right) Under the guidance of Ms Sarlog, Year 9 used their creativity to construct Anti-Bullying Posters that promoted awareness of the types of bullying and how to stop it.



(Bottom-Left) Well done to Year 8 for submitting some outstanding Medieval dioramas for their History assessments. (Bottom-Right) Year 12 Chemistry students doing their Titration Task.



Winners and Runners Up of the 2019 SLAM Poetry Anti-Bullying Competition.



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

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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 14th August so the Electronic board will run the advert from 29th July up until and including 14th August.

If you 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

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Are passionate about community work? Then is the course for you. The training will provide you with the skills and knowledge to communicate effectively with clients, colleagues, management and other industry providers. You will learn how to prioritise the individual's needs, and to respond to immediate needs.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

- CHCCOM005 – Communicate and work in health and community services
- CHCCOM001 – Provide first point of contact
- CHCDIV001 – Work with diverse people

THIS COURSE ALSO PROVIDES:

A pathway to CIII in Community Services.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Register your interest in the course now. Potential start date in term 2 2019.

Once participants and course start date is confirmed we will notify you of further details.

COURSE SNAPSHOT

Location: Maronite College of the Holy Family

Course: Statement of Attainment in Introduction to Community Services Work

Cost: FREE *Fully Government Subsidised Student training program for eligible students. For eligibility criteria information please go to: smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/are-you-eligible

Dates and Times: One day per week - Starting term 2 2019

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