



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 10: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn



I take this opportunity to thank all our parents especially the ones who participate regularly in our school life, helping with reading groups and activities. Your help is very much appreciated.

To our dedicated staff and all the students wishing you all a very Blessed Easter and a safe relaxing break.

To all our devoted parents please ensure that your children are taking part in the Liturgical services in the Church at all times but in particular during Holy Week. Hoping we all enjoy the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday and can proclaim with faith, **Jesus is Risen, He is truly risen.**



In God's Love

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

## ★★★ SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS ★★★

A very special **thank you** to **Mrs Norma Douaihy** (Claudia's Kitchen PL) and our **anonymous** sponsor who have both made extremely generous donations to our College Walkathon.

*That's our printing costs taken care of – Someone please help us pay for the food and drinks for our wonderful students!*

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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

As Term 1 draws to a close, it's worth reflecting on your child's journey so far this year. In the past eleven weeks you will have noticed changes in their academic, social and emotional development. The work our staff do on a daily basis to develop the students in their care is immense and never stops. To support their commitment and passion, it is important that parents find ways to ensure students continue to learn in the holidays. I'm not suggesting formal lessons, but simple activities that will continue to stimulate your child's mind and enhance their skills. Continuous reading during the break will have a major impact on your child's retention of literacy skills. Not engaging in any form of reading over the two-week break could see a dramatic drop in reading levels as students fail to hold on to newly developed skills. As one quarter of the learning at school this year is now complete, it is a good opportunity to take some time and focus on the current achievement levels of your child. A parent's perspective is always enlightening. To enable the best outcomes for your child to be achieved, ensure you have communicated any concerns you have to the class teacher. This will allow the teacher to work with you to achieve your child's goals.

If you are going away these holidays, enjoy yourself and keep safe. On behalf of all the Primary staff, I would like to thank you for a great start to the school year!

### Holiday Literacy Tips

Below are some fun activities you can do with your children during the holidays to ensure that their minds are kept active and newly acquired skills are maintained.

1. Cook using a recipe to follow instructions.
2. Look for information on the internet.
3. Read instructions for using a new game or gadget.
4. Read a brochure or article about a place to which the family may travel during the holidays.
5. Talk with your child about characters and events in stories or movies and act out the story together.
6. Have books, comics and other reading materials available during transition times, such as plane rides or while waiting for an appointment.
7. Listen to audio books.
8. Subscribe your child to a comic or magazine and take turns reading to each other.
9. Look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or crafts.
10. Write every day - Ask your child to send postcards, letters or emails to grandparents, relatives or friends.
11. Encourage your child to write a daily journal or diary.
12. Write short stories and make mini books or comic strips. Use holiday photos as a stimulus for the stories.
13. Write shopping or packing lists together.
14. Play *I Spy*, charades, rhyming games or write funny songs and poems together.

### Farewell

Today we say goodbye to Ms Jessica Azzi who has been a member of the MCHF staff for over seven years. I would like to thank her for her contributions to the College as both a class teacher and more recently as the Stage 3 Coordinator. Ms Azzi's dedication and passion has inspired both students and staff. We wish her all the best for her upcoming wedding and for the future.

### SRC and Sport Captain Announcement

Congratulations to Joseph Youssef for being selected to join the Primary Student Representative Council and Monique Abou Touma for being awarded Sports Captain. Both students received their badges during the Primary Assembly on Tuesday. Another two students will be chosen at the end of Term 2.



### **Hands On Learning** (Photo on previous page)

Year 1 have been busy constructing their very own computers. The purpose of this activity is for students to begin to develop an understanding of computer systems and their functions. This lesson is based upon content contained in the new Digital Technologies section of the Science and Technology Syllabus.

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

## **HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE**

### **Staff Farewell**

As we conclude term 1, we take this opportunity to thank and farewell the following members of staff who conclude with us at the end of this term: Ms C Hoang, Mr A Wehbe and Ms M Reboredo (Secondary Psychologist).

### **Staff Professional Development Session**

The Secondary Staff attended a professional development session on Monday focusing on updating their knowledge and skills with the use of the College's learning management system – Moodle.

### **Stations of the Cross** (Photo right ->)

Our Year 9 and 10 students attended a special Stations of the Cross liturgy led by Fr Danny Nouh at OLOL Co-Cathedral on Wednesday this week. The liturgy was an effective experience for our students as they had the opportunity to pray and reflect on the events that led to the death of Jesus Christ. Thank you to Sr Cynthia for assisting with the preparation of the liturgy. Also a thank you to Michael Nouh of Year 12 for leading with the responses and singing of the hymns.



### **Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews were held this week. Parents/Guardians of our year 12 students had their final opportunity to meet and discuss each student's progress in the HSC course. If any parent/guardian was unable to attend the interviews, then a signed letter was required to be submitted to the Year 12 Advisor, Ms Pietak. The College will not be arranging for any catch up interviews. If a parent/guardian missed the interviews and would like to meet with any teacher, then please contact the College to request for an interview. Semester 1 Year 12 Reports will be released by Friday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### **End of Term Lenten Mass**

Today we celebrated our final Mass for the term which was prepared and led by our Year 9 students focusing on the Lenten Season. Thank you to the students who assisted with the Mass either through reading, offertory, choir or altar serving.

### **Term 2 Student Uniform and Grooming**

A reminder that all students must be wearing their winter uniform commencing term 2. This includes ties and blazers for all students. The jumper is optional. Also a reminder to ensure your child complies with the College's grooming code on return from term break.



*Years 11-12 Studies of Religion (2U) excursion to  
The Great Synagogue, Sydney*



## End of Term 1

As we conclude the first term, I take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents/guardians for a yet another busy but rewarding term. I have mentioned on several occasions that in order for a student's education to be a success, all stakeholders need to be actively involved in the process – parents/guardians, students and staff. It is important for students to not simply stop with their studies. Students should make time throughout the break to catch up, revise content or even work ahead and prepare for term 2. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable term break as we commence Passion (Holy) Week as we remember the events of Jesus' final days on earth leading to his death and resurrection. A blessed Easter to you all. Christ has Risen, He has Truly Risen!

Mr E. Asmar  
Head of Secondary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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** – Jacinta Sassine, Mabelle Khoury, Jacqueline Haklani, Julian Baissari, Ava Therese Melhem, Amelia Yaacoub, Elizabeth May Azzi, Mariah Mary Elia (Kindy) ~ Charbel Mawad, Maroun Katrib, John Paul Khoury, Joe Sassin (Year 1) ~ Cynthia Makari, Julian Licha, Alexia Yaacoub, Tony El Krrina, Charbel Baaklini, Jayden Sassine, Christian Bazouni, Charbel Maroun, Fadia Taouk, Johnathan Dib, Celine Youssef, Abraham Barissari, Yohanan Suresh Saisurya (Year 2) ~ Cynthia Rahme, Jamie Wakim (Year 3) ~ Mary Naim, Anthony Sleiman (Year 4) ~ Rafka Semaan, Clarita Fajloun Robbie El-Bazouni (Year 11)

**Bronze award** – Charlise Sassine, Mary Merheb, David Kozah (Kindy) ~ Jacob Abou Haydar, Julian Azar, Eliana Eljer (Year 1) ~ Juliana Licha (Year 3) ~ Jason Azar, Youssef Sarkis, Elias Tannous (Year 4)

**Silver award** – Lucia Grace Saad (Year 1) ~ Natasha Younane (Year 2)

## THIS AND THAT



End of Term Lent Mass



Thank you to all our Staff and Students who worked hard to make this an amazing experience for us!





Primary Assembly... Congratulations to all award winners!



Antonio Nakhoul presented a range of ethical situations about abortion and children to Year 10 girls. The goal of the discussion was to open up their minds and to not pass judgment even if they think they are right....





## PARENT CORNER

The MCHF Mother's Day stall will be taking place on Thursday 9th May.  
Here are some of the gifts that will be sold at the stall...



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\$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 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)

## THE LEARNING SPOT – TERM 1 HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL
<b>Year 3 NAPLAN Workshop</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> Grade 3 only <b>Price:</b> \$70	<b>School Readiness Fun</b> Exploring literacy and numeracy through hands-on activities. Pre-kinder and kindergarten students encouraged to attend.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> 3-6years old <b>Price:</b> \$50	<b>Egg-citing Easter</b> Preparing for Holy Week through Godly play, Easter craft and interactive activities.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> 5- 12 years old <b>Price:</b> \$50	<b>Marvellous Mathematicians</b> Investigating Mathematics through fun and engaging activities. Encouraging 2 <sup>1st</sup> Century critical thinkers.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> 5- 12 years old <b>Price:</b> \$50	CLOSED
<b>Year 5 NAPLAN Workshop</b> <b>Time:</b> 1:30-4:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 Hours <b>Ages:</b> Grade 5 only <b>Price:</b> \$70				
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	HOLIDAY DISCOUNT	
CLOSED	<b>Young Artists</b> Create and make through Visual Arts. Learn new techniques and express creativity using different mediums.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> 5- 12 years old <b>Price:</b> \$50	<b>Crazy Scientists!</b> Fun-filled experiments designed to nurture scientific curiosity. <b>Time:</b> 9:30- 12:30pm <b>Duration:</b> 3 hours <b>Ages:</b> 7- 12 years old <b>Price:</b> \$50	<b>Bring a sibling, relative or friend and receive \$ 10 off each child.</b>  <b>T&amp;C's:</b> Students must be attending the <b>same</b> session on the same day to receive the discount. Excludes NAPLAN Workshop and Movie Night.  <b>CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.</b> <b>Email:</b> admin@thelearningspot.com.au <b>Phone:</b> 0481 822 142	
		<b>Pyjama Movie Night</b> Exclusive to The Learning Spot students only. Snacks included. Bring your own pillow and blanket. <b>Time:</b> 6-8pm <b>Duration:</b> 2 hours <b>Ages:</b> 5- 12 years old <b>Price:</b> \$15		





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### Hub Activities

- Fitness Classes
- Dancing Classes
- Cooking class
- English conversation group
- Parents workshops



## Maronite College of the Holy Family

### 2019 Timetable Term 2



## Maronite College of the Holy Family

### 2019 Term 2 Activities Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p><u>Fitness Class</u> Every Tuesday morning, we have our fitness class from 9:00-10:00 with our professional trainer from Parramatta council.</p> <p><u>Parents workshops</u> The Hub will run a workshops for parents covering different topics every second Tuesday from 10:30am-11:30am TBC</p>	<p><u>Story Time Playgroup</u> Every second Wednesday the Hub will run a bilingual story time play group From 11:00-1:00.</p> <p><u>English Conversation</u> This term the Hub is running an English conversation course From 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p><u>TAFE course</u> The Hub is running Community service course facilitated by TAFE. TBC</p> <p><u>Cooking Class</u> come and join our cooking class and learn new recipes and cooking ideas every Thursday from 1:30pm-3:00pm.</p>	<p><u>Dancing Class</u> This Term the Hub is running a dancing class. Starting week 3 For 6 weeks From 1:30pm-3:00pm \$5 Per lesson please full payment has to be paid in advance.</p>