



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 1: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

Welcome to Term 2 and I trust that we will work together as a community of staff, students and parents to ensure we achieve the best academically, socially and spiritually.

*Year 4 students will celebrate the  
Sacrament of First Holy Communion  
at 2pm, this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.  
May God bless them and their families.*



In God's Love

**Sr Irene Boughosn  
PRINCIPAL**



### St Elias Chapel Spiritual Programme

All Staff, Students and Parents are invited to celebrate Mass in the Chapel as follows:

- Every Tuesday 8.00-8.30 am
- Every Thursday 8.00-8.30 am

In addition, all are invited to the following prayer sessions:

- Every Friday Eucharistic Adoration 8.00-8.30 am

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” - Phillipians 4:6**

## ★★★ 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!

You have until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May to make your sponsorship donations, if you would like to be mentioned on the backs of our Walkathon sponsorship pamphlets. Any donations afterwards will have a special mention in our newsletter and on our electronic board. For more details, please scroll down to the “Advertisements” section of the newsletter.



## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a blessed Easter and enjoyed the break with your children. For some, this time goes too quickly and for others the time can't end soon enough. It's an enjoyable part of a teacher's job listening to the children as they share their holiday adventures. They appreciate a break from the routine of school and cherish the family time that holidays provide.

This term is going to be another busy term. Staff have continued to work during the break to write class programs, prepare resources and complete administration tasks so that their students are given the best opportunity to learn. I thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work during the students' holiday break.

### Returning Staff

I would like to welcome back two staff members who are returning to work this term. Mrs Guinan will be teaching 6 Teal each Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Sadek will be working in the Learning centre every Thursday and Friday.

### ANZAC Day

Today the MCHF community commemorated ANZAC Day. This special day is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The word 'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Today we enjoy the freedom won for us by the ANZACs. We remember their sacrifice and we pray that the gift of peace, given to us by these brave people, will be treasured and protected for generations to come. Thank you to Ms Dimassi and Ms Njeim for organising such a beautiful ceremony.



### Holy Communion

Today our Year 4 students participated in Reconciliation as part of the final preparation for their Holy Communion tomorrow. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers for their special day.

### School Uniform

Term 2 has commenced and students are now required to wear the winter uniform. The College is flexible for the first couple of weeks in case it is still

unseasonably warm. Whichever uniform is worn, it must be full winter or full summer and not half of each. Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name as this makes it easy for any lost items to be returned.



### **Year 6 – Brazil Visit**

To enhance their learning of the Geography curriculum, students from Year 6 were visited by a guest speaker from Brazil. Mr Will informed the students about the different global, trade and migration connections Australia has with Brazil. One of the many interesting facts that was discussed is that Australia imports aircraft materials, juice and coffee from Brazil!



### **Earn and Learn**

A reminder that the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion is running from Wednesday 1st of May until Tuesday 25th of June. Parents and students who shop at Woolworths can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. Students then place the stickers on the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet which are available in store. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, students can simply give the sticker sheet to their classroom teacher to hold on to or they can place the sticker sheet in the Collection Box in the Primary office. Please encourage your children to bring these back as it benefits the school by boosting educational resources for student learning. It has been a great success over the past years and we hope that it will be even better this year. Happy shopping!

**Mr D. Day**

**Head of Primary**

## **HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE**

### **Welcome Back**

We welcome back our staff, students and parents/guardians to term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing term break refuelled for another busy term. We take this opportunity to welcome back Ms M Safi and Ms Y Douaihy who return from long service leave. Furthermore, we welcome back Ms C Khoury (Secondary Psychologist) who returns from parental leave.

### **Student Uniform and Grooming**

A reminder to parents/guardians that all students must be in winter uniform this term. Blazers and ties must be worn at all times. Also a reminder to parents/guardians that your child must ensure they adhere to the College's grooming code. Students of concern will be addressed accordingly which may include contacting the parent/guardian.

### **Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Interviews**

The College will be conducting the Year 7, 2020 enrolment interviews commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Parents/Guardians of our current year 6 will be meeting with members of staff from the secondary department to sign contracts and be informed of the enrolment process to prepare our future year 7 students.

### **Year 9 Elevate Education Session**

This week on Wednesday, our Year 9 students participated in their Elevate Education with the theme of the session being junior memory mnemonics. We hope the students found the session beneficial for their education.

### **Remembering ANZAC Day**

During the term break, four staff and students represented the College and attended the Parramatta ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The staff and students participated in the march commencing at 4:15am from Parramatta RSL to Prince Alfred Park for the Service where students laid a wreath during the Service. Thank you to Ms Gahdmar, Mr Abboud, Ms Nguyen, Mr Cheung along with the College Captains, Elie Nol and Carla Katrib and College Leaders Danni Makari and Charbel Feghali for representing the College.



At the College on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, we held our annual ANZAC Assembly where students remembered the ANZACS in various forms of presentation. Thank you to Ms Esber-Dayoub, the HSIE department and all staff and students who prepared and presented during the assembly.



### English and Mathematics Peer Mentoring

Commencing this term, the English and Maths Department will be commencing a Peer Mentoring Programme. This Programme is for any student in year 7-10 who is experiencing difficulties in Maths and/or English. They will be mentored by our selected senior students.

Students who would like assistance are asked to register and a mentor will be allocated. Due to a limited number of senior student mentors, there will be a limited number of students we can accept each week. Each student will have a mentor working with them one-on-one.

Math sessions will be held on Mondays at lunch and English will be held on Tuesdays at lunch. Thank you to Mr Sassine and Ms Moyer for setting up this programme.

**Mr E. Asmar**  
Head of Secondary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Immunisations
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 12 Advanced English Excursion
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – VET Work Placements Group 1
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Reflection Day
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers' Day Stall - ***Please go to our Facebook page to see gifts and prices.***
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers' Day Mass (Years K-12)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – VET Work Placements Group 2
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Enrolment Interviews - ***Year 6 parents are required to finalize their bookings via the Parent Portal by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 10pm.***
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – ***NAPLAN – PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO PARENT PAGE FOR DETAILS.***
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Years 9-12 Visual Arts Excursion
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 10 into (2020) 11 Subject Selection Evening, 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mass for Vocations (Years 7-12)
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Kindy Orientation



- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Years 9-10 Examinations
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Years 9-10 Timber Excursion
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Mass (Years K-6)
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

**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 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** – Justin Anthony Chiha, Georges Antonios Fahad, David Fouche, Reina Nour (Kindy) ~ Gezabell Makdessi, Gabriel Bou Assi, Angelina Moussa, Elizabeth Ayoub, Olivia Tawk, Ella Soukkar (Year 1) ~ Thea El Khoury, Mary Anne Habib, Mary Moubarak (Year 5)

**Bronze award** – Annabella Daher, Julianna Fenianos, Angela Hobeiche (Kindy) ~ Amelia Akkaoui, Jayden Antonios, Charbel Moubarak, Charbel Taouk (Year 1) ~ Aaliyah Halabi (Year 5)

**Silver award** – Jacob Abou Hayder, Georgia Hobeiche, Sally Zeydan (Year 1)

### THIS AND THAT



I'd like to highlight the efforts made by some dedicated teachers and some brave students who despite the cold morning and the early start have represented MCHF at THE DAWN SERVICE on ANZAC DAY 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

There were hundreds of people there and many other schools, sharing prayers, reflections and dedications in a very moving ceremony. Several people commented how nice it was to hear our college being announced to lay a wreath in commemoration of Service men and Service women who lost their life to protect our country.

Our dedicated teachers: **MRS GAHDMAR, MS NGUYEN, MR CHUNG**. Our brave students: **ELIE NOL, CARLA KATRIB, DANNI MAKARI, CHARBEL FEGHALI**. Sr **MARLENE**, organizing the wreath.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU! ~ Sr Irene Boughosn



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Staff completed their First Aid Training Certificate





On Saturday 20th April, 18 visual arts students visited the Art Gallery of NSW with Ms Sarlog, Ms Nguyen and Miss Teh. The group of keen students viewed the *Art Express 2019* and *The National 2019* exhibitions. The day was truly seized and we are very proud of the initiative taken by these students; it was a positive opportunity had by all.



Congratulations to our Years 7/8 boys Volleyball, 9/10 boys Volleyball, and 9/10 girls Volleyball teams on being crowned 2019 PDSSSC Champions. Well done to the students and coaches involved.

## PARENT CORNER

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2. Please call the number on the back of the opal card for assistance. They will ask you for the error code, so make sure it is near you when you call.

**The MCHF Mother's Day stall will be taking place on Thursday 9th May**  
Please go to our Facebook page to see gifts and prices.

### Parent Information Session: Induction to Child Protection/WHS Policy for Volunteers within the College

The College will be hosting a Parent Information Session for those parents intending to volunteer at the College this year. The Information Session will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 9am in the Primary Hall. This session is only for parents who could not attend the Term 1 sessions.

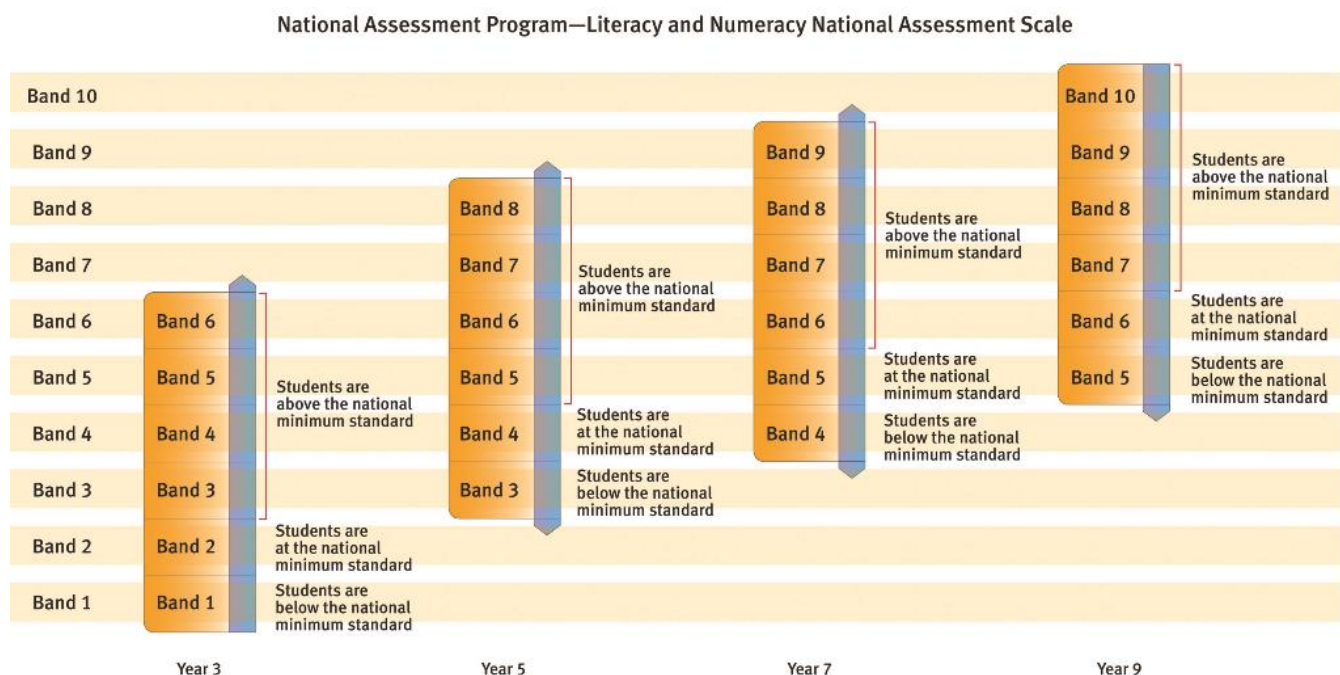
### NAPLAN

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting their NAPLAN exams in Week 3 this term. According to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, NAPLAN tests provide a wealth of data and information that are used by schools, governments and education authorities to inform decisions about the education of young Australians. They also act as a starting point to measure student academic growth post HSC. Further information can be located at the following website <https://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports>



**Can students study for NAPLAN?** No, but they can do practice tests to improve their skills and time management. Their teachers have been preparing them for this.

**What band level should my son/daughter be working towards?** This varies from student to student and between year levels. The diagram below should assist you in interpreting what the band levels mean.



#### How can I help my son/daughter during NAPLAN time?

- One key thing that you can do as a parent is to keep your child calm. Reassure them that these tests are designed to see where they are at from a literacy and numeracy perspective compared to other students in their age group in Australia.
- Remind them that every child in Australia in these Year groups are doing these tests, so they are not alone.
- Ensure that they actually are at school and sit each examination as a formal roll needs to be sent back for statistical purposes.
- Put screen time to good use. Download apps that encourage students to use their numeracy and literacy skills, rather than just gaming.
- Take an interest in how they are going with their preparation.

#### How will my son/daughter sit the tests?

These tests will be completed in NAPLAN booklets and each test will have a designated time frame in which to complete it. Class teachers will notify Primary students of times. For Year 7 and 9 students, a timetable listing all details will be emailed once it is complete.

#### What will my son/daughter need for the tests?

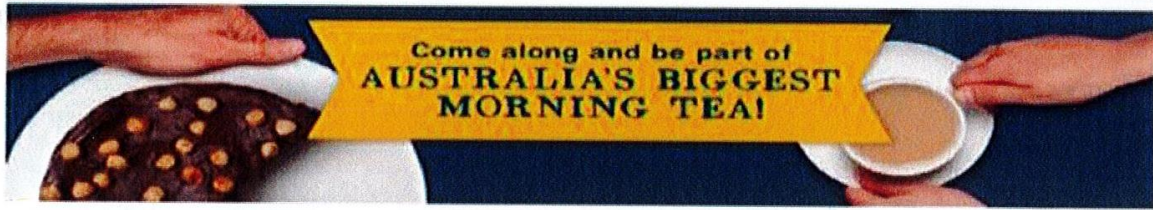
- A 2B pencil
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- calculator (for the calculator part of the numeracy test - for Years 7 and 9 only)
- a blank sheet of paper for each test (i.e. 3 blank pieces of paper- for Years 7 and 9 only)

#### When will the exams be held?

- Tuesday 14th May 2019 - Language Conventions
- Tuesday 14th May 2019- Writing
- Wednesday 15th May 2019- Reading
- Thursday 16th May 2019- Numeracy



*1 in 3 Australians are touched by Cancer and the funds raised in this morning tea will make a difference in the lives of Cancer patients and their families*



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



Community Hubs are funded by the Australian Government in partnership with the Scanlon Foundation



## Maronite College of the Holy Family

2019 Timetable  
Term 2

## Maronite College of the Holy Family 2019 term two activities timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p><b><u>Fitness Class</u></b> Every Tuesday morning we have our fitness class from 9:00-10:00 with our professional trainer from Parramatta council .</p> <p><b><u>Parents workshops</u></b> The Hub will run a workshops for parents covering different topics every second Tuesday from 10:30am-11:30am TBC</p>	<p><b><u>Story Time Playgroup</u></b> Every second Wednesday the Hub will run a bilingual story time play group From 11:00-1:00.</p> <p><b><u>English Conversation</u></b> This term the Hub is running an English conversation course From 1:00pm-3:00pm Start week 2</p>	<p><b><u>TAFE course</u></b> The Hub is running Community service course facilitated by TAFE. Start week 2</p> <p><b><u>Cooking Class</u></b> come and join our cooking class and learn new recipies and cooking ideas every Thursday from 1:30pm-3:00pm.</p>	<p><b><u>Dancing Class</u></b> 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. Start week 2</p>



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