



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 10: Friday 5th April 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

I would like to thank all parents for their support this term. I look forward to the upcoming term and hope all students and parents are ready to start fresh. However, I would like to remind you all of some important issues which are continually occurring. In Term 2, we will be enforcing PUNCTUALITY. We want to ensure all students are at the College and ready for the day before the bell rings in the morning. On many occasions I have wondered out to the foyer and found the same students are late. Parents please be organised in the morning and ensure your children are ready for school and arrive before the bell rings.

Another issue we are facing is in regards to people in authority. Please listen and respect all directives from myself, the staff and the Crossing Supervisor. We are **ALL** here to ensure the SAFETY of the students at all times. Despite all the obstacles the Crossing Supervisor faces and the weather which can be extreme at times, he is there to ensure SAFETY. I also implore you to follow all road rules in regards to parking, drop off zones and bus zones. DO NOT PARK in restricted areas please. Mobile phones are not to be used while crossing the road. I cannot stress the importance of this message.

In Term 2 all parents who wish to meet with me regarding any issues are welcome to do so. **Appointments must be made via my secretary.** The following timeslot has been made available:

Every Thursday between 1.30 - 3.00 pm.

For appointments with the Principal, please contact Cheryl on 9633-6600 Ext 222.

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 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

This week, students from Years Four to Six began the Learn to Swim program at the Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. Learning to swim is an important step in every child's life. It is not only essential for their safety but also allows them to participate in a low impact sport keeping them both healthy and fit. The initial feedback from the students and staff has been extremely positive.

Participating in this program inevitably causes some disruption to the school routine. The staff however, work hard to ensure that quality learning in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Religion are maintained. The swimming program can of course cause some students to feel tired. This can lead to them being disorganised by not having all their swimming items with them at school. During the second week of swimming these areas typically amplify as student fatigue takes hold. To assist, all parents should talk to their children about the benefits of attending swimming, ensure all items are packed daily and prioritise student sleep.



Outdoor Learning

The kindergarten teachers have been taking the learning outdoors. Recently all kindergarten students were given the opportunity to program and code beebots. Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Coding is a skill that is contained in the new Digital Technologies section of the Science and Technology Syllabus which is being implemented this year.



Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! 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

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder to our year 12 parents/guardians that the interviews will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 from 3:30pm until 7:30pm in A Block. There will be a dinner break from 5:30pm until 6:00pm for staff; therefore, there will be no interviews during this time. It is recommended that you arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to your first interview in order to sign in and collect the interview confirmation card which must be signed by each teacher at the conclusion of each interview. Signing in will take place in the Learning Centre. Once all interviews have been completed, please return these confirmation cards to your child's homeroom box located in the Learning Centre.

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 students attended their camp at Outdoor Adventure Camp in Wiseman's Ferry. Students participated in various individual and group based activities for the three days. Students enjoyed the experience camping out one of the nights and even had the opportunity to cook their own dinner. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the students for the three days. Congratulations to the students for a successful camp and I hope they enjoyed the experience.

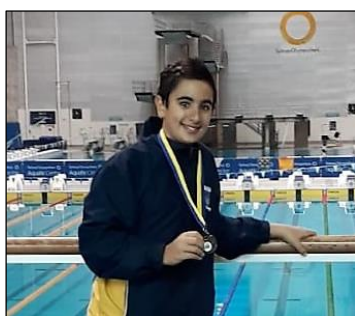


University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award

Congratulations to Robbie El-Bazouni (Year 11) who, along with other peers throughout NSW, was awarded recognition for Academic Excellence from the University of Sydney for his results in Year 10. His Year Advisor, Ms Roach, attended the ceremony representing the College. Robbie is currently the SRC Chairperson and is doing a fantastic job in this role. Congratulations to Robbie and his parents on this well-deserved award.

SRC 3-a-Side Basketball Tournament

The SRC 3-a-side basketball tournament grand finals were held this week. Congratulations to Colgate Four led by Pierre Raffoul for winning the junior division and to The Bench led by Mr O'Connell for winning the senior division. Each team made a donation to enter the tournament which is raised for Project Compassion. Thank you to the SRC leadership team, with the assistance of their Supervising Teacher – Mr Julius – for their efforts and work to host this tournament.



Sporting Achievements

We congratulate Elie Menhem (Year 8) who represented the College at the PDSSSC Swimming Championships (Pictured left).

Elie placed 1st in the 50m Breaststroke event and has now progressed to the NSWCCC Swimming Championships.

We also congratulate Jaycob Anjoul (Year 11) for his selection in the SICC Rugby

League team to compete in the NSWCCC Rugby League tournament. Well done to these two students and we wish them all the success at their future competitions.

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons – 1st-12th 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 1 Tour – Wednesday 27th February – Done!
- 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 – Adriana El Khoury, Charlise Sassine, Brendan Bazouni, Isaac Dahdah, Charbel Tannous, David Kozah (Kindy) ~ Steven Zaidan, Shravni Kulkani, Mikaella Fahad, George Semaan, Gabriella Assi, Roshanan Suresh (Year 2) ~ Elias Ibrahim, Lucas Dahdah, John Melhem, Mia Harb, Chanel Bazouni, Clara Akik, Mia Kerbaj (Year 3) ~ John Maroun, Youssef Sarkis, Luc Nohra, Christian Ghabache, Amber Fasavalu, Raphael Semaan, Natalia Bazouni, Danielle Hobeiche, Mykal Abdou, Maxim Khattar (Year 4) ~ Natalia Alam (Year 5) ~ Rita Raffoul, Audrey Tannous, Isabelle Sabat, Anthony Samson, Melody Sleiman, Omar Amoud, Simon Bazouni, Norma Samaha, Sayed Sleiman, Charbel Habib, Yveyana Zeaiter (Year 7) ~ Mabelle Chamchoum (Year 11)

Bronze award – Joseph Sassine (Year 2) ~ Michael Boumelhem (Year 3) ~ Rene El Khoury, Janae Diab, April Zdrilic (Year 4) ~ Isabella Francis (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

Some students from Maronite College who braved the rain to help feed the homeless...



A wonderful day out for Year 9's during their Geography excursion at Sydney Olympic Park, where they had the opportunity to learn about how the park is able to sustain its environment. A special thanks to Mr Julius for organising this excursion...



The year 12 English Standard students presented their visual representations of the play, "Pygmalion", a social commentary on Victorian society and its rigid class system, humorously shown through the transformation of the key character, Eliza Doolittle...



Year 10 commerce law and society expo assessment task. Students had to create a law to stop the use of drugs amongst youth at festivals. They had to promote the new law any way they liked as long as it had an online presence...



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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 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