



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 5: Friday, 31st May 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn



'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

This week, we had the pleasure of meeting our 2020 kindergarten students and their parents. Hoping the experience was a good one for all.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the Elevate Education Session on Tuesday evening.



In addition to this we also had our second College Tour for the year with many attending.

Just a reminder to all parents to ensure that their children are studying hard for their half year examinations which have commenced this week. We wish all our students pleasing results.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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A very special thank you to **Antoun's Construction Pty Ltd** (on behalf of Joseph and Michael Antoun), **Mrs Norma Douaihy** (Claudia's Kitchen PL) and our **anonymous** sponsor who have made extremely generous donations to our College Walkathon.

We are praying for more wonderful people to step forward and sponsor our College. Our aim is to make enough money to pay for student resources, so please be generous ☺

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HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

The world of social media and technology is fast becoming the centre of our children's universe. Children think that the internet gives them privacy and a sense of control but the very opposite is true. Last week I spoke to our Year 6 students about the dangers associated with the use of the internet and the ways that they can keep safe. I spoke to them about their 'digital footprint' which is the trail of data created while using the internet. It includes the websites visited, emails sent and information submitted to online services.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they teach their child the dangers of the online world and monitor their online behaviour. You may like to reflect on the following in regards to your child's internet usage at home.

1. Place time limits on all internet usage. It is important for child development that there is a balance between physical activity and screen time.
2. Teach your children about what can and can't be said online. Obscene or offensive language is not to be tolerated nor are comments that can impact the way another person feels about themselves. Online bullying through social media is a police matter. If you suspect or know about inappropriate talk and conversations online involving your child, it is your responsibility to protect them by intervening in an appropriate manner.
3. Explain to your child that they are never to respond to a threatening email, message, post or text. They should always notify you or other trusted adults about any communication or conversation that was scary or hurtful.
4. Be a good role model. Children will often duplicate what they have seen their parents or older siblings do and say online.
5. Allow sites that you are comfortable with and avoid all social media platforms that offer anonymity. Apps such as WhatsApp, Messenger, kik and Instagram for example can be dangerous for your child's physical and mental wellbeing.
6. Stick to the age requirements for all sites. It is not appropriate or legal for children under 13 to have a Facebook page or Snapchat accounts for example.
7. If you allow social networking accounts, ensure privacy settings are enabled. Discuss with your child what personal information can be shared online and the implications that can arise from uploading images of themselves or others.
8. Know who your child's friends are online. Ask them how they know them and if they have met them. Not everyone online is who they say they are.
9. Keep all devices out of bedrooms at night. This will ensure your child gains a good night's sleep without disturbance.
10. Monitor the games that your child plays. Games intended for and rated 18+ are clearly adult games and should not be put in the hands of impressionable young children. It is up to you to take control of gaming choices for your child and check age ratings prior to purchase. Please also be aware that some games have an 'in game' chat function which can pose a risk to your child.

Kindergarten Interviews

This week we held the Kindergarten interviews for students beginning school in 2020. It is always wonderful to see the fresh new faces that will be joining our school community.

Thank you to Mrs Vrontas, Coordinators and the Kindergarten teachers who conducted the interviews.



Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Primary School Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 27th June. If you are willing to volunteer your time to assist with the running of track and field events at the carnival, please complete the Parent Helper note which has been sent home and return it to school by Monday 10th June. This year parents will not be permitted on the field if not assisting on the day. All spectators must remain in the designated grandstands or the grass area.

School Uniform

Many thanks to the parents who are ensuring that their children arrive at school well presented each day. The teachers will be doing regular uniform checks to ensure that students are wearing their full school winter uniform. Appropriate haircuts will be continually checked as well. Wearing the school uniform with pride is an important message to give to the children about their identity as a member of the MCHF community. Please encourage them in wearing the correct school uniform at all times.

Earn and Learn

Thank you to all the families who are collecting the Earn and Learn stickers. All stickers collected will earn points that will go towards selecting educational equipment for our school. Thank you for your continued support. Keep up the good work.



Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Maths Olympiad

The first Maths Olympiad was held for 2019. The results were very pleasing with some big congratulations to Audrey Tannous, Christian Abdulahad and Jean Paul Azar, both achieving 3 out of 5. These Olympiads are very challenging and take a great deal of training and problem solving skill. Brealle Hasham, Michael Boussa, Joe Raad, Matthew Youssef and George Zaidan all achieved 2 correct out of 5 questions. A big thank you to Mrs Khattar who has kindly continued to train our Olympiad team this year.



Half Yearly Exams

Our Year 7-10 students commenced their half yearly exam blocks this week. Furthermore, our Year 10 and some Year 11 students sat their HSC minimum standards tests this week. We keep our students in our prayers, praying for well-deserved results.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are fast approaching. Information for these interviews will be released in due time. In the meantime, please ensure you keep the following dates free for this year's interviews:

- Year 10: Wednesday 19th June 2019 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm
- Year 7-9: Tuesday 2nd July 2019 (evening session – 3:30pm – 7:30pm) and Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (day session – 8:30am – 1:30pm)

Parent/Teacher interviews are compulsory events and must be attended by students and a parent/guardian.



Mrs Botros demonstrates the use of a cash register to her Year 12 VET Hospitality students.

Parramatta Library Youth Writes Competition

Mr Abboud's Year 9.1 English class entered the Parramatta Library's Youth Writes Competition as both a challenge and NAPLAN preparation before the Term 1 break. The College was proud to be informed that Julien El Bazouni placed 2nd in the competition. Julien will be presented with his prize and award in the near future. Thank you to Mr Abboud and Ms Fisher for entering and preparing the students for the competition.

Respect and Authority

A friendly reminder to parents/guardians if you could address, with your child/ren, the important topic of respecting staff and their fellow peers. Staff are here to work, develop and assist students. It is imperative that students adhere to authority and instructions. We have a great student population with the majority who are very respectful, helpful and caring. However, it is important that we continue to maintain respect and adhere to authority on a consistent basis.



Mrs Esber-Dayoub and her Year 11 Legal Studies students discuss how the rights of women have legally evolved.

Elevate Education Parent Session

The elevate education session for parents was held this week on Wednesday evening in the Secondary Learning Centre. The session provided information, tips and strategies for parents to assist their child/ren at home with study techniques. We hope the session was beneficial for our parents. Thank you to Ms Dalla for organising the session along with Ms Moyer and Ms Khattar for assisting on the night.

Staff Professional Development Session: College Policies Review

The College leaders (KLA Coordinators and Year Advisors) participated in a policies review session this week, to develop their knowledge of the College policies. The leaders prepared infographs of various policies for staff, to assist their understanding and interpreting of the College policies.



Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 30th May – Friday 7th June – Years 9-10 Examinations
- Friday 7th June – Years 9-10 Timber Excursion
- Friday 7th June – Pentecost Mass (Years K-6)
- Monday 10th June – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 12th June – Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
- Friday 14th June – Catch-Up Photo Day + Year 12 Graduation Cap and Gown Photos
- Wednesday 19th June – Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Tuesday 2nd July – **Term 2 Concludes for Students**
- Tuesday 2nd July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Evening Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Wednesday 3rd July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Day Interviews (8:30am-1:30pm)

College Tour Dates...

Please complete the tour booking form located on the College App or website.

For more information, please contact Ms Georgette Bains 9633 6600 or media@mchf.nsw.edu.au

- 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 - Julian Azar, Bakhos Bou-Francis (Year 1) - Angelo El Asmar, Serena Sadek, John-Pierre Maroun, Michael Bechara, Angelina Saba, Olivia Halabi, Isabella Taouk, Helen Maroon, Jacob Layoun, Antonio Katrib (Year 2) - Marybelle Haddad (Year 11)

Bronze Awards - Richard Semaan, Eva Nakhoul (Year 1) - Christian Bazouni, Alexia Yaacoub, Fadia Taouk, charbel Baaklini

Silver Awards - Charbel Namnoum (Year 1)

THIS AND THAT

Ms Dababneh's Year 4 students are learning about measurement of length using metres. Students used trundle wheels to measure the distances or lengths in the school ground, such as the distance between the office and the elevator.



Constable Dusan Dukic talking to Year 8 about the dangers of Social Media.



Year 12 Pastoral session with Sr Cynthia in our beautiful College chapel



The benefits of teaching Shakespeare in the 21st century – A Shakespearean Wedding! Well done to Mr Abboud and 9.1 English students.



Our girls at the Parramatta Girls Rugby League Gala Day



PARENT CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is **COMPULSORY** that all Photography/Video Permission Forms and Medical Forms be filled out, signed and returned to the office ASAP. If details change, during the year, please make the change/s through the parent portal.

Any serious medical conditions must be reported to the office and medical documentation, such as action plans from the doctor, must be handed to the Admin Staff.



For the safety of our wonderful students and your beautiful children, we ask all parents to please be careful when driving through the Church carpark. Only park within the parking lines and not in unmarked or no parking areas.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

reminder

Parents can send **absent notes**, for their children, through the College SkoolBag app. Here is what you do...

1. Click on the SkoolBag app
2. Click e forms
3. Select the note that is relevant (Primary Absentee Note or Secondary Absentee Note)
4. Fill it in and Submit.

Please note; Parents can also find a bullying report form in e forms.

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COMMUNITY HUB

Community Service Course



If you are interested in joining the Community Hub family, or would like more information, please contact AFRAH HADDAD, Community Hub Leader.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

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

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