



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 7: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

This week our College was host to the **Mock Trial Competition**. Congratulations to the MCHF Mock Trial team for defeating selective school, Blacktown Boys, with a final score of 249- 200. Our team proved BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT that the defendant was guilty of the Criminal act of burning a house down, thus having to serve a 10-year imprisonment sentence. This result is a reflection of true dedication and drive from our students, making the College exceptionally proud as always.

Special thanks to Mrs Esber-Dayoub for the extra time and great effort she put to ensuring our team was ready for the fight. Well done!

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we celebrated the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. May St Anthony be an inspiration in all our lives. I would like to share the following quote from St Anthony with you:

*“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach  
and your actions speak”*

In God's love

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



**2019 Foundation Day Walkathon**



College Walkathon cards have been distributed to all students.

The Walkathon is a compulsory College event. This is the only major 2019 fundraising event for the College and your contribution to the success of the event is appreciated.

### What students are to do:

Over the course of the next three months, students are to find as many people as possible to sponsor them to do the “BIG WALK”. The aim is for each student to collect a minimum of \$50 over the next two terms.

This is a House Colour event, so the House who collects the most money will be declared the overall event winner.

Prizes will be given to the three students who collect the most money.

Please ensure your child does not lose the card as it will be needed, on the day, for checkpoint stamps.

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

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 ☺**

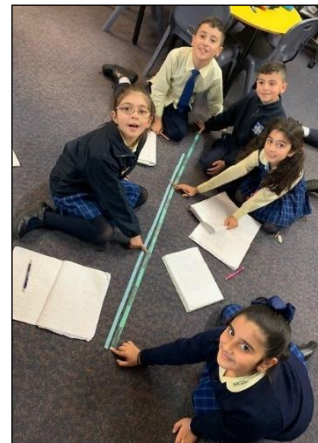
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**Our walkathon is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August and our Parents Association are organising lunch for our students – Is anyone willing to donate bread, sausages, or drinks? Any donation, great or small, would be greatly appreciated.**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

As parents, we understand the importance of assisting our children in developing good reading habits. We become very good at identifying letters, recognising names and reading words in the environment that surrounds us. We point these out each and every day as we go for a walk, drive in the car or even watch television. With so much emphasis on reading, we can sometimes forget about the importance that Mathematics plays in our everyday lives. Asking your child to count out the cutlery at dinner for example, can help them gain an understanding of doubling numbers and counting in multiples. Why not ask them how many steps it takes for each family member to walk to the letterbox and back again? Is the answer the same? Why or why not? Try to develop their estimation skills by asking them to guess what the answer might be and explain how they decided upon it. Using everyday situations helps students see the importance of maths and the way we use it during activities such as cooking, measuring, shopping and playing. Explicitly pointing out these mathematical occurrences means we are assisting them in making real life connections to the content taught in the classroom and therefore enabling them to transfer this learning to a new situation. The ability to make real life connections allows students to develop a deeper level of understanding, enhance their confidence and achieve greater success.

At school, teachers use a range of strategies to assist student learning and make real life connections. Using a hands-on approach is vital for students to consolidate their knowledge and apply new skills to a variety of situations. This week, 3 Beige enjoyed learning about length by estimating and measuring a variety of objects and distances using a tape measure. It was vital that they used the correct mathematical terminology of metres and centimetres. Hands-on activities such as these allow our students to transfer their knowledge into real life situations and understand the purpose of their learning.



### Parent/Teacher Interviews

The Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 3:30pm – 7:30pm and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 8:30am – 1:30pm. A note will be sent out next week outlining details of how to make your online bookings.

### College Walkathon

Our College Walkathon is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. This week your child received their walkathon sponsorship flyer and a note listing details of the event. A reminder that the amount stated on the flyer is a guide only. We ask for your support and encouragement in gathering sponsorship and any amount raised will be greatly appreciated. The funds raised will assist the College to purchase new furniture for the St Elias Chapel and upgrade current classroom furniture. There will be a variety of prizes on offer for students and classes on the day. We are looking forward to another fun and successful day this year.

## Parent Communication

I would like to once again ask that parents follow the correct procedure when wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's schooling. When making contact with the office, staff will ask questions so that they can direct your enquiry to the most suitable person. The process that we have in place ensures issues are heard and investigated by the most appropriate person. Any issues that you would like to raise about your child should first be directed to the class teacher. The class teacher can then work with parents to discuss and resolve any of the concerns raised. If the teacher feels a resolution has not been met they will then advise the Stage Coordinator and if necessary, the Head of Primary. Whilst some parents may feel that escalating their concerns directly to the Principal is appropriate, this may not result in the best outcome. I would also like to request that when you approach office staff that it is done in a calm and respectful manner.

## Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that teacher supervision for students begins at 7:45am in the Primary Playground or Primary Hall depending on the weather. No child should be at school before this time as there is no teacher on duty to supervise them.

## Stage 2 STEM Groups

Each week Ms Rozario leads a group of Stage 2 students in a range of STEM related activities. This week students had to design and build a parachute using materials of their own choice. Each parachute was dropped and the distance was measured and recorded. Students discussed the different factors that affected the success of the parachute drop such as the wind, their design, materials used and gravity. The students were both excited and thrilled during the completion of this challenge.



## Year 2 Living Things

The chickens are growing fast. This week, students from 2 Jade were able to hold the chicks for the first time. They were excited but extremely careful at the same time, knowing that they had to take extra care of the chicks as they are still quite young. This experience has been a valuable learning experience for all our students.



**Mr D. Day**  
Head of Primary

## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are fast approaching. The letter for year 10 students has been issued and parents/guardians are required to make their bookings via the parent portal. A reminder, the booking portal for Year 10 interviews will close on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Year 7-9 students will receive their letter, with all the information, next week.

The dates for this year's interviews are as follows:

- Year 10: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm
- Year 7-9: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 (Evening session – 3:30pm – 7:30pm) and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 (Day session – 8:30am – 1:30pm)

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



## MCHF Careers Website

The College has established a careers website for the College community. The aim of the website is to provide parents/guardians, staff and students, all the latest information that will help students make decisions about their future career and life beyond school. The website will include links to locate universities, TAFE and other course types across Australia. Students can get information about the HSC, search job vacancies, plus much more. Thank you to Mrs Abdul-Ahad, the Director of Pastoral Care, for her work in introducing this website for our College.



## Lebanon vs Fiji Rugby League

Our Secondary Choir students will be performing the Lebanese National Anthem for the Lebanon national rugby league team on Saturday, 22nd June 2019 at 5:30pm at Leichhardt Oval. The Lebanon Cedars will be playing against Fiji in the 2019 Ox & Palm Pacific Test. This event will be televised live on Channel 9 and Fox League.

## Mock Trial

The College Mock Trial team defeated Blacktown Boys High School by 49 points on Thursday afternoon. With limited preparation time, the team, led by Ms Esber-Dayoub, proved beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant exploded a house. In a rare situation, the students won the actual case and won by points as well. Congratulations to the team which consists of Celine Harb, Ashton Tannous, Christina Geagea, Nina Bousaid, Simon Zaitar, Jack Jabbour, Jason Chakti and Roula Abou-Chedid.



## Secondary, Elective and Subject Fees

A friendly reminder to parents/guardians that fees for general secondary, subjects and electives, are required to be finalised.



*Years 9 and 10 Timber students at the Timber Exhibition, Rosehill*

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Head of Secondary**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Trial Examinations
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Primary Athletics Carnival
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Jidoo and Tayta Mass for Years K-12
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Years 10 and 12 Careers Expo
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Secondary Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **Term 2 Concludes for Students**
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Evening Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Day Interviews (8:30am-1:30pm)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – K-11 Reports to be released
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – **Term 3 begins for all students**

### 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](mailto:media@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

- 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** - Taylor Kobayaty, Eliana Al-Somsom, April Katrib, Isabella Makdissi, Christopher Khoury, Lucas Tadros, Rafqa Bousijaan, Clara Geagea (Year 2) – Karen Hawache, Kevin Hawache (Year 11)

**Bronze Awards** - George Merheb (Year 2)

**Silver Awards** - Fadia Taouk, Christian Bazouni (Year 2)

**Principal's Award** – They will get there!

## THIS AND THAT

The Primary SRC assist with Book Club in the Primary Learning Centre





Mr Koudeir's Year 7 History class - Learning how to use chopsticks as a part of Everyday Chinese Life studies.



(Right) Ms Ramsey's 4 Violet kids are learning about how food and fibres are created from plants and animals in Science. They examined a range of food and researched where it came from.

(Below) What was life like as convict servants during the colonial times? Year 1 were transported in time to learn all about it at Elizabeth Farm.



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## PARENT CORNER



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.

**PARENTS; PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON THE STREET OR BLOCK THE COLLEGE DRIVEWAYS! Double parking on the street is illegal and hazardous, and blocking the driveways prevents your children from receiving emergency medical treatment.**

### ABSENT NOTES

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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*Mrs F Abdul Ahad*



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