



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 10: Monday, 1st July 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

So we reach the end of semester 1. I take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents who have worked tremendously hard over two terms to ensure Maronite College of the Holy Family offers both academic excellence, spiritual nourishment and social growth. The Sisters wish you all a very safe break with many blessings.

Students' last day for Term 2 is on Tuesday 2nd July
Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday, 23rd July 2019

Parent teacher interviews are a great way to build a partnership with your child's teacher in order to help your child reach their full potential. An interview will offer a better understanding about your child's academic, emotional, social and physical development. Your child's strengths and weaknesses in all subject areas can be explained in detail.

A reminder to all parents that bookings for the interviews are through the parent portal which can be accessed via the College website. Letters regarding your Login and Passwords were issued to the eldest in each family at the conclusion of Term 1.

Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 from 3:30 pm until 7.30 pm
- Wednesday, 3rd July 2019 8.30am until -1.30 pm

Reports for all students will be available online through the Parent Portal from Monday 8th July. To access your child's report all outstanding school and secondary fees must be paid before that date.

In God's love

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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

So far, we have raised \$2,050 in sponsorship and pledges for our College walkathon. This will pay for 80% of our costs and we are so grateful! If anyone else is willing to sponsor us, it would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au / Phone: 9633 6600

Very special thanks to **Mrs Norma Douaihy** (Claudia's Kitchen PL) and

Asia Pacific United Education Centre for their very generous donations to the College Walkathon!



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Special thanks, also, to **Antoun's Construction Pty Ltd** (on behalf of Joseph and Michael Antoun), and our **anonymous** sponsor who have made extremely generous donations to our College Walkathon.

We have had wonderful parents and friends offer to donate the bread, sauces and water for the walkathon BBQ. We will be sharing the names of these fabulous people next term, but would like to send out a big "Thank You!". You know who you are 😊

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

The end of yet another term has arrived. This week we conclude Semester One by discussing your child's progress with you at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Your child's report, which can be accessed online from the 4th of July, is a summary of your child's learning for the first half of this year and reflects both academic achievement and effort. On the front page of the report there is a simple explanation of the A-E grading scale. Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage.

Report grading is based on diagnostic testing, work samples, assessment tasks and ongoing observations of your child. The teachers use considerable professional expertise and judgement to arrive at each student's allocated grades. They have been meeting regularly to discuss, analyse and compare student work against the syllabus outcomes and the year group. Report time allows us the opportunity to reflect on your child's progress so that we can celebrate their achievements and determine what their immediate areas of development are.

Discussions between parents and teachers ensure that all aspects of student learning are optimised in Semester Two.

As Semester One draws to a close, I would like to thank Sr Irene, Sr Marlene and Sr Cynthia for the guidance and support they continue to provide to all members of the MCHF community. Thank you also to the teaching and support staff who show great dedication and passion in order to deliver quality learning experiences for our students on a daily basis. To the students and parents, we appreciate the commitment you display towards learning here at the College. Lastly, I would like to thank the office staff for the amazing job they do in assisting students, parents and teachers each and every day. I wish everyone a safe and restful break.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder that the Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd July from 3:30pm-7:30pm and on Wednesday 3rd July from 8:30am-1:30pm. A reminder that bookings on the Parent Portal close at 11:30pm tonight.

Holiday Reading

Over the holiday break it is important that you find the time to read with your child. This simple act will ensure your child does not regress as a reader. Research shows that two weeks of no reading can have huge implications on a student's ability to read and comprehend a text.

Jidoo and Tayta Mass *(Photos right)*

Last Friday we celebrated our yearly Jidoo and Tayta Mass prepared by Year One. It was a lovely celebration which included a beautiful reflection performed by all K-2 students. Thank you to Sr Cynthia, the Year One teachers and students as well as Mr Wood and the Arabic staff for preparing the children for the varying aspects of the mass.

Sports Mufti Day

Last Tuesday our students were able to come to school dressed as their favourite sports person or wearing the colours of their favourite sports team. The mufti day which was organised by Ms Mourani, the Student



Representative Council and Sport Captains' Committee, was a great success. All funds raised will go towards purchasing new school resources.



Athletics Carnival

The Primary Athletics Carnival was held last Thursday at the Homebush Athletics Centre. We were blessed to have such beautiful weather after the cold and wet start to the week. The day was a great success with all students given the opportunity to participate in the array of activities that were on offer. Big smiles crept across their faces when coloured ribbons were pinned to their shirts. I appreciate the parent's cooperation and understanding on the day in regards to remaining off the field whilst activities were being conducted. This is a legality that we are required to enforce so that we can ensure the safety of all students. A big thank you to Mr Bechara, Ms Khodeir and the Sports Carnival Committee for all their hard work in organising and running the day.



Year 4 Bread Making

This term, Year 4 have been learning all about the Living World which is part of the new Science and Technology Syllabus. Last week, all students were given the opportunity to conduct a guided scientific investigation which involved them making their own bread.



They had to determine what factors led to the dough rising and what process leads to bread being made. A big thank you to Mrs Botros and the Year 4 teachers who assisted the students through this hands-on learning experience.



Rubbish Free Day

Last Wednesday, students from 4 Violet promoted a 'No Rubbish Day' at our school. Their aim was not only to reduce the amount of rubbish in our bins and on the playground, but also to develop an awareness of the environmental impact that single use packaging and plastic has on our world. After collating the data which was collected throughout the day, the students were more than satisfied that they had achieved their goal. Well done!

Earn and Learn

Friday was the last day to send any Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to school. On behalf of the College, I would like to thank all students, parents, relatives and friends who collected stickers on our behalf. We will now

be able to use those stickers to purchase a variety of resources which will assist in enhancing student learning. Congratulations to 1 Gold and 4 Amber for collecting the most stickers this year. Those two classes received a special pizza lunch today as their reward.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams #1

Our Year 12 concluded this week their first set of trial HSC exams. Students are to be congratulated for their 100% attendance rate during these exams. I hope the feedback the students will receive from these exams will be of benefit for their second set of trial exams coming up in week 3 and 4 of term 3 and eventually for their HSC exams.

Jido and Tayta Mass

On Friday, we celebrated Mass for all our Tayta and Jido's (grandparents); for those who are with us and for those who watch over us from above. We acknowledge the role our grandparents have on the education of our students and we pray for their good health.

Years 10 and 12 Careers Expo

On Friday, our year 10 and 12 students attended the annual careers expo at The Dome at Sydney Olympic Park. Students had the opportunity to explore various careers and tertiary education options. We hope the expo was beneficial for students and they gained information and advice that will help them as they consider their post-school options.



Staff Professional Development Session on Minecraft

Our Staff participated in a professional development session on Monday afternoon on using Minecraft in education. The session was led by our eLearning Coordinator, Ms Sharbeen, who demonstrated how Minecraft can be used within the classroom in all KLA areas. Our staff were more than excited to take this into their classrooms.

Maths Olympiad

The second Maths Olympiad was held last week. I am proud to announce that Jean Paul Azar (Year 7) achieved a perfect score of 5 out of 5. Other notable achievements include Christian Abdulahad (Year 7) and Elie Menhem (Year 8) achieving a 3 out of 5 result which is also a wonderful effort.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 1st July 2019 at Sydney Olympic Park. A great day was had by all students and staff. Congratulations to **RED** House for winning this year's carnival.



Shakespeare Festival

Last week, the College hosted a Shakespeare Festival to celebrate and promote literacy. The festival was led by Mrs Fisher and was supported by many of our staff in various subjects. We had a cooking corner, students making soup, a costume designer, some stop motion, some poetry, sword fighting drama, plenty of songs theme related to love from Romeo and Juliet, instrumentalists and some Arabic sonnets. The finalise was attended by many students, staff and parents which was great to see. Congratulations to the staff and students involved for a fantastic event.



Tim Mannah Surprise Visit

On Thursday this week, we were surprised with a visit by Parramatta Eels NRL player, Tim Mannah, who addressed students at the Athletics Carnival Preparation Assembly to encourage and wish them well for the upcoming carnival.



Secondary, Elective and Subject Fees

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

End of Term Message

As we head towards the end of term 2, I acknowledge the hard working staff who continue to go above and beyond to ensure the best education is delivered to our students. I congratulate the hard working students who have achieved outstanding results. I thank the supportive parents who support the College in all our initiatives and decisions. I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing term break and look forward to continue our educational journey in term 3. Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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)
- Monday 8th July – K-11 Reports to be released
- Tuesday 23rd 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 Baini 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 - Charbel Ishak (Year 3) - Jacob Harmouche, Jocarlo El-Kadi, Jonathon Karam, Grace Ghabache, Ayva Wakim, Michael Al-Draibi, Martin Hobeiche, Alexander Hanania - Sacha Ephrem, Deeana Tawk, Rita Doumit (Year 5) - Zachariah Dayoub, David Abi-Khattar, Isaac Azzi, George Chalhoub, Xavier Nabhan, Anthony Germanos, Celena Habib, Jacob Mansour (Year 7)

Bronze Awards - Charlise Sassine (Kindy) – Charbel Taouk (Year 2) - Mariam Jarjes, Andrew Khoury (Year 3) - Luc Nohra, Carlos Boumelhem, Aaryan Basnet (Year 4) - Joseph Habib, Jude Hasham, Rafqa Kanaan, Therese Sessine (Year 5) - Omar Amoud (Year 7)

Silver Awards – Mary-Bella Touak, Julian Baissari (Kindy) - Bernadette Yaacoub, Maribelle Abdulahad (Year 3) - Juliana Licha, Elie Ghannoum, Selina Dib, Jason Azar, Mykal Abdou (Year 4)

Principal Awards - Charlise Sassine, Mary Merheb (Kindy) - Julian Azar, Jacob Abou Haydar (Year 1) - Annalise Khoury (Year 3) - Rene El Khoury (Year 4)

THIS AND THAT

Under the guidance of Mrs Esber-Dayoub, Year 8B Geography were so excited to teach Year 2. They discussed topics such as: Illegal Wildlife Trade; Recycling; Food Trade; 3rd World Countries.



Year 11 Biology students enjoying the wonders at Camp Kedron.



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PARENT CORNER

Many thanks to the support of our parents who are generously contributing to the College Walkathon!

Alumni Association

The College is seeking to re-establish the Alumni Association (for Our Lady of Lebanon College and MCHF) to provide an opportunity for ex-students to be involved with the College and give back to the College community. A constitution will also be redeveloped. If any ex-student would like to be involved with the association, please email your name, contact number and email address to Ms Georgette Baini gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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COMMUNITY HUB

Hub end of term celebration...



Please scroll down to the last page for the Term 3 activities timetable.

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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- Healthy Life Style

AFRAH HADDAD

Community Hub Leader

**Tuesday-Wednesday -Thursday
and Friday**

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Hub Activities

- Fitness Classes
- Zumba Classes
- Cooking class
- English group class
- Parents workshops
- TAFE courses



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2019 Timetable Term 3

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2019 Term 3 Activities Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p><u>Fitness Class</u> Every Tuesday morning, we have our fitness class from 9-10am with our professional trainer from Parramatta council.</p> <p><u>Parents workshops</u> The Hub will run a workshop for parents covering different topics every second Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am TBC</p>	<p><u>TAFE course</u> The Hub is running Community service course facilitated by TAFE. Start Week 2</p>	<p><u>English Group</u> This term the Hub is running an English group class From 11am-1pm Start Week 2</p> <p><u>Cooking Class</u> come and join our cooking class and learn new recipes and cooking ideas every Thursday from 1:30-3pm.</p>	<p><u>Zumba Class</u> This Term the Hub is running a Zumba class. Runes by Abir, from 2-3pm. \$5 Per lesson, for 8 weeks. Full payment has to be made in advance. Start Week 2</p>