



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 8: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

Less than 2 weeks before we end Semester 1, there has been much going on including exams, marking and report writing for our staff. Students have been busy studying and completing assessments. All parents should make an appointment with teachers for parent-teacher day to discuss your child's progress. **Bookings for the interviews are made 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 from 3:30pm until 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 8.30am until -1.30pm

**All student reports will be available, online, through the Parent Portal from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. To access your child's report, all outstanding school fees must be paid before that date.**

### Use of Social Media

I would like to remind parents/guardians regarding the students acceptable use of social media - The College has addressed several incidents over the last couple of weeks where students are not using social media appropriately. Students are not permitted to create social media accounts that involve the College name, which the College has not authorised. This is stated in our ICT policy. Please discuss this with your child and ensure you are monitoring your child's use of social media at home. If you are aware that your child has created accounts, then please ensure that these pages are deleted.

In God's love

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

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Many thanks to **Asia Pacific United Education Centre** for their very generous sponsorship pledge!

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 ☺**

*Please contact Georgette Bains – gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au / Phone: 9633 6600*

**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 sausages, sauces or drinks? Any donation, great or small, would be highly appreciated. Please contact [gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au) / Phone: 9633 6600**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Receiving emails is part of an everyday occurrence for most people and I am no exception. This week I was excited to open an email from Mrs Ramsey who asked if I could visit her class as the students had something that they wished to ask me. I am often invited to classes but the wording of the email seemed somewhat mysterious and intrigued me so much that I made my way to 4 Violet as soon as I could. My arrival was met with much excitement from the students and I was soon told about a wonderful idea they had which was to hold a 'No Rubbish Day' here at MCHF. They proceeded to inform me that they had been collecting their rubbish from break times and collating data which showed excessive amounts of waste being thrown out. As they are currently learning about the environment, they were concerned about the impact the waste was having on our world.

Sr Irene and myself were impressed by the students' proposal and as a result 4 Violet will be holding a 'No Rubbish Day' here at school next Wednesday. The class will be promoting their day to students in Years 3 to 6 but all students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are also welcome to join in. The idea of the day is that students make an attempt to bring food in reusable containers and not in plastic packaging that is simply used once and then thrown away. The class hope to raise awareness of the effect that non-recyclable packaging has on our environment and that each and every one of us can make a positive difference to the future of our world.



### Staff Professional Development

Each week all teachers in the Primary Department participate in Professional Learning Meetings so that they can expand their knowledge and keep up to date with current educational practice. These meetings are paramount to ensure our students receive the targeted learning that they require and develop the skills of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner. Our learning this week focused on the use of Minecraft as an educational tool and how teachers can incorporate it into their teaching programs. Ms Sharbeen led the staff in a hands on session that allowed them to delve into the multitude of educational experiences that the program can offer our students.

### Stage 3 Extension Groups

This term Ms Mallia has been leading a group of Stage 3 students in a learning experience that is allowing them to extend their thinking to a deeper level and apply their knowledge in a practical way. The task that the students are undertaking require them to follow a strict set of guidelines to spend one million dollars and includes them having to prioritise their spending and justify their choices. The activity is aimed at developing a range of skills which include researching, analysing, calculating and data collection. The students are extremely enthusiastic about the project they are undertaking and are quickly learning how expensive life is! We are all very keen to see the end result.



### Year 4 Religion

In Religion this term, our Year 4 students have been learning all about the Eucharist and the structure of the Mass. On Thursday the students were given the opportunity to further develop their knowledge about the symbols used during Mass. Deacon Charbel Dib explained the significance of the Chalice, Ciborium, Paten and Cruets to the students. He also discussed the symbolic meaning of the Liturgical Season colours used throughout the year.

### Visiting Student Teachers

Each year MCHF welcomes student teachers from the Australian Catholic University to come and develop their teaching skills in a classroom setting. Whilst here, they are guided by their supervising teachers who assist them in leading small group activities and whole class lessons. This is not only a valuable experience for the student teachers but also our students as well.

### Year 4 Mathematics (Pictured Right)

Students in 4 Amber were very fortunate to have two student teachers assist with their learning in class this week. Ms Jones and Ms Carter designed a hands on Mathematics lesson that required the students to find the area of irregular shapes using marshmallows and tooth picks. I'm presuming that there were not too many marshmallows left by the end of the lesson.



### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

This week Mr Bechara took a team of Stage 3 boys to the Annual Soccer Gala Day. It was an enjoyable day for all who attended. The team played extremely well with our school coming second on the overall points table. We would like to especially thank Mr Zaidan who trained the team each week and also attended on the day to guide and support our students.



### Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder that the 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.

Please ensure that you log onto the Parent Portal and make an online booking to see your child's teacher.

*Bookings will close at 11:30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.*

### Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival is on next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. A reminder that parents are not permitted on the field if not assisting on the day. All spectators must remain in the designated grandstands or grass area. Students are to bring their own lunch as canteen facilities will not be available at the grounds. The school canteen will be taking pre-lunch orders. Please see the canteen no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June if you wish for your child to make a lunch order for the carnival day.

### Mufti Day

In preparation for the upcoming Athletics Carnival, the Student Representative Council and Sport Captains Committee are hosting a day where students can come to school dressed as their favourite athlete. This dress up day will take place next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Students are asked to wear mufti in the form of a jersey, costume or colours of their favourite team, in return for a gold coin donation. Money raised will go towards purchasing new school resources.

### Earn and Learn

There are just four days left to collect Earn and Learn stickers. Please send in any remaining stickers so the we can begin the process of selecting some exciting educational equipment from the Woolworths Catalogue. Thank you to all the families who have been assisting our school throughout this promotion.

**Mr D. Day**  
**Head of Primary**



## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### **Year 12 Trial HSC Exams #1**

Our Year 12 students have commenced their first set of Trial HSC exams. The College has decided to provide two sets of trials for Year 12 to assist them to prepare for their HSC exams and in order to seek feedback on their performance and apply improvement strategies under exam conditions. We keep our Year 12 students in our thoughts and prayers.

### **Uniform and Grooming**

I would like to remind our parents/guardians that the College does not accept other uniform items to be worn unless it is an official College uniform item. This includes scarf and beanie. Students are permitted to wear the College scarf and beanie which can be purchased from the College Main Office. It is an expectation at the College that our students and your children are dressed and presented in a professional manner at all times. Our grooming policy must also be adhered to and respected at all times. This includes shaving for our male students and hair styles for both our male and female students. As of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, any student who breaches our College uniform or grooming policy may be automatically sent home. I would appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

### **Year 6 Transition to Secondary Session (Pictured Right)**

This week on Tuesday we held our first session with Year 6 in preparing them for secondary education at the College. The session commenced with an address by Sr Irene followed by a talk by our College Leaders (Carla Katrib, Anthony Al Douaihy, Vanessa Youssef and Brandon Chalita) on their experiences in secondary education followed by an anti-bullying session led by myself.



### **Athletics Carnival**

Our Athletics Carnival is approaching and will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at Sydney Olympic Park. The letter with the details of the carnival was issued to your child this week. A reminder that the students must wear their sport uniform with their house polo for the carnival. Students will be attending an assembly and house meetings to prepare for the carnival this coming week.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Year 10 Parent/Teacher interviews were held this week. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended; I hope the session was beneficial for you and for the educational development of your child.

A reminder to our parents/guardians of our Years 7-9 students that booking for parent/teacher interviews has opened via the parent portal. Please refer to the letter issued to your child this week with all the details. This year the interviews will be held on 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.

### **Lebanon vs Fiji Rugby League**

This weekend we look forward to seeing our Choir students performing the Lebanese National Anthem for the Lebanon national rugby league team on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 GEM and Fox League.

### **Secondary, Elective and Subject Fees**

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

## Rep Sport Success

Our rep sport students are performing very well in their respective competitions. Our junior boys Rugby League team (pictured below) have commenced their season in tremendous form defeating Bede Polding 18-16 in the first round, defeating Xavier College 50-6 in the second round and defeating St Clare's College 28-4 in the third round. Our two Frisbee teams have also commenced the season in style with Frisbee 1 defeating St Agnes 13-0 and Frisbee 2 defeating St Bishoy 28-1.



Mr E. Asmar  
Head of Secondary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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** - George Tannous (Kindy) - Joe Hassoun (Year 1) - Christian Abdulahad, Jean Paul Azar, Michael Bouyssa, Marissa Chalita, Brealla Hasham, Hannah Habib, Mary Khoury, Veronica Ibrahim, Claudia Kabalan, Daniella Taouk, Noah Fares, Leya Mouawad, Cyrine Nakhoul, Mariam Awad, Matthew El Bazouni, Theresa Boustani, Ella Marie Kalache, Youssef Taouk (Year 7)

**Bronze Awards** - Christean Boun, Christian El Khoury, Bianca Maroun, Alexander Mekary, Gabriel Bou Assi (Year 1)

**Silver Awards** - Charbel Taouk, Heavannah Nehme (Year 1)



## THIS AND THAT

Kindy have been learning about two-dimensional shapes, using their knowledge to create shape monsters.



Fr Danny presenting to the Year 8 and 9 boys on the topic of, "Theology of the Body".



These Year 7 students are studying and taking notes of samples of different animals. They are learning about Classification and are trying to identify the features that place the animals into the groups that make them easier to classify.





Ms Ramsey's Year 4 students - Learning about farming and how the food that we eat reaches our table.



Year 12 students had the chance of meeting a guest presenter from Western Sydney University. The session was very insightful; Student were informed of a multitude of tertiary study opportunities, as well as student life experiences at Western Sydney University. Courses, careers, entry pathways and scholarships were discussed.



The Year 12 Chemistry students attended Sydney University's Kickstart program on June 12<sup>th</sup>, where they conducted experiments in laboratories



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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.

### **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.

### **BYOD Link and Code –**

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

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## COMMUNITY HUB

Our lovely mums from the English conversation class went on an excursion to the city to visit Madame Tussauds. What a wonderful experience!



WOMEN'S ZUMBA  
CLASS

**When:** Every Friday from 2-3pm - Start on 2/8/19 and finish on 20/9/2019, for 8 weeks.

**Where:** Primary School Hall

**Cost:** \$5 per lesson

Please pay in advance to secure your spot.

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

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