



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 6: Friday, 7th June 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

Mr Asmar attended, on behalf of the College, the Annual Police and Principal's Forum on Tuesday 28th May 2019. At the forum, a presentation on cybersafety was presented by the Australian Federal Police. The presentation stressed the importance of sending the message to parents/guardians, to ensure their children's online activity is monitored at home.

I encourage you to visit ThinkUKnow website (<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>) for resources and information on cybersafety.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost.



May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and homes with:

WISDOM to value the things of God

UNDERSTANDING to grasp faith's mysteries

COUNSEL to make wise decisions

FORTITUDE to strengthen your will

KNOWLEDGE to enlighten your mind

PIETY to love and serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD to respect God's majesty

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.

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HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

When visiting classes throughout the week, I am always impressed to see our students use an array of new and interesting words when speaking and writing. A child's vocabulary, or the amount of words they are able to understand, speak and write is an important indicator of literacy success. Reading is more than verbalising a text, it involves the complex task of comprehending the written word. This becomes extremely challenging if words are not understood. The task of writing is highly complex as it requires children to transform their ideas into a written text. Possessing an extensive vocabulary not only makes the writing process easier for a student but also allows them to create pieces of writing that are both interesting and engaging for the reader. By encouraging students to develop their vocabulary, we are enabling them to not only enjoy reading and writing but also feel a degree of success when undertaking such tasks.

An effective way that parents can assist in broadening their child's vocabulary is to encourage them to read books, magazines or articles that are directly related to their areas of interest. If your child displays an interest in sport, music, cars or space for example, buy or borrow reading material that allows them to expand their knowledge and vocabulary about that particular topic. Use their topic of interest in your daily conversations at the dinner table or on your way to school so that they get the opportunity to share their knowledge and use new vocabulary learnt. Learning new words can be fun, even for adults.

Pentecost Mass

Today we celebrated a beautiful mass prepared by Sr Cynthia and the Year 3 teachers. It was a wonderful celebration ending with a lovely reflection by the students. Thank you also to Mr Wood and Mrs Sassine for preparing the choir who sang so exquisitely throughout the mass.



Learning Centre News

The Primary Learning Centre is always a hive of activity and this week has been no exception. On Monday we received a special delivery of some 'Living Eggs'. These eggs are part of the Year 2 Science program which involves the students learning all about life cycles. Each day the students have been able to observe and discuss the necessary requirements for the eggs to hatch, the changes that they have seen in the eggs and the developmental stages of a chicken's growth including what they need to survive. It is also an opportunity for our young students to develop their analytical and data collecting skills as outlined in the Science Syllabus. Students and teachers from other grades have also benefitted from the excitement of our new fluffy friends.



Video footage has been posted on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Lunchtime Book Club

Each week during break times, some of our Year 6 SRC members read stories and conduct book related activities with the younger students. This week Tiana El-Bazouni and Olivia Bechara read the story, 'The Snow Wombat' written by Susannah Chambers. They also showed their creativity by making snowflakes out of paper circles. Activities like these are not only an enjoyable learning experience but also allow our older students to demonstrate their leadership skills. Thanks to Mrs LeMerle for the guidance and support she gives to our students so that these learning experiences are made possible.



Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is an important part of a child's wider reading experience. Students are able to borrow a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books and there are always new books being added to our collection. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school each week so that they can borrow some of the wonderful books that are available. To entice students to borrow, Mrs LeMerle has randomly placed six Golden Tickets in a range of library books. If your child finds a ticket in their book, all they need to do is write a short summary about the book and they will win a prize. I ask that if your child has any overdue library books they be returned so that other students have the opportunity to borrow them.

Year 3 Experiments

Last Friday, students from Year 3 conducted experiments as part of their Science unit, Material World. They were able to investigate the effects of adding or removing heat to a variety of solids and liquids. Students thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on learning experience.



Student Illness

It is that time of the year when many of our students are becoming ill with colds and other common viruses. If you are aware that your child is not feeling well, please keep them home until they are better so that the illness is not spread amongst other students and teachers. Please also remind your child of the importance of general hygiene such as washing their hands regularly, so that germs are not spread.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Online Behaviour and Social Media

Understanding the role technology and social media play in the daily life of young people can help you facilitate safe and healthy online behaviour. The link, below, will provide information on various guides that introduce the role of technology in young people's lives, and provide tips on supporting safe and healthy use of technology. https://schools.au.reachout.com/online-behaviour-and-social-media?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MKTG%20Schools%20Newsletter%20June%202019&utm_content=MKTG%20Schools%20Newsletter%20June%202019+CID_c5d6ac7c8a35da21500968d85fe0c7eb&utm_source=emailCM&utm_term=Read%20more

Managing Your Child's Anxiety

Parents play a critical role in helping their child manage their anxiety. The first important step is to recognise your child's anxiety, which is often confused with poor behaviour or learning difficulties. The article in the link, below, will help you determine if your child is anxious and how you to give your child the support they

need. https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/my-child-is-anxious-what-do-i-do/?utm_source=Blog+Subscribers&utm_campaign=d90f665f3e-Parenting+Blog+04_06_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488c60967-d90f665f3e-188334001&mc_cid=d90f665f3e&mc_eid=da8363e355

Half Yearly Exams

Our Year 7-10 students concluded their half yearly exams this week. Our focus now turns to marking and preparing semester 1 reports.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are fast approaching. The letter for Year 10 students will be issued next week. Years 7-9 students will receive their letter in the next couple of weeks. Please ensure you keep the following dates free for this year's interviews:

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

Parent/Teacher interviews are compulsory. Attendance by students and a parent/guardian is mandatory.

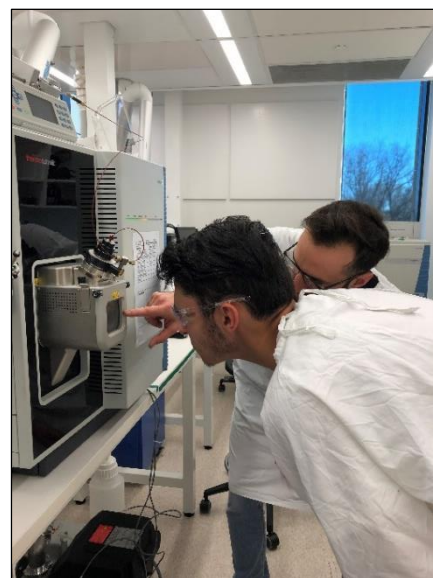
Year 8 Elevate Education Session

Year 8 participated in an elevate education session on Friday 7th June 2019. The session was titled *Junior Time Management* and covered: Creating a Study Routine; Prioritising High Value Tasks; Creating an Assessment Planner.

Staff Professional Development Session: Visible Learning

This week staff participated in a professional development session focusing on visible learning.

The focus for staff was developing their knowledge in setting learning intentions and success criteria for their lessons. This will assist staff to set effective intentions and criteria, to ensure learning is visible for students.



Year 12 Science Extension student Elie Nol, accompanied by his teacher Ms Zaferis, attended the Centenary Institute at Sydney University for a two-day tour of the research facilities and intensive statistics excursion led by Dr Tim Couttas.



Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 - Michael James Saba (Kindy) - Gabrielle Abi-Khattar, Miles Murphy (Year 2) - Ava Namnoum, Ornella Dahdah, Michael Salem (Year 3) - Charbel Jabbour, Lynn Nakhoul, Carlos Bou Melhem, Amber, Joshua Yaacoub (Year 4) – Nicole Farah (Year 11)

Bronze Awards - Mariah Mary Elia (Kindy), Savannah Aktila, Tony Seaib, Elias Ibrahim (Year 3) - John Maroun, Christian Ghabche, Pamela Souccar (Year 4)

Principal's Award - Michael Boumelhem (Year 3) - Amber Fasavalu (Year 4)

THIS AND THAT

BREAKING NEWS! The Year 2 Science life cycle observation chicks are released!



Year 10 1st attempt for their online Minimum Standards Tests was a great success with 85% of the cohort achieving the minimum standards in numeracy literacy and reading.



Year 12 students brave the early morning cold to help Heaven on Earth feed the homeless at Prince Alfred Park



Bingo time with Ms Dib and 4 Amber!



7.3 students are enjoying building solar robots for Technology.
Just waiting for the rain to clear so we can take them outside to test!



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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