



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 2: Friday 2nd August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

This week we welcome our second group of Chinese International students to the College. In total we will have close to 60 students over the next few weeks. The students will be experiencing education in Australia and will be buddied with our students.

As Feast Week celebrations commence in the Church, I would like to remind all parents to please use extra caution when dropping off or picking up your children due to the increase in vehicles.

Lastly, I would like you to keep Year 12 in your prayers as they commence their Trial Exams on Monday. Please also keep Sr Cynthia in your prayers as she travels to Lebanon to take her final vows. We pray that she has a safe journey and wish her all the best.



*What happens when a Principal from China
meets a Principal from Australia?
Wonderful exotic gifts are exchanged!*

A Prayer Before a Test or Exam

Come Holy Spirit with all Your gifts and graces.

Help me to recall the facts I have studied for this exam.

Guide my thinking process and fill my mind with the ideas and concepts

I need to know in order to do well.

Illuminate my mind and make clear the answers I am supposed to give for each question.

As I answer, keep my thoughts clear and concise.

Replace any anxiety I feel with peace in knowing that You are with me to assist me and
guide my responses.

Amen



In God's love

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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If you are feeling especially generous and would like to donate a fabulous prize to motivate our students, please contact **Georgette Baini** (*Details below...*)

We have had amazing parents and friends offer to donate food and drinks for the walkathon BBQ.
Special thanks to **Assist Property Maintenance, Sofia Taouk, Laurance Nol,**
and **Rania Fakhri.**

If anyone else is willing to sponsor us, it would be greatly appreciated!

All profits go towards resources for your beautiful children.

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

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

At this week's Professional Learning Meeting, all Primary teachers were asked to complete a writing task whereby they had to view a stimulus picture and construct an imaginative text. No group discussion or collaboration with peers was allowed and a time limit was placed upon them. The reason for this exercise was for teachers to understand and analyse their own thought process and writing style. The same Writing Stimulus was then given to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 during class. They were asked to construct a text based on their thoughts about the picture. This type of writing experience allows children to not only express their creativity, but more importantly demonstrate their acquired writing skills.



From each student's written text, teachers were able to assess aspects of writing development and identify individual writing goals. Both teachers and students enjoyed the writing experience. Students were surprised that teachers also completed the task and loved hearing the stories they had written.

Transfiguration/MacKillop Mass

Today we celebrated a beautiful mass prepared by Sr Cynthia and the Year 4 teachers. It was a wonderful celebration ending with a lovely reflection by the students. Thank you also to Mr Wood and Mrs Chalhoub for preparing the choir who sang so exquisitely throughout the mass.



Mobile Devices at School

There has been an increasing number of students bringing mobile phones and wearing Apple and Garmin watches to school. In many cases parents are unaware that this is happening. These are expensive items that are quite often being left in student bags. The need for these items to be brought to school is not necessary for Primary students and it is advised that they are to be left at home each day. If there is a pressing necessity for your child to bring such a device to school, can you please supply a note to their class teacher so that they are made aware. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Stage 2 STEM Groups

Yesterday, Ms Rozario's Stage 2 STEM students participated in the 'Spaghetti Tower Marshmallow Challenge'. Each group was given twenty minutes to build the tallest possible tower that could support a marshmallow. Students were only permitted to use a handful of supplies which included spaghetti, tape and string. They were given the opportunity to practice the design process prior to the challenge. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had a great deal of fun working in collaboration with their fellow group members.



Year 2

Last term, Year 2 classes were visited by Year 8 students who spoke to them about a variety of topics including recycling and trading food with other countries. Jade especially enjoyed the visit and the assistance they received from their older buddies. It is wonderful to see this type of interaction occur between our junior and senior students.



Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

This week Ms Assaf and Mrs Saada took two teams of Stage 2 students to the Annual Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day. The day was the largest in its history in regards to the number of schools and teams participating at the event. It was an enjoyable day for all who attended. The teams played extremely well with our girls' team coming second on the overall points table and our boys' team coming third. We would like to especially thank Ms Assaf, Mrs Saada and Mrs Ramsey for their dedication to training the students after school each week, in preparation for the gala day.



College Walk-A-Thon

Our College Walk-A-Thon will be held on Wednesday 14th August. Last term your child received their walk-a-thon 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. On the day, students are required to wear appropriate footwear and be dressed in mufti clothing of their house colour. At the completion of the walk, any student who has raised funds will be issued with a token which enables them to receive a sausage sizzle and a bottle of water. There will be a variety of prizes on offer for students and classes on the day. All funds raised will assist the College in purchasing new furniture for the St Elias Chapel and also in upgrading current classroom furniture. We are looking forward to another fun and successful day this year.

School Uniform

Many thanks to all parents for ensuring that their children have returned to school in full winter school uniforms. A reminder that all uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles that comply with College expectations. Boys hair must be kept short without excessive hair product used. For girls, long hair must be tied back. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school. Nail polish is not permitted to be worn. Students are to wear our school hat when outside. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name and class. This makes for easy return of items if they are misplaced. Wearing the school uniform with pride is an important message to give to the children about their identity and how they belong to the College.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

2019 Theme: Term 3 Focus

The theme for our College this year is **To Love**, which we have taken from our College motto following last year's theme (To know). Each term, we are focusing on an aspect of love to help us understand the theme. This term we focus on **love for one another**. We interpret love for one another in the sense that we look for the positives in one another in every situation. We live in a society where an individual's positive aspects are, at times, overshadowed by their faults and mistakes. Therefore, it is important that we educate our students and spread the message to look for the positives in one another, in every situation, to ensure we develop our love for one another as Christ loved us, despite our sins and faults.

Presentation: Uniform and Grooming

It is vital that our students present themselves in a professional manner. This is especially vital when travelling to and from the College. At all times, the College Blazer must be worn during this term, especially when travelling to and from the College. Furthermore, the College strives for students to look their best – this means students' hairstyles and grooming must be meeting the College's uniform and grooming policy and procedure. Thank you to the majority of students who consistently display themselves in a professional manner.

Year 12 Trials

This week, our Year 12 students commence their second set of Trial HSC exams. We wish them all the very best and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Below are some survival tips for our Year 12 students:

- Ask for help when you need it
- Stay organised
- Don't over-commit yourself
- Mix up your study routine
- Stay calm and keep things in perspective



On Tuesday 30th July, Preliminary Music students and Mr Sedicol attended an AWO rehearsal at the City Recital Hall. The students were able to view a professional orchestra in action and participate in a Q&A session with the conductor and Principal Viola.

Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration and Feast of St Mary Mackillop

On Friday we celebrated two important feasts in our Catholic Church – the Feast of the Transfiguration and the Feast of Australia's first Saint – Saint Mary Mackillop. I wish you all a blessed feast day on both these occasions. May the Transfigured Lord, through the intercession of St Mary Mackillop, bless and protect our Sisters, College, staff, parents and students.



Chinese International Students

This week our College welcomed thirty-four Chinese international students to experience education in Australia. Our guests and our student buddies enjoyed and benefited from this experience which we are now looking forward to every year. A Principal from China, who accompanied her students on this visit, presented Sr Irene a gift in appreciation for our generous hospitality during their time. On the final day for our guests, we presented them



a certificate of attendance and a commemorative show bag. Thank you to our student buddies, and our College community, for welcoming our guests. We look forward to welcoming a second group next week.

Homework Club

Homework Club for our secondary students has commenced for this term. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to receive extra support and access the facilities and resources in the learning centre for the benefit of their education. If your child would like to commence attending homework club, please ensure they submit a permission slip to the Learning Centre.

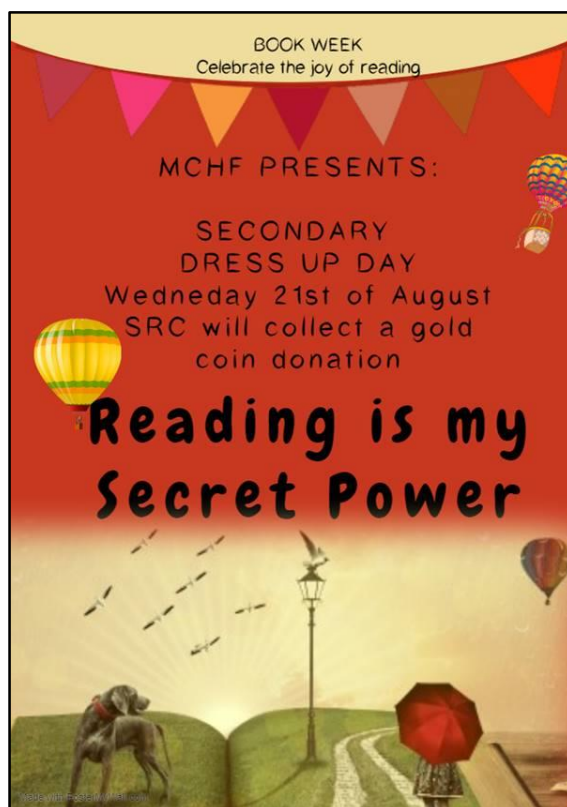
2019 Book Week: "Reading is My Secret Power"

Book Week for this year will be held in Week 5 of this term. The learning centre staff are organising a wide range of initiatives and activities to celebrate the week. Students are encouraged and invited to participate as we celebrate literacy. The SRC will be hosting a dress up day on Wednesday 21st August as part of the book week activities. Students are invited to participate, via a gold coin donation, to dress up as a super hero or novel character on this day.

Representative Sport

Congratulations to our Frisbee 1 team for defeating St Bishoy 1 team 8-0 and St Agnes 2 team 3-1 in their latest representative sport round. Our Frisbee 2 team had mixed results being defeated by St Agnes 1 team 4-2 but defeated St Bishoy 2 team 8-2.

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 2nd August – MCHF Vinnies Winter Sleep Out, starting at 5pm
- Monday 5th to Friday 16th August - Year 12 Trial Exams
- Wednesday 14th August – College Walkathon
- Thursday 15th August – Foundation Day **HOLIDAY**
- Friday 23rd August – Year 5 Excursion to Auburn Botanic Gardens
- Tuesday 27th August – Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccines
- Friday 30th August – K-12 Father's Day Mass at 9am (OLOL Co-Cathedral)

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 Sassine, Alyssia Rose Saad, Noah Semaan, Yassmeen Dayoub (Kindy) - Sienna Ghabache, Jenny Makary, Charlize Nohra, Sophia Ghabache, Cecil Diab, Eli Peter Rocco Baker, Leila George, Jon-Claude Loulach, Jacob Abou-Haydar (Year 1) - Jonathan Ishac, Daniella Maalouf, Georgina Kanaan, Ella Rose Botro (Year 2) - Jesse Ray Hawkswell, Mary Semaan, Ava Rose Fakhri, Rita Hadidi, Mariana Hadchiti (Year 3) - Abdo AbouChedid, Sed-Rita Aflak, Milad Aouad, Darla Valentine Assi, Daniel Chahin, John El Barhoun, John Andrew Elia, Rebecca Elias, Kayla Fasavalu, Antonio Hamad, Benjamin Hannouche, Claudia Harb, Charline Kayrouz, Nicholas Laba, Georgia Matta, Teresa Matta, Jonathan Stavrinakis (Year 8) - Nassif Abi-Khattar, Ramona Touma, Maroun Bayeh, Charlene Sabat, Samijo Laoulach, Maryrose Aboukaram, Mona El-Hachem, Rafqa Kayrouz, Harrison Yaacoub (Year 11)

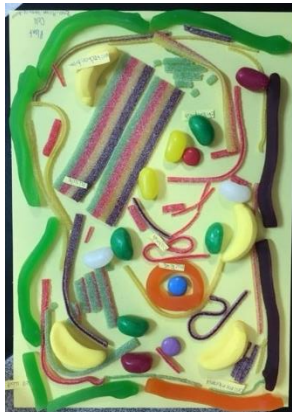
Bronze Awards – Brendan Bazouni, Mia Rose Barbar, Michael Saba, Amelia Yaacoub (Kindy) - James Koura, Charbel Sleiman, Elizabeth Ayoub, Marie Youssef, Matthew Abi-Khattar, Christian Boumina, Maroun Katrib, Jan Shalhoub (Year 1) - George Semaan, Jacob Layoun, Mikaella Fahad, Gabriella Assi, Yohanan Suresh, Michael Al-Alam (Year 2)

Silver Awards – Isaac Dahdah (Kindy) - Charbel Namnoum, Elliana Eljer, Gabriel Bou Assi, Alexander Mekary, Joe Obeid, Bianca Maroun (Year 1)

Principal Awards – Selina Dib (Year 4)

THIS AND THAT

Science becomes a whole lot more interesting for Year 7 when they get to eat the plant and animal cells they make.



Year 12 Biology students, accompanied by Ms Zaferis, went to the UNSW Museum of Disease to learn about infectious and non-infectious diseases. They were brilliantly behaved and learnt a lot about how our bodies respond to pathogens.



Year 12 VET Construction students working hard and efficiently as they complete a concrete slab project assessment task.



Year 7 demonstrate their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) with the testing of their CO2 Dragsters...



PARENT CORNER

Parent Information Session: Induction to Child Protection/WHS Policy for Volunteers within the College

The College will be hosting a Parent Information Session for those parents intending to volunteer at the College this year. The Information Session will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2019. Parents interested are asked to meet Mr Day in the main office at 9am. This session is only for parents who could not attend the Term 1 or Term 2 sessions.

Looking for Apprenticeships for Students in 2020

We are looking for parents/families, who own businesses, to take on students for apprenticeships in 2020. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact Mrs Abdul Ahad on 9633 6600 or email fabdulahad@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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

BYOD Link and Code –

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>
School Code: MCHFBYOD2019

LOLO Feast Week

LOLO car park and onsite traffic will change to accommodate the events taking place between the 1st and 15th of August. For your convenience, please note the following car park closure and availability times...

Saturday 3/8/2019

CAR PARK

- Foyer Car park (Front of the Church): CLOSED.
- Top level car park CLOSED.
- Middle and bottom level car park available.

DRIVEWAYS

- ENTRY / EXIT: Bottom Driveway (C)
- Top driveway (A) & Middle driveway (B) closed for Souk set up.

Sunday 4/8/2019

CAR PARK

- Foyer Car park (Front of the Church): CLOSED.
- 3 level car park available.

DRIVEWAYS

- ENTRY: Middle Driveway (B)
- EXIT: Bottom Driveway (C)
- Top driveway (A) closed for Youth BBQ.

Thursday 8/8/2019

Foyer Car park (Front of the Church): After 4pm, closed.

Friday 9/8/2018

CAR PARK

- Foyer Car park (Front of the Church): CLOSED.
- Top level car park CLOSED.
- Middle and Bottom car park Closed.

DRIVEWAYS

- Top driveway (A) CLOSED
- Middle Driveway (B) CLOSED
- EXIT / ENTRY Bottom Driveway (C)

- NO School Drop off and pickup available through any Driveways, alternative drop off / pickup lane will be operated on the church side of Alice Street between driveway B and Driveway C.

Youth Centre basement accessible from Driveway (C).

Saturday 10/8/2019

CAR PARK - All car parks CLOSED.

DRIVEWAYS - Access only available for Staff and Volunteers through Gate (C).

Youth Centre basement will not be available after 5pm.

Sunday 11/8/2019

CAR PARK

- Foyer Car park (Front of the Church): CLOSED.
- Top level car park CLOSED.
- Middle and Bottom Carpark available

DRIVEWAYS

- ENTRY: Middle Driveway (B)
- EXIT: Bottom Driveway (C)
- Top driveway (A) closed

Thursday 15/8/2019

Bottom Car park closed.

Youth Centre basement will not be available after 5pm.

Congestion expected.

COMMUNITY HUB



When: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Primary School Hall

Cost: \$5 per lesson

Starting on the 09/08/2019 and finish on the 20/09/2019 for 7 weeks.

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For more information, or to register, please contact

Afrah Haddad on **0401451686**.

Community Hub Leader.

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