



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 5: Friday 23rd August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

This week has been a busy week for the College.

On Monday the 19th August the College hosted the next round of the Mock Trial Competition. The College were up against Baulkham Hills High. I am very proud to say we won! We are now ranked in the top 16 schools in the State. A very big thankyou to the students involved and especially the Mock Trial Coordinator Ms Esber.

Many activities also took place throughout the College to celebrate Book Week. A big thankyou to all the staff in the Learning Centre for their organisation of this Annual event.

*Winner of the
dress-up
competition,
Simon Bazouni*



Important Information for Parents and Caregivers,

There are times when your children may sustain an injury outside of the College which impacts on their attendance at the College.

Any injuries which impact on the student's mobility must be notified to the College prior to the student attending so that a Risk Assessment can be formulated and in place on the students first day.

Parents should also make an appointment to see the Principal prior to the student returning to the College.

Parents, please note that **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP FROM ALICE STREET**. No student is to be picked up from Weston Street as there is no staff supervision in this area. **There will be NO exceptions for anyone.**

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council brings children and books together by celebrating Book Week. During this time, children are encouraged to immerse themselves in quality Australian literature designed especially for their age group. Book Week however, is not only about instilling in our children a genuine love of reading, but also about supporting, encouraging and applauding the Australian writers and illustrators who create such wonderful stories for us to enjoy.

In 1597, Sir Francis Bacon wrote, 'Knowledge is Power'. This indeed is the truth. When we read we increase our knowledge as we learn about the world, expand our vocabulary and ignite our imagination. Let's keep reading to develop our knowledge and follow this year's Book Week theme, 'Reading is My Secret Power'.

Book Week

This week during class, the students continued to learn about the Book Council's short listed books. Mrs LeMerle also organised a range of fun and exciting activities for the students to complete during their break times. They not only enjoyed listening to the stories but also used their creativity to make things such as bookmarks and mini books.

Year Three and Year Eleven came together this week to share some of their favourite stories with each other. Both the students and teachers enjoyed this peer reading session immensely. The older students were amazed by the reading abilities of the Year Three children. Thank you to Mrs LeMerle and Ms Moyer for coordinating this worthwhile learning experience.



Ms Fisher invited a group of Year 5 and Year 6 students to listen to a presentation from the author and illustrator, Gabriel Evans. They then participated in a writing workshop together with Year 7 and 8 students. Ms Fisher was very impressed with the students' imagination and writing talent. We are all very excited to read the special books they created.



Book Fair

The Book Fair officially opened its doors today. Students began visiting the fair and completing their 'Wish Lists' of books or stationery they would like to buy. Purchasing of items will be conducted on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August. Parents can visit the Fair on these days before school from 8:15am-8:40am as well as during break times on Tuesday 28th August. Please note that the Fair is located in the room next to 1 Gold this year.



Creative Arts Day

A reminder that the Primary Creative Arts Day will be held on Tuesday 27th August. This will be the final Book Week event for this year. Students from all grades will be participating in Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Music activities that relate to one of the Australian Book Council's short listed books. All students will have the opportunity to read and develop a good understanding of their grade's chosen text prior to the day. If parents are interested in assisting on the day, please inform your child's class teacher by returning the note which was sent home earlier this week. We are looking forward to a fun filled day!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the closing date for student entries into the Premier's Reading Challenge is Friday 30th of August. All reading records need to be completed prior to this date so that they can be lodged on time. Remember, even if you are finished, keep on reading!

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 21st Century Learner. Our learning this week focused on Extending Oral Language in the classroom. The session was led by Ms Dib and Mrs Kartabani who shared their recent experience from an educational course they recently attended. They discussed useful strategies that can be used in the classroom and provided some great resources to the staff.

Cyber Safety Talk

Last Friday, Year Six students attended a presentation on Cyber Safety. The following has been written by Joy Yacoub from 6 Teal.

On Friday the 16th of August, Senior Constable Dakic gathered all the Year 6 students to inform us about Cyber Safety. He spoke to us on how to act and stay safe while using social media. Most importantly, he explained how to create a safe password, share appropriate content, what the effects of cyber bullying are and who you can trust. I learnt that you must always choose a safe password which is not your birthday and you should not share it with others. Think before sharing content such as photos or personal information and always ask yourself, 'Why am I sending it?' and 'Who am I sending it to?'. If you come across inappropriate material or feel as though you are being bullied online, act now! Tell your parents, a teacher or report it to the police. This is a serious matter. Know that you are never alone. Personally, I found the talk extremely informative and helpful. If you'd like to know more, visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information.



Year Five Excursion

On Friday 16th August, Year 5 went on an excursion to the Western Sydney Parklands in Bungarribee. The excursion was linked to the students' Geography topic this term, 'Factors that Shape Places'. The students participated in a range of activities throughout the day. These included The Amazing Race, Shelter Building, Bush Walking and Bug Catching. These activities helped explain the interactions and connections between

people, places and environments and allowed the students to investigate the ways people change the natural environment.



Year Three

Three Yellow read the book, *'Where the Forest Meets the Sea'*, which they found very interesting. Through their reading and deeper studying of the book, the students learnt about the cause and effect of deforestation and commercialisation, as well as the past and present inhabitants of the Daintree Rainforest. The students used their gained knowledge and research skills to plan and write an informative text about the Daintree Rainforest. Three Yellow then used their creativity and went out into nature and collected natural resources to create their very own, 'Forest Meeting the Sea'.

Mobile Devices at School

Sr Irene addressed all students in Year 5 and Year 6 this week in regards to mobile phones. There has been an increasing number of students bringing mobile phones to school. In many cases parents are unaware that this is happening. These are expensive devices 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. Any phone brought to school needs to be signed in at the main office where it will be collected at the end of the day. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Mock Trial Success

The College Mock Trial team have continued to impress in this year's competition after defeating Baulkham Hills High School in the Elimination round of Mock Trial held on Monday this week. The dedication and efforts this team has put in to achieve such an outstanding result is to be applauded. The College is now in the top 16 schools in the state. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Ms Esber-Dayoub, and we wish them all the best in the next round. They've made the College very proud. The team consists of:

- Barristers: Celine Harb and Ashton Tannous
- Solicitor: Simon Zaiter
- Witnesses: Christina Geagea and Nina Bousaid
- Researcher: Jason Chakti
- Magistrate Clerk and court officer: Jack Jabbour and Roula Abou-Chedid

Book Week: "Reading is My Super Power"

Book Week for 2019 was held this week with this year's theme being "Reading is my Super Power." The staff and students actively supported this initiative and many activities were held. Our Year 11 English students combined with Year 3 and led the students in reading activities. The learning centre hosted various activities

throughout the week – most notably **Book in a Day** led by our guest, Gabriel Evans, who led a day workshop where students produced a book in one day. The books developed by the students will be donated to Westmead Children's Hospital. On Wednesday 21st August, the SRC hosted a dress up day where students were challenged to dress up in their favourite character. The winner of the best dressed competition was Simon Bazouni (Year 7), pictured on the front page. I thank Ms Moyer, Mr Julius, the Learning Centre staff, Ms Badr and Ms Fisher and all staff and students for supporting and contributing to this year's book week.



Wellbeing Wednesday

This term, the College commenced a new initiative "Wellbeing Wednesday" which was held this week on Wednesday. It was a day for staff and students to be more mindful of those around them, speak to someone they don't usually speak to, try to manage everyday stresses and even look towards the benefit of decluttering space and mind to relieve stress. A range of activities were held on this day for students to participate in and a special rooftop lunch gathering was arranged for staff. The day was a great success and the College will continue this initiative every week 5 of the term. Thank you to Ms Abdul Ahad for coordinating this day and to all the staff and students who assisted and supported the day.



HSC Major Works

Our Year 12 students are heading towards completing their HSC course and an important component for some of these students are the submission of their major projects. Our students are starting to submit these major projects or finalising their projects and preparing their submissions. We wish all our students who are submitting major works all the very best.

Year 11, 2020 Enrolment Interviews

Parents/Guardians of Year 10 will be receiving a letter regarding the details of the Year 11, 2020 enrolment interviews. The interviews will commence Monday 2nd September 2019 until and including Friday 13th September 2019. Appointments are required to be booked via the Parent Portal which will open on Monday 26th August 2019 and will close 11pm on Friday 30th August 2019. It is compulsory for students to complete these interviews to confirm their enrolment into senior years at the College. Please refer to the letter issued to your child for all the details.

Year 9, 2020 Subject Selection Session

Our Year 8 students participated in their subject selection session on Friday 23rd August 2019. The KLA Coordinators with elective courses on offer presented information and details of all the courses to the students. The students are now required to select their two elective courses they wish to study in 2020.

Semester 1 Sport and Semester 2 Leadership Assembly

On Friday 23rd August 2019, the Semester 1 Sport and Semester 2 Leadership assembly was held to award the semester 1 sport award winners and announce the semester 2 leaders. We congratulate all our sport award recipients for their outstanding efforts in sport in Term 1 and 2. Furthermore, we congratulate our Semester 2 Class Captains and SRC representatives and look forward to working with them for the remainder of the year.

Representative Sport

On Thursday 22nd August 2019, our Under 14 Boys Rugby League team competed in the PDSSSC grand final against St Clare. The boys started off the game strongly and took a 16-8 lead at half time. St Clare came out strongly in the second half, and with a lot more possession, outscored our boys and won 26-16. This was the first loss for the boys as they had gone through the season undefeated. Despite the loss, we are still proud of the students and their achievements. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr Abood.



Staff Professional Development: Marking and Feedback

On Monday 19th August 2019, our staff participated in a professional development workshop with the focus on marking and feedback. Staff were provided with a task and worked collaboratively throughout the session.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday 27th August – Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccines
- Tuesday 27th August – Primary Creative Arts Day
- Thursday 29th August – Father's Day Stall (See Parent section of newsletter for more information)
- Friday 30th August – K-12 Father's Day Mass at 9am (LOLO Co-Cathedral)
- Friday 30th August – Years 9 and 10 Reflection Day
- Monday 2nd to Friday 13th September – Year 10 into 11 enrolment interviews
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th September – Years K-3 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday 11th September – Year 10 and 11 Bstreetsmart Excursion

College Tour Dates...

Next Tour: **Wednesday 28th August 2019 from 11:30am – 12:30pm**

The College welcomes its parents and wider community to tour the facilities, services and learning environment. Our tours are held once a term.

Tour bookings are required, so please complete the tour booking form located on the College App or via the link – [Tour Booking Form](#)

For more information please contact Ms Georgette Baine 9633 6600 or gbaine@mchf.nsw.edu.au

- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20th November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Elias Nachar, Grace Marie Mouawad, Grace Salem, Porsha Hawach, Pio El Khoury, Zayn Akkaoui, Summer Moujalli, Tianna Nassar (Kindy) - Anabel Bouchaaya, Antonia Wakim, Jamie- Lee Boutros, Jaden Harmouche (Year 1) Victoria Eskaff, Mary Rose Rizk, Raed Nazha, Michael Al Alam (Year 2) - Elisa Francis (Year 3) - Tony Moubarak, Roberto Tannous, Elias Chalhoub, Charbel Semaan (Year 4) - Zachariah Dayoub, Joseph Ghannoum, Michelle Ishak, George Zaidan, Tonya Marie Ibrahim (Year 7)

Bronze Awards – Chehade Taouk (Year 1) – Jeana Bou Melhem, Yvonne Taouk, Christian Kassis, Tatiana Deeb, Olivia Halabi, Isabella Taouk, Serena Sadek, Jayden Sassine, Charbelle Maroun, John-Pierre Maroun, Celine Youssef, Christian Barakat, Thea Ayoub, Georgina Kanaan (Year 2) - Catalina Sleiman (Year 3)

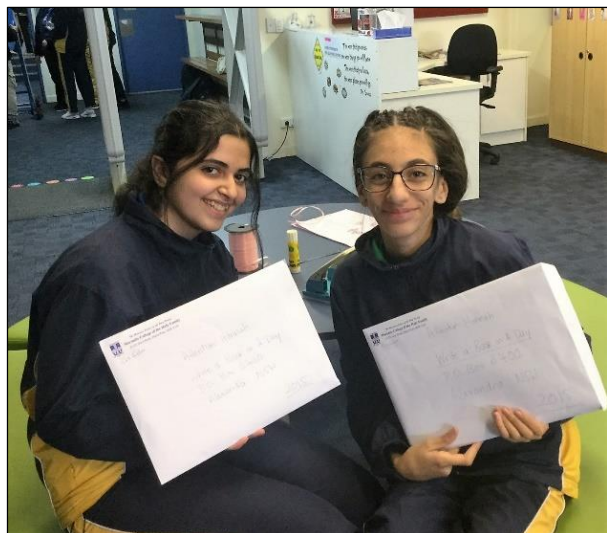
Silver Awards – Julianna Fenianous (Kindy) - Christian El-Bahrour (Year 5)

Principal's Award – Fadia Taouk (Year 2)

THIS AND THAT

More from Book Week at MCHF

What a great week this was – Packed with activities, great ideas and lots of inspiration!
We can't wait until next year!



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video footage of our College life!
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PARENT CORNER

Many thanks to Meega Formwork Pty Ltd for their extremely generous sponsorship of our Year 12 Yearbook!



FATHER'S DAY STALL: THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

The Parent Association will be holding their annual Father's Day Stall on **Thursday 29th August, 2019**.

They will be providing a variety of gifts for children to purchase for their fathers, grandfathers, uncles and God-fathers on this special day.

Check out the variety of gifts on offer this year. Prices range from \$1-\$10.00



Leaving the College Grounds in the Afternoon

A reminder to parents/guardians that no student is permitted to leave the College grounds from Gate 5 (Weston St) in the afternoons.

All students must leave the College from the Alice Street gates.
The Weston Street gates are for staff and emergency exits only.

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 Bains - gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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

Boxing at MCHF



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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