

## MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 7: Friday 6th September 2019

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn**

As we are approaching the end of Term 3, I would like you to keep all the students in Year 12 in your prayers. They are currently preparing for their Graduation and are studying hard for the upcoming Higher School Certificate Examinations. May our Lady guide and be with them during this time.

#### "Don't lose sight of your goals. Your countless hours of studying and sleepless nights will pay off in the end."

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate the Birthday of the Virgin Mary. May she protect all our families and our community. May she shower her blessings on you all.



#### Sr Irene Boughosn PRINCIPAL

The NSW Parliament is about to pass an extreme Abortion Law, allowing abortion until birth. Our Mother Church teaches us to accept life as a precious gift from God and to defend and promote it. A second Rally for Life is being held on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. We are called to participate and to be the voice of the voiceless and defend life from conception until natural death.

إن برلمان نيو ساوت ويلز على وشك إقرار قانون يسمح بالإجهاض في أي مرحلة من الحمل حتى الولادة. وبالمقابل تدعونا أمنا الكنيسة الى قبول الحياة واحترامها واعتبارها عطية عظيمة من الله. لذلك أنتم مدعوون للمشاركة في مظاهرة سلمية ثانية من أجل الحياة وذلك يوم الأحد ١٥ أيلول

## سيدني. انه لمن واجبنا أن نكون ٢٠١٩ من الساعة الثانية والنصف بعد الظهر في هايد بارك، صوت الذين لا صوت لهم والدفاع عن الحياة من لحظة الحمل وحتى الموت الطبيعي

#### **HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE**

There is a common misconception that using concrete materials and visuals to assist with the completion of mathematical tasks is purely for younger students. This belief is far from true, as using physical tools can actually stimulate additional pathways within the brain. Providing a hands on approach to learning in Mathematics, allows students to achieve a complete understanding of a concept rather than simply memorising it. This deeper

level of learning provides greater opportunity for students to transfer their knowledge into both classroom practice and real life situations.

In Ms Kartabani's Mathematics extension class, students have been learning about volume and capacity. This week, they were first asked to imagine what a cubic metre looked like and then make an educated prediction of how many tissue boxes they would need to fill it. Students worked collaboratively, using their measuring skills and formulas before constructing their cubic metre. They enjoyed this hands on approach to their learning and were eager to show me the result.



Year Six students also found themselves immersed in hands on activities during their Mathematics



lessons this week. Students across the grade have been exploring three dimensional space and geometry. Applying their knowledge and understanding of prisms and pyramids, they were asked to design and construct a variety of three dimensional objects using straws, paddle pop sticks and plasticine. All students were proud of the effort they displayed and were able to provide detailed explanations of the learning process they undertook to create their masterpieces.

Enabling our students to create and visualise in such ways not only makes the learning fun and engaging, but allows them the opportunity to truly

understand the concepts being taught. Thank you to our teachers who aim to enhance their students' knowledge in such creative and purposeful ways.

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons begin next Monday for all students in Kindergarten to Year 3. The lessons conducted by qualified swimming instructors, are designed to teach our students the necessary skills so that they feel confident and safe when in and around water.

The ability to swim is an important skill for all children to learn, especially in Australia. We are known as a waterworshipping nation because of the love we have for the beach and splashing around in our backyard pools.

Knowing how to swim not only improves general fitness levels, coordination, balance and flexibility, but also provides crucial lifelong water awareness.

#### Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Technology is a major part of our daily lives and school is no exception. This year, the new Science and Technology Syllabus has been implemented across all schools in NSW. The syllabus contains detailed content in the area of Information Communication Technology (ICT). This new curriculum ensures that schools teach the essential skills necessary for students to operate effectively as 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners by integrating the use of technology into all areas of their learning. Ms Mallia is currently working with a group of Year 6 students to assist their development of ICT skills. The students are thoroughly engaged in the lessons and are excited by the things they are learning. It is



wonderful to see them suddenly realise that technology is more than just a device to play games and communicate with friends.

#### NRMA Road Safety Program

On Monday, our school hosted a Road Safety Day. NRMA were invited to present a free Science and Road Safety program to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program focused on enhancing the knowledge and skills of students, teachers and parents. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions which were both informative and entertaining. They were also given a work book full of activities, which assisted in reinforcing the important safety messages that were taught during the sessions. Thank you to Mrs Guinan and Ms Hatem for organising this event for our students.





#### Year 3 Writers

This week I was visited by Tony Seaib, Anthony Bouchaaya and Antonio Eljer from Three Lavender, who were extremely happy with a piece of writing they had produced. The task they were given, was to write a persuasive text on whether or not the Daintree Rainforest should be opened for the general public to visit. After brainstorming ideas, planning their work and constructing some good arguments, the students began to write. The smiles on their faces show how proud they were of their effort.

#### **Stage 3 Touch Football**

At the end of this term, students in Stage 3 will have the opportunity to represent our school at the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day. Activities such as these would not be possible without the support of our dedicated staff. I would like to thank Mr Bechara and Ms Mourani who have volunteered to train the students for this event after school each week.

#### **School Uniform**

The teachers do regular uniform checks to ensure that students are wearing their correct uniform. Appropriate haircuts will be continually checked as well. Wearing the school uniform with pride is an important message to give to the children about their identity as a member of the MCHF community. Please encourage them in wearing the correct school uniform at all times.

#### Mr D. Day Head of Primary

#### HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

#### **Attendance Documentation**

A reminder to parents that students must be submitting documentation when absent from the College, need to leave early or arrive late. Furthermore, please note that turning up to pick up your child will not be granted unless a valid reason is provided. Students must be attending the College at hours of the day.



#### **Uniform and Grooming**

The College uniform and grooming policy must be adhered to on a consistent basis. Students are not permitted to mix their uniform and are also not permitted to wear sport uniform on non-sport days. Please ensure you monitor your child's uniform and grooming.

#### Year 12 Final Days

This coming week is the last week for our year 12 students as they prepare for their graduation on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. A reminder that students must be attending every day and making the most of these final days to prepare for their upcoming HSC exams.

#### Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 Preliminary exams will be held in weeks 9 and 10 this term commencing Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 until and including Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It is expected that students are commencing their preparation for their exams and they should be consulting their teachers for assistance and feedback.

#### **Mock Trial Success!**



Congratulations to the MCHF Mock Trial team for defeating Camden High School in the elimination round. We



Congratulation to Elie Nol (Year 12) for receiving the 2019 The Bishop of Parramatta Award for Student Excellence. This award highlights the outstanding contribution Elie has made to the College and wider community, in areas such as witness to the faith, academic achievement, social justice, vocational education, community involvement, and school spirit and love of learning.

have now made it to the Quarter Finals, placing us in the top 8 schools in the entire State of NSW. We thank Camden High for putting up a fantastic fight against our College, and we congratulate the amazing efforts of our student's for getting us that bit closer to the finals with an 11 point win. Our amazing students are an inspiration to all! Thank you and congrats to Celine Harb, Ashton Tannous, Simon Zaiter, Christina Geagea, Nina Bousaid, Jason Chakti, Roula Abou-Chedid and Jack Jabbour.

#### Year 5 Transition Session

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, our year 5 students attended their first session in the transition to secondary program. The students were addressed by the College Principal, Sr Irene Boughosn. This was followed by a presentation on extra-curricular activities in secondary and a pastoral care program session.





#### **Staff Professional Development Session**

This week our staff attended a professional development session on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. The session focused on Cyber-Safety led by the School Liaison Police Officer, Senior Constable Dusan Dakic.

#### Mr E. Asmar Head of Secondary

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 into 11 enrolment interviews
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September Years K-3 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 and 11 Bstreetsmart Excursion
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September Year 12 Day Out
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Year 12 Gown fitting for Graduation
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Year 12 Graduation Mass and Ceremony
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Years K-10 Giving Thanks Mass
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September End of Term
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Term 4 Begins

#### College Tour Dates...

• Next Tour: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students)

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 – <u>Tour Booking Form</u>

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

#### **\star \star \star** CONGRATULATIONS **\star \star \star**

All Rounder Awards – Sienna Karam, Charlie Gebour (Kindy) – Michael Salem, Claire Khoury, Christian Farah (Year 3) - Julien Nabhan, George Saba (Year 4) - Elias Bassil, Nour Khalife (Year 5) - George Hadidi, Rebecca Hanania, Ralph Dib, Tatijana Tannous (Year 7) - Marissa Franjie, Joelle Lahood, Nelwin Nassif, Jacob Sleiman, Sabine Bou Sanayeh, Sebastian Daoud, Joseph Nakhoul, Cynthia Sabat, Mariah Farah, Georgia Khattar, Clair El Hakim (Year 9)

Bronze Awards – Jacob Tawadrous (Kindy) - Tony Daher (Year 2) - Stephanie Atie (Year 9)

Silver Awards – Charbel Taouk (Year 2) - Sophia Khoury, May Nakhoul, Andrew Khoury (Year 3) - Chloe Rehbane (Year 5)

#### THIS AND THAT

On Saturday 31st August, select Year 7 students, along with their Year 7 Year Advisor Mr Abboud, attended the Saturday morning Homeless feed with Heaven on Earth. Students were given the opportunity to pray with and serve the homeless breakfast, as well as the chance to interact with them. Through their stories and experiences, the students were able to realise and understand the hardships that these unfortunate souls endure in their daily lives for simple things we all take for granted, such as access to hot food and a roof over our heads.



Year 9 Visual students working in the expressive form of Sculpture. The students are recycling junk/waste for these creations.



Our talented HSC music students preparing for the upcoming Music performance examination with a lunchtime showcase. We wish them the very best.



Constable Dakic running an information session, with Year 9 students, on developing personal safety strategies and how to respect others...



Year 11 Visual Arts students channelling their inner 'Andy Warhol' Looking at inspiration from today's icons and through the expressive form of Printmaking. Viva La Pop Art! Saint Maroun's Colle SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER **STAND FOR LIFE** 10AM - 3PM FOOD & CAKE STALLS, BBQ, RIDES & SLIDES **SUNDAY 15TH KIDS ACTIVITIES, DUNK THE TEACHER, MUSIC** 

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#### Please see new Lowes uniform prices at the end of this newsletter.

#### 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 <u>fabdulahad@mchf.nsw.edu.au</u>

#### 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 - <u>gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au</u>

#### BYOD Link and Code –

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

### **COMMUNITY HUB**

We had a very successful information day for TAFE courses. During the session, the ladies asked about all the information needed to enrol in courses and the costs involved.



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* Mob: 0401451686 / Email: <u>ahaddad@mchf.nsw.edu.au</u>

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