



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 3: Friday 9th August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn



I would like to thank all the staff and students who attended the Vinnies Sleep-out last week. They battled the elements and raised \$500 for this worthy cause. This is the first time the College took part in this initiative and I congratulate them on their efforts. A special thank you to Mrs Abdul Ahad and the staff who assisted her in organising this event.

Please keep Year 12 students in your prayers as they continue with their Trial Exams this week.

Feast Week celebrations have commenced in the Church and I would like to remind all parents to please use extra caution when dropping off or picking up your children. Please be aware of the car park closures which were advertised in last week's newsletter. For the safety of all please adhere to the road rules and our Crossing Supervisor at all times.

MCHF celebrates the Sisters' Foundation Day with a Mass and walk-a-thon on 14th August and a **HOLIDAY on 15th August.**

Foundation Day is the Day the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family was formed on 15th August 1895 by Patriarch Elias Howayek, Sr Rosalie Nasr and Sr Stephanie Kardouche. It is the day the Sisters renew their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. We ask you keep the Sisters in your prayers on this day and we pray for vocations to Religious Life.

In God's love

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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Many thanks to **Angela Najjar (Cookie Cakes)** for donating a **\$100 gift voucher** as one of the Walkathon prizes!

If you are feeling especially generous and would like to donate a fabulous prize to motivate our students, please contact **Georgette Baini** (gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au / Phone: 9633 6600)

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

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

This week I worked in collaboration with Ms Mourani to deliver an open-ended mathematical task to her class. An open-ended task is a useful way to not only enhance the development of problem-solving skills, but it also allows for a deeper level of student engagement, understanding and retention of mathematical concepts. They enable students the opportunity to explore a range of possibilities, make mathematical decisions and build upon their knowledge. There is no one answer to an open-ended task and students must explain the steps they took to arrive at their solution. These tasks challenge students to think in a more lateral way and are designed to prepare them for everyday situations that they may encounter. Ms Mourani's students thoroughly enjoyed completing the task and now understand what 'hard thinking' really is.

Marion Exhibition

On Monday, the students from Year 5 and 6 were invited to attend the Marian Exhibition held at Our Lady of Lebanon Youth Centre. During their visit, the students viewed a display of Maronite Icons of the Virgin Mary and then watched a video which explained in detail, the Maronite icon of 'Our Lady of Elige'. After this, all classes were involved in a range of hands-on activities designed to further enhance their knowledge and understanding of the exhibition. These included making their own Rosary, planting seeds and writing a personal prayer. The students not only enjoyed their visit, but also gained great inspiration from what they saw and heard. It was an enlightening experience for all who attended. We thank Fr Tony and Denise Samra for facilitating the visit.



Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, thirty-two students from Years 4-6 represented MCHF at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. The students competed in a range of track and field events and are to be congratulated on the wonderful effort and sportsmanship they displayed. A special mention to Andy Sleiman (6 Indigo), Lilia Pavlenko (6 Emerald) and Anthony Khoury (5 Rainbow) who have been selected to compete at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival.



Saj Bread Making

During the week, students from Kindergarten and Year 1 were lucky enough to visit the church so that they could watch Saj bread being made. Once made, it was then shared with the students so that they could taste the freshness. 4 Amber and 4 Olive also had the opportunity to experience the bread making process. The Year 4 students then used their observations and knowledge to write an informative text.



Year 4 Mathematics

(Pictured Left)

This week, Miss Loulach's Mathematics Extension class used their knowledge to combine various 2D shapes and pattern blocks to create their own logos. They produced a variety of logos which included MCHF, KFC and OLOL. They then continued to apply their knowledge of tessellation by creating robots.

Year 3 Excursion

Yesterday our Year 3 students attended an excursion to the Sydney Science Festival at the Australian Museum. They participated in interactive workshops which allowed them to complete a range of hands-on activities and experiments which focused on fire, earth, water and air. A fun day was had by all.



Foundation Day Mass and College Walk-A-Thon

A reminder that next Wednesday 14th August, the College will celebrate the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. The day will begin with a College Mass followed by our annual Walk-A-Thon. On the day, students are required to wear appropriate footwear and be dressed in mufti clothing with a splash of their house colour. Primary students will walk the set route with their class. At the completion of the walk, any student who has raised funds will be issued with a token which will enable them to receive a sausage sizzle and a bottle of water. All students have been reminded that any amount of sponsorship money raised will be appreciated. Please also remember that this is a school day and student attendance is expected. Thursday 15th August will be

a pupil free day in honour of the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. We are looking forward to another fun filled day this year.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Vinnies Winter Sleepout

On Friday 2nd August 2019, the College held its first ever Vinnies Winter Sleepout. This initiative gave our students and staff a glimpse into the realities of homelessness and provided the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for OLOL Parish's Heaven on Earth. The experience offers unique insights into the complex issues faced by people experiencing homelessness. The evening commenced at 5pm and concluded at 9:30pm and included guest speakers, games, dinner and other entertainment. The turnout was fantastic and raised \$500 for Heaven on Earth with numerous food, toys and clothes also donated. Thank you to Mrs Abdul-Ahad for coordinating this event, to Ms Botros for preparing the dinner and to Ms Pietak, Ms Chaaban, Ms Khattar, Mr Abboud, Mr Gharrach and Mr Abood for attending and supporting the evening.



Year 11, 2020 Subject Selections

Our Year 10 students are currently going through the important process of selecting their courses to study in 2020. This process is part of the newly created Mentoring Program to assist our students to select the courses that would benefit their career ambitions. The mentoring phase has completed this week and students will start the formal process of selecting their courses next week.

Chinese International Students

This week our College welcomed another group of 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. 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 more of these opportunities.



Foundation Day Mass and Walkathon

This week our much anticipated Walkathon will be held on Foundation Day – Wednesday 14th August 2019. We will commence our day with a celebratory Mass for the Feast of the Assumption and Foundation Day for the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. This will be followed by the walkathon. A reminder that Thursday 15th August 2019 is a holiday, therefore, the College will be closed. Classes resume as normal on Friday 16th August 2019.

Year 12 Trials

Our students commenced their trial HSC exams this week and have made it through the first week. The exams will continue next week. We continue to pray for our year 12 students and wishing them all the success in these exams.

Maths Olympiad

The third Maths Olympiad was very challenging with, Jean Paul Azar achieving 2 out of 5 and Christian Abdulahad, Matthew El Bazouni, Michel Shalhoub and Joe Raad achieving 1 out of 5. We wish our students the best in their next Olympiad.

Staff Professional Development Session: Visible Learning

Our staff participated in a second visible learning professional development session this week. Our staff worked in the KLA groups and prepared learning intentions and success criteria while referring to their syllabus outcomes. The session proved a valuable experience for our staff as we continue to develop and improve our teaching and learning at the College.

Representative Sport

Our Frisbee 1 team played their Grand Final against St Agnes 2 team and were unfortunately defeated 7-6 following an undefeated season. Congratulations to the students for a tremendous season. We are proud of their achievements.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary



Ms Sarlog's Year 7 Art class start the sketch work on what will become some fabulous looking masks.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Secondary will be holding 'Wellbeing Wednesday' on the 21st August. The aim of Wellbeing Wednesday is to provide students with the tools, knowledge and strategies to manage their mental health and improve overall wellbeing. On the day students will be given no homework for the evening, they will have games available to them at lunch and music playing during break times.

- 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...

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 Bains 9633 6600 or gbains@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 – Andrea Haddad (Kindy) - Sarkis Semaan, Yara Samaha, Gianni Sleiman, Layla Bou Francis (Year 1) - **Jana Yacoub**, Tony Daher, Thea Ayoub (Year 2) - Christian Farah, Joanne Yaacoub, Charbel Mekary, Valentina Bou Melhem, Tiana Makary, Richard Maroun, Mariah Sabbagh, Alannah Azzi, Angelina Khoury, James Azzi (Year 3) - Guiseppe Taouk, Jonah Botros, Alyssa Habib, Tiana Katrib (Year 4) - Alexia El Haddad, Angela Nemer, Theresa El Halabi El Makari (Year 11)

Bronze Awards – Yassmeen Dayoub, Jacinta Sassine, Adriana El Khoury, Mia Mejalli, George Tannous (Kindy) - Jacob Abou-Haydar (Year 1) - Clara Geagea (Year 2) - May Nakhoul, Clara Akik, Cynthia Rahme, Lawrence Farah (Year 3) - Anthony Mekary, George Esber, Gabriel Deeb (Year 4)

Silver Awards – Raphael Merhe (Kindy) - Isabella-Marie Zaher, Clarita Deeb, Charbel Mawad (Year 1) - Sarah Taouk (Year 3)

Principal Awards – Janae Diab (Year 4)

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Mrs Macura's Year 7 Science class learning about the plant kingdom – Authentic learning at its best!



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Looking for Apprenticeships for Students in 2020

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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/>
School Code: MCHFBYOD2019

LOL Feast Week

LOL 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 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: Every Friday, 2pm-3pm

Where: Primary School Hall

Cost: \$5 per lesson

Starting on 9/8/19 and finish on 20/9/19

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For more information, or to register, please contact **Afrah Haddad** on **0401451686**. Community Hub Leader.

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