



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 4: Friday 8th November 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have now settled in for Term 4 and the weeks are quickly slipping by. Just a few reminders for parents regarding the hygiene of the students with the onset of the hot weather:

1. **Showering on a daily basis ensuring deodorant is applied after showering**
2. **Clothing is changed on a daily basis**
3. **Teeth are brushed every morning and night**
4. **Hair is washed and combed every day**
5. **Nails are trimmed weekly**
6. **Healthy lunches are provided for the students, avoid sweets and fizzy drinks**
7. **Water to be supplied daily to keep the students hydrated**
8. **Ensure students get enough sleep and plenty of exercise**



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE



This year, Maronite Family of the Holy Family are once again supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Christmas Appeal. It is a chance for the MCHF community to show our support to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It is difficult for us to imagine what it would be like to not have enough food to eat each day, but this is the reality for many. In Australia, one in six

children live in poverty and one in every five don't have enough food to eat on a daily basis. Raising student awareness of the hardships others face is vital so that they can truly understand how they can make a difference to someone's life.

Already this week, class teachers have been discussing the Vinnies Christmas Appeal with their students. Yesterday a note was sent home listing a range of possible hamper items that could be donated. We do ask that no fresh or perishable items are sent in as these will not last. Hamper items need to be sent to school by Friday 29th November. Once collected, the hampers will be delivered by St Vincent de Paul to families in our community who need support and assistance, so that they too can have a joyous Christmas. We thank you in advance for supporting the 2019 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal.

First Reconciliation

In preparation for their First Reconciliation, Year 3 listened carefully to Sr Cynthia who discussed the powerful relationship that we all have with God. Students were inspired to always reflect on their actions towards themselves and others. They are excited to be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next week.



Christmas Concert

MCHF will be holding its Annual Primary Christmas Concert on Wednesday 27th November 2019. The theme for this year is, 'Christmas: Christ is Born'. The teachers and students are getting very excited as the day creeps closer. Many are looking forward to their time on the stage so they can perform in front of a real audience. As always, there will be two performances on the day. Notes were sent out to Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents today, but all parents are welcome to attend. Please see details below if you are interested.



Morning Performance	Doors open at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start
Evening Performance	Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start
Ticket Sale Venue:	Primary Hall
Time:	8:15 am to 9:00 am
Dates:	Monday 11th Nov & Tuesday 12th Nov (remainder will be sold in office)
Cost:	\$10 per ticket

Pet Incursion

This week, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 were involved in an incursion all about Responsible Pet Ownership. The NSW Government has developed this extremely worthwhile program which they deliver free of charge to primary schools throughout the state. The program has been designed to educate young children on what it means to be a responsible pet owner and how to live safely with dogs. The session was presented by specially trained pet educators who are allowed to bring their suitability-tested dog with them to help spread their message. The presentation used a range of multimedia tools and engaged our students through the use of role play, songs and story-telling. Both the students and teachers enjoyed themselves immensely and learnt many important safety skills in the process.



Band Performance

At Thursday morning's assembly, the primary classes were entertained by Mr Wood and the 'Fabulous Five'. Although nervous before their performance, Charbel Francis, Joseph Daher, Christian Kabalan, John Yaacoub and James Akoury strummed their guitars in time to play three beautiful songs. It is wonderful to see our students being able to showcase their talents. Thank you to Mr Wood for preparing the Year 5 students for the recital.



Story Time in the Learning Centre

Every day during Break 2, the Learning Centre becomes a hive of activity. Students buzz around like bees completing research tasks on the computer, playing board games with their friends or just simply enjoying the company of a good book. One activity that has become a favourite of the younger students in particular, is Story Time which is led by some Year 6 students. This week Olivia Bechara and Kayla Daher read a story to a group of Year 2 students. This type of interaction between our students not only assists in developing a love of reading and their literacy skills, but also reinforces the importance of building positive relationships in our school community.



Library Borrowing

Library borrowing will cease for Year 6 students next Monday 11th November. For all other students in Kindergarten to Year 5, borrowing will finish on Friday 15th November. Can we please ask that all books are returned as quickly as possible so that the end-of-year procedures that need to occur in the Learning Centre can begin. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2020 school year.

Year 5 Mathematics

In Ms Kartabani's Mathematics class this week, the students have been learning all about measurement. In one of their tasks, they had to plan, design and produce a form of packaging for lollies that totalled a gross mass of 65 grams. Students were thoroughly engaged in the lesson and worked collaboratively to produce their final product. They also enjoyed eating the lollies at the end. What a 'sweet' lesson it was!

Year 6 Mathematics

Students from 6 Indigo have been learning about the Cartesian Plane which was





named after the French mathematician Rene Descartes. Students mapped out the Cartesian Plane and the four quadrants to assist them in visualising and applying this abstract concept to their mathematical thinking. This lesson was truly 'off the grid'.

School Bus

Of late, there have been increasing issues regarding student travel on the afternoon buses. The College has been asked to remind all students who catch a bus, that they are required use an Opal Card to tap on and tap off. The main reason for this, is that the Opal Card assists the

bus companies in collecting data about the number of students who catch the bus and the route that is needed to ensure they get to their destination safely. When students fail to have an Opal Card or use one with no credit, it means that the bus company believes there to be fewer people on the bus than there actually is. At the end of last term, this information resulted in the cancellation of a bus, making two buses combine. I urge all parents to ensure their child has their Opal Card with them each day so that the College can be provided with required bus services.

Swimming Carnival

A reminder that our Primary Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 14th November 2019 at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 3-6 will be attending and are encouraged to participate in any of the races available to them. If your child has not returned their permission slip and money as yet, we ask that it is brought in on Monday. We are all looking forward to a fun filled day.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

2019 College Theme

To Love – *"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one come to you without leaving happier."*

St Teresa of Calcutta

Term 4 Focus

Love for Self – *"What can I do to be a better person?"*

Bandana Day

Our recent Bandana Day fundraiser raised \$668 for CanTeen. Thank you to year 8 and Ms Youssef for hosting the fundraiser this year.



A great way to become a better person – Learning CPR. Year 8 Health in action.



Art Exhibition and Workshop hosted by Arab Bank.

Four Year 10 and 11 students attended an exhibition and art workshop arranged by the Arab Bank at the Art Gallery of NSW. The students got to view a fantastic exhibition and then participated in a competition where they created a clever and witty scroll art work. The students were awarded first place in this competition defeating four other schools. The students received a \$100 gift as their reward. The 4 students involved from the College were Anna Maria Kobti, Jamile

Jeitani, Rafqa Kayrouz and Antonella Yaacoub. They represented the College with pride and we are extremely proud of them. It was a great day organised and we thank Arab Bank for allowing the College to participate in this event.



HSC Examinations

We keep in our thoughts and prayers our Year 12 students who this week continue their HSC exams. The exams are scheduled to conclude on Tuesday 12th November 2019. A reminder to parents/guardians of Year 12 that your child must ensure they continue to adhere to the College's uniform and grooming policy during these exams. We wish the cohort all the success in these exams.

Yearly Examinations

This week our year 9 students sat their yearly exams with the last day of exams scheduled for Tuesday 12th November 2019. Year 7 and 8 students will be completing their yearly examinations from Monday 18th November 2019. Students should be spending as much time as possible studying and preparing for their exams. Exam timetables have been emailed to all students. We look forward to seeing terrific results from our students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will be completing their work experience week commencing Monday 11th November 2019 until Friday 15th November 2019. We wish them all the best as they represent the College in the industry.

Year 11 VET Work Placement

Year 11 VET students will be completing their final mandatory work placement in week 5 and 6 this term. The first group will be completing their placements on Monday 11th November 2019 until Friday 15th November 2019. We wish these students all the best and we hope the experience in the industry will be beneficial for their careers and future.

Staff PD Session – NAPLAN Analysis

On Monday 4th November 2019, the secondary staff participated in a session led by Ms Moyer (English KLA Coordinator) and Mr Sassine (Maths KLA Coordinator) to analyse the 2019 NAPLAN results. The session also included staff collaborating and brainstorming strategies to continue to develop and improve literacy and numeracy at the College. Thank you to Ms Moyer and Mr Sassine for leading the session.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 11th until Friday 15th November – Year 10 Work Experience
- Monday 11th until Friday 22 November – VET Work Placements
- Tuesday 12th November – HSC Exams Conclude
- Thursday 14th November – Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
- Monday 18th until Friday 22nd November – Years 7 and 8 Yearly Exams
- Friday 22nd November – Mass for Lebanon and Lebanon Independence Day Lunch
- Friday 22nd November – Year 12 Formal
- Wednesday 27th November – Primary Concert (6:30-8:30pm)

- Thursday 28th November – Year 6 Rewards Day at the Aquatic Centre
- Friday 29th November – School concludes for Year 6 students
- Tuesday 3rd December – Secondary Expo Extravaganza (6pm)
- Thursday 5th December – Secondary Sports Day
- Friday 6th December – SCHOOL CONCLUDES

Final College Tour for 2019 + Orientation for new students - Wednesday 20th November

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

★ ★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ ★ ★

All Rounder Awards – John Paul Boumelhem, Antonio Dib (Kindy) - Charbel Taouk, Sienna Ghabache (Year 1) - Joseph Dannoui, Lilyrose Ghabache, Jean Naoum, Christabel Fajloun, Jason Zalloua (Year 2) - Gabriella Fahad, Jayden Diab, Johnny Mouwad (Year 4)

Bronze Awards – Elias Nachar, Georges Fahad, Grace Salem, Tiana Nassar (Kindy) – Matthew Abi Khattar, John-Paul Bechara, Joe Hassoun, Charlize Nohra (Year 1) – Mema Yaacoub, Helen Maroon, Angelina Saba, Michael Bechara, Cynthia Makari, Angelo El Asmar, Charbel Maroun (Year 2) - Natalia Bazouni (Year 4) - Clarita Fajloun (Year 11)

Silver Awards – Angela Hobeiche, Elissa Harb (Kindy) - Charbel Bou Assi, Jazz Sleiman, Ryan Harb (Year 1) - Alexia Yaacoub, Jean- Pierre Maroun, Olivia Halabi, Georgina Kanaan (Year 2) - Charbel Jabbour (Year 4)

Principal's Award – Julianna Fenianos, Annabella Daher (Kindy) - Charbel Moubarak, Charbel Sleiman, Joe Obeid (Year 1)

THIS AND THAT

Year 3 Orange have written and illustrated their own picture books and Kindy Rose are lucky enough to have the stories read to them by the authors themselves!



Kindy Red students, engaged in quality literacy activities. – Ms S. Odisho



Year 5 are learning about Living Things and their survival in Science. Students were required to plan and conduct a fair test to show the conditions needed for a particular plant to grow and survive in its environment. Year 5 discussed the need of sun, water, air and soil to grow a plant. To test this theory, students conducted an experiment where they had six different plants growing in six different environments; in the sun, in the cupboard, in soil, in cotton, with access to air and with no access to air. Students are enjoying watching their plants grow and observing the differences in the growth. - Ms K. Kartabani



6 Teal and 6 Emerald had fun investigating the properties of gases through a variety of experiments.



Year 8.1 science with their teacher Ms Zaferis investigated how circuits are connected using Makey Makeys. They were able to demonstrate series and parallel circuits using their own bodies as conductors, as they controlled games on their computers without even touching the keyboard.



Year 7 and 8 Blue Girls Frizbee team won the Minor Playoff against Red on Thursday. They defeated the Red team 2 games to 1, in a tightly contested affair. Great coaching, Mr Hayman!



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