



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 4: Friday 11th August 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear MCHF community, on Monday we celebrate Foundation Day with Mass and will participate in our College Walk-a-thon. Foundation Day is always a special day for all of us. On Tuesday 15 August it is the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family Foundation Day. On 15 August 1895 the Congregation began, thanks to Patriarch Elias Howayek, Sr Rosalie Nasr and Sr Stephanie Kardoush. It is the day the Sisters take their vows. **The College will be closed on Tuesday 15 August.**

Parents need to support College decisions

We have said over and over again that the teachers work for the best interest of the students. In order for our College to flourish we need parents to work with teachers and not against them. I thank parents who do support the College. Unfortunately in recent times we have had too many parents wanting to challenge our decisions in defence of their children. I ask that you respect the decision we make. By defending your child and arguing with teachers, it only causes your child to show disrespect to authority and you enable them to persist with their misbehaviour.

Obeying Road and Parking Rules

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been receiving complaints about parents double parking, parking in bus zones and parking in drop off zones and leaving their cars unattended. These incidences are impacting the traffic flow in the mornings and afternoons. We expect parents to adhere to the road rules and not display aggressive or unacceptable behaviour if addressed. Thank you to parents who obey the road rules to children's safety.

Over the term there are important events including:

- 25 August we have our Alumni wine and cheese evening commencing at 7:30pm. See flyer below.
- 1 September is Father's Day Mass and morning tea
- 15 September Y12 Graduation Mass and Ceremony
- 18 September visit of the Patriarch Rai to the College

OUR IDENTITY

Maronite College of the Holy Family merit award system involves students achieving 6 merit stamps in areas of curriculum, extra curriculum, and personal development, upon which they will receive an All-Rounder Award, followed by a Bronze, Silver and finally the Principal's Award.

All-Rounder Awards: Elina Khalifeh Rahme (Year 1) / Ethan Azzi, Grace-Marie Mouawad, Jacqueline Haklani, Peter Hajje (Year 4) / Nawal Daher (Year 9) / John Maroun, Youssef Sarkis (Year 8) / Ryan Hassoun (Year 9) / Joseph Ibrahim (Year 10) / Christiane Daher, Matthew El Bazouni (Year 11), Maroun Boumelhem (Year 12)

Bronze Awards: Sienna Younes (Year 7) / Juliana Licha (Year 8) / Charbel Khodeir (Year 9)

Silver Awards: Joanne Yaacoub, Rafael Ishac (Year 7)

Principal's Awards: Anthony Chamchoum, Maria Sabbagh (Year 7)

OUR LEARNERS

Year 9 collaborative reading with Year 3 during their library lesson.



Today we celebrate 100 days of Kindy!



Primary Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival / *Kindy students were so excited to watch the wonderful OLOL Church women make saj bread and other delicious saj foods!*



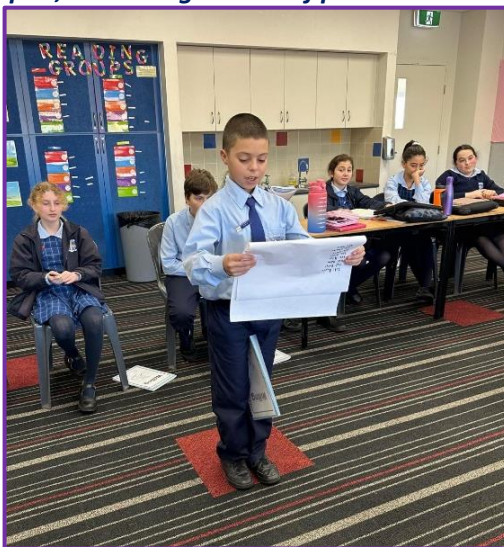
Kindy Red students are learning how to use positional language to describe how to make fairy bread.
 WYD students attended a vigil and procession of the Rosary at the site of the Apparitions in Fatima. They prayed for our intentions and offered them up to Our Lady.



2 Purple and 2 Jade students learnt about Saint Mary McKillop's Feast Day.



Year 4 students from Team Amber, a group of aspiring culinary artists, set out to create their very own Marvelous Chocolate Creation recipe. Guided by their passion for sweets and the thrill of experimentation, these talented individuals took on the challenge with enthusiasm. / Year 6 students dove headfirst into the world of debates! They fearlessly tackled a wide range of topics, mastering the art of persuasive communication and critical thinking.



The Year 11 Legal Studies class took part in a debate on: "Legal mechanisms protect human rights globally far better than non-Legal mechanisms do". Both sides argued their points exceptionally with the AGAINST team winning. CONGRATS on both sides for working hard in their delivery. It was entertaining to say the least. Years 11/12 Drama students engaged in an incursion on Essay Writing and Group Performance.



OUR COMMUNITY

~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

Monday 14th August - Foundation Day Mass and College Walkathon

Tuesday 15th August – FOUNDATION DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 15th August – Parramatta Eels Cup 16s Rugby League (2)

Wednesday 16th August – Wellbeing Wednesday

Wednesday 16th August – Primary English ICAS Assessment /
Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Incursion

Thursday 17th August – Primary Book Fair Opens

Friday 18th August – Lockdown Drill #2 /

Premier's Reading Challenge Concludes / Science Fair Day

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is on Wednesday 16 August 2023 to Wednesday 23 August 2023. Students will be given a wish list and be able to purchase books during school hours.

K-6 BOOK PARADE

MCHF Book Parade will take place on **Monday 21st August at 8:50am, Infants Playground.**

Students and Staff will be given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character. During the march, students will walk around carrying the corresponding book of their choice!

There will be Fun Activities and Prizes to be won!

Parents, please come and join the fun!

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge K-9

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes next week on Friday 18th August. All students in Years K-9 are expected to complete the challenge and have been engaged in regularly library lessons to help them work towards achieving the required reading goals. Over the coming week, please remind and help your child to finalise their reading records. Students having difficulty logging their books can contact their library teacher.

K-3: Mrs Mannah 4-6: Mrs Thomas 7-9: Mrs Papanastasiou

Year 12 Fees

A reminder to please ensure all Year 12 school fees are finalised before graduation. Failure to do so will result in students not participating in the graduation and formal.

OLOL AND MCHF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
INVITES ALL FORMER STAFF AND STUDENTS TO

Cheese and Wine Night

A SOCIAL EVENT FOR ALL FORMER STAFF AND STUDENTS WITH FINGER FOOD, DRINKS, AND MUSIC

Friday 25 August 2023 | 6:30 pm
Primary Hall
Maronite College of the Holy Family
23-25 Alice Street, Harris Park

To RSVP, please scan the QR Code
RSVP by 20th August 2023

MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

50 Year Jubilee Dinner Dance

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023
7:00PM
THE RENAISSANCE GRAND BALLROOM
3 NEW STREET E, LIDCOMBE

\$120PP OR \$1000/TABLE OF 10

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The best way to predict your future is to create it.
- Abraham Lincoln.