



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 3 - Week 3: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear MCHF community, this week Y12 commenced their trial exams and we pray that they be guided by the Holy Spirit and gifted with wisdom, knowledge and understanding. We also have our Foundation Day celebrations coming up as we recall the day the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family were founded. The 15 August is the day we renew our vows.

Congratulations to our very own Fr Ron Hassarati on his ordination into priesthood, Saturday 29 July at OLOL Co-Cathedral. We pray he will be a priest in the image of Christ. Well done, MCHF Drummers, on doing such a great job. Many thanks to [Grey Photography](#) for taking photos on the day. The photos can be viewed on our Facebook page.



Over the term there are important events including:

- 31 July the Y12 trials began
- 14 August we have our Foundation Day Mass and walk-a-thon
- 15 August is our Foundation Day holiday
- 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:** Naomi Bechara, Ella Saad, Scarlett Farah, Mark El Kadi (Kindy) / Caroline-Marie Geagea (Year 1) / Therese Kanaan, Gabriel Estephan (Year 3) / Jacinta Sassine, Andre Youssef (Year 4) / Rita Nouh, Jayden El Asmar, Nour Khalife, Christine Al-Somsom (Year 9) / Samih Nassim, Patrick Matta (Year 10) / Noah Fares, Charlie Katrib, Joseph Ghannoum, John Bounasr (Year 11)

**Bronze Awards:** Janae Diab (Year 8) / Oriana Estephan (Year 9) / Youssef Taouk (Year 10) / Yumna Deeb (Year 11)

**Silver Awards:** Helena Delimitros (Year 7) / Billy Tadros (Year 9)

**Principal's Awards:** Charbel Tannous (Year 7)

## OUR LEARNERS

Our senior students Ella-Marie, Charline, Melody and Marissa are having a wonderful time in Europe. During their World Youth Day pilgrimage so far, they have joined thousands of pilgrims and experienced the beauty of Europe's historic Catholic heritage. Over the weekend the Papal Mass will be celebrated. We are so proud of these young ladies who represent Australia and our College!



Year 5 students met with their Kindy buddies to talk them through drawing an image using their written procedures. Some Year five students successfully achieved the image they envisioned, however, some faced challenges as the vocabulary they used was too advanced for Kindergarten level.



4 Aqua made Rocky Road based off their procedure writing in small groups while 4 Violet made chocolate sweets!!



*Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. - Plato*

Year 4 students dive into a thrilling exploration with 'Makey Makey', turning everyday objects into musical instruments, unravelling the magic of digital systems and data transmission through creative play!



5 Sapphire students, finishing off their procedure unit in English with some making of Fairy Dust 🧚‍♀️

*Year 10 Food Technology students, trialling out a new lamination recipe. Yum!*

Year 8 Technology showing their appreciation for Agriculture as they learn to grow fresh produce and maintain the MCHF community garden.



Years 9-12 Music students were lucky enough to visit Australian Institute of Music yesterday.

*As a Pastoral activity, Year 8 students were split into groups to complete the "Scrap Paper Bridge Challenge", where they had to construct a free standing stable and weightbearing bridge only using scrap paper and masking tape.*



## OUR COMMUNITY

### ~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Foundation Day Mass and College Walkathon

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – FOUNDATION DAY HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Parramatta Eels Cup 16s Rugby League (2)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Wellbeing Wednesday

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Primary Book Fair Opens

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Lockdown Drill #2 / Premier's Reading Challenge Concludes / Science Fair Day

### Change of School Bus Operator

From Sunday 6 August, the school bus and regular route bus services in our area that are currently operated by Transdev will instead be operated by **Transit Systems**. Please be assured that current routes and stops will continue to be delivered under Transit Systems.

**Lost property:** The easiest and most efficient way to report a lost personal item on public transport is by visiting <https://transportnsw.info/> and completing the online lost property form.

### 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.

### Celebrating Childrens Book Week READ! GROW! INSPIRE!



#### K-6 BOOK FAIR

Commences Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of August and Concludes Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

Students will have the opportunity to create a wish list, which will go home, before purchasing items from the fair.

#### K-6 BOOK PARADE

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

Students and Staff will be given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character and march around carrying the corresponding book of their choice! There will be Fun Activities, Certificates for best Dressed and Prizes to be won!

**Parents are invited to attend this event.**

**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

TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION  
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