



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 4 - Week 3: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear MCHF community, last Friday we celebrated our 50 Year Jubilee with a dinner dance for all past and present students, parents and staff and friends of the College. It was a fantastic night with reunions, memories, and chatter. Of course, there was also the great food, drink, and music. Thank you to all involved in making it a great night.



**Thank you to our sponsors who have helped make the dinner dance night possible:**

Gold sponsors: Otrem Engineering, Paint Factory, Murphy's Produce

Silver Sponsors: Diocesan Development Fund & New South Lawyers



Bronze Sponsors: Budget Forklift Rentals

We also acknowledge and thank our anonymous sponsors.

**Thank you to our raffle ticket sponsors:**

Carati Jewellers and the Howley Family, Christopher Esber, Maria from Tadros Travel, Nour Jewellers, Sahara's Lebanese Restaurant (Donated by Debbie Dib), Al Aseel Castle Hill (Donated by Fadi Ibrahim), City Cave North Strathfield

**Congratulations, MCHF Jubilee Raffle Winners!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Diamond Cross - Rita Coorey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Chris Esber Voucher (\$1000) - Ellisa Kanaan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 2x return tickets to the Gold Coast - Ahlam Harb, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Michael Kors - Louise Bachaalani, 5<sup>th</sup> Prize Dinner Voucher - Jimmy Simon, 6<sup>th</sup> Prize Dinner Voucher - Jackie Boutros, 7<sup>th</sup> Prize Dinner Voucher - Joseph Sahyoun, 8<sup>th</sup> Prize 2 tickets for Em Hussien - Elie Asmar, 9<sup>th</sup> Prize City Cave - Zoe Sahyoun, 10<sup>th</sup> Prize City Cave - Joseph Sahyoun, 11<sup>th</sup> Prize City Cave - Karlen Estephan, 12<sup>th</sup> Prize City Cave - Salma Germanos, 13<sup>th</sup> Prize City Cave - Ahlam Harb, 14<sup>th</sup> Prize Gelato Voucher - Jimmy Simon.

**World Teacher's Day** – To celebrate this important day we held a Mass and morning tea and recognised the contributions of 4 staff who have attained 15 years of service: Mr Asmar, Ms Pantaleone, Ms Iskander and Ms Badr. The students also took their hats off to teachers! I thank all teachers who work tirelessly to educate the students holistically. Teaching is indeed a special vocation that nurtures a child's spirit, mind and body.



**MCHF Jobs Available**

Primary Classroom Teacher - [Click here for details](#) / Mathematics and Science Teachers - [Click here for details](#)  
Primary Music Teacher - [Click here for details](#) / **The closing date for all positions is Friday 27th October 2023**



## 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:** Jasmine Youssef, Hanna Taouk, Christian Sorbello, James Nicolas, Elena Estephan, Angelica Elia, Jacob Azar (Year 1) / Paul Maroon, George Fahel, Elizabeth Katrib, Mia Grace Deeb, Charelle Bahri, Jade Bechara, Clara Filice, Alex Ayoub, Christian Sleiman, Alana Antonios, Isaac Farah, Daniella Elias, Lea Medawar, Sophia Mawad, Joshua Licha, Charlie El-Katrib (Year 3) / Danny Sakr, Michael Saba, Doumit Dib (Year 4) / Fayez Atie, Adrian Aouad (Year 8)

**Bronze Awards:** Georgia Wakim, George Dib, Roy Akik (Year 3) / Charlise Sassine, Jacinta Sassine, Pierre Hajje, Jacinta Sassine (Year 4) / Valentina Bou Melhem, Danny Taouk, Cynthia Rahme, Charles Mouawad, Ellio Bou Sleiman (Year 7)

**Silver Awards:** John Elias, Seleen Amoud (Year 3) / Tatiana Mejalli, Nathan Moussa (Year 7)

**Principal's Awards:** Gloria Taouk, Estaleena Karam, Mariam Jarjes, Mikayla Atie, Valentina El Khoury, John Helou, Lynn Haddad (Year 7)

## OUR LEARNERS

### Hats Off to Teachers Day!



Kindy and Year 1 students were super excited to start their swimming lessons this week.





**100 Years of The Prophet Writing Competition:** MCHF is proud of its outstanding Enrichment students. Friday's jubilee celebrations were heightened when two of our students received first (Yasmina Taouk) and second (Joe Hage) place in the Khalil Gibran essay writing competition, promoted by the Bisharri Association, joining the global literary community in celebrating 100 years of the iconic The Prophet. Well done to our young critical writers!



### Year 11 Camp



**Meditation in 2 Jade - Students pondered the concept of kindness, delving into their emotions when faced with unkindness, and contemplating the actions required to show kindness to everyone around them.**

*Greek New Year's cake was baking today with Year 9 Food Technology students.*





## OUR COMMUNITY

### ~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Years 2 & 3 Learn to Swim Lessons  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Yearly Exams  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 11 Leadership Day (Select students)  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Kindy Sea Life Aquarium Excursion  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Kindy, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 Recycling Incursion  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 (2024) Parent Information Evening (6:30pm)  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Catchup Immunisations / STEM C Excursion  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Taster Day / Remembrance Day  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Years 7 and 8 Yearly Exams  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Museum of Fire Excursion / Year 9 Reflection Day / Year 3 Powerhouse Excursion  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Orientation Day for New Students / Secondary Enrichment Showcase  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Reflection Day  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Peer Support Leadership Training  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 (2024) Taster Lessons  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Lebanon Independence Day Mass (K-6)  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Primary Swimming Carnival / Year 11 Music Arab Bank AWO Excursion  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Rewards Day  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Primary Concert  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Expo Extravaganza / Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Rewards Day for Students  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Mass / Secondary Awards Ceremony (1pm)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 Concludes for Students**

### Special thanks!

Thank you to Haytham Moshi and the team from [ATS Building Products](#), Northmead, for donating timber for the Year 11 Construction class to construct their Utility Shed assessment task.

### Message from the Fees Department

Thank you to all the families that have finalised school fees for the year. A reminder that the final Instalment for fees is due by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have agreed to a payment plan, you are encouraged to continue making lump sum payments in addition to the direct debit so you can finalise all outstanding fees by the settlement date. Please ensure that you have enough funds in your account to honour your payments to avoid bounced payment fees. Access to the Parent Portal for reports and school resources will not be available until fee payments are up to date as per the Enrolment Agreement Conditions.

### Parental Code of Conduct

Please note the College has a parental code of conduct which outlines the expected conduct of our parents and guardians. We request our parents/guardians to read and review this policy. You can access the policy from the College website or by clicking the on the link - [Parental-Code-of-Conduct-Policy-2023.pdf](#)



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