



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - Week 2: Friday, 9th February 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear MCHF community,
We have started the year and this week has already been busy with many exciting events including:

- Kindy started school for the first time on Monday and they were very confident
- We had 8 international students from China visit us for a day on Monday 5 February
- I took a site inspection of H block and the builders are progressing on schedule
- Met with the architect on Monday to discuss future plans for the grass area
- Staff will be undertaking PD every Monday afternoon
- We are pleased to announce we have employed a Primary music teacher, Mr Isaac, who will commence music lessons in Primary as of next week
- We welcomed Primary with an assembly on Wednesday 7 February
- We have a new 27-seater school bus. If any parent has a bus licence and is available to drive students, let us know
- On 9 February we celebrated St Maroun's Feast day and Honour Day for 2023 HSC students

Congratulations to our 2023 HSC students who were recognised for their achievements on St Maroun's and Honour Day.



2023	Name	ATAR
DUX	Charline Kayrouz	96.60
	Ella Marie Bassil	92.25
	John El-Barhoun	91.00
	Christabelle Sleiman	89.40
	Christelle Joukhadar	88.90
	Rebecca Elias	88.35
	Nicholas Laba	87.90
	Therese El-Haddad	85.50
	Tatiana Francis	84.30
	Tony Saba	84.15
	Natalie Daher	84.05
	Tony Bechara	81.50
	Ann Tannous	80.70

Ash Monday and the Season of Lent

On Monday 12th February we will be celebrating Ash Monday and the start of the Season of Lent. Our K-2 students will receive ashes in the morning and our Year 3-12 students will be attending Mass. Students are encouraged to fast if they are able to and, if fasting, are to drink plenty of water. During the Season of Lent, we will also be supporting the Maronite Eparchy's appeal to assist Catholic schools in Lebanon. We ask you to support our appeal and to give generously in this season. We will also be hosting some fundraising events to support this appeal throughout the Season of Lent.

Secondary Student Leadership Assembly

On Wednesday 14th February, we will be having an assembly at 9am to present our secondary student leaders for Semester 1. The assembly will be live streamed on our YouTube channel via the link below:

<https://youtube.com/live/zJMo5o0QF7g?feature=share>

Volunteer Information Session

Volunteering opportunities for parents/guardians who wish to be a part of the teaching and learning experience at the College will be required to undertake an induction. Please visit the College website to complete the volunteer induction. An information session for volunteers will be held on Thursday 15th February at 9am in the Primary Hall.

Meet and Greet Evening for K-12 Parents/Guardians

Our meet and greet evening will be held on Monday 19th February. There will be two sessions to select to attend – 4pm and 6pm. Each session will commence with an address and welcome by the Executive Principal and the Head of College in the Secondary Hall. This will be followed by information stalls and meeting secondary teachers in the Secondary Hall. Primary teachers will be in their classrooms to meet parents/guardians and provide information on the year ahead.

Parent Association AGM and Elections

The Parent Association Annual General Meeting and 2024 Elections will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 2pm in the Secondary Hall. The PA welcomes new members and volunteers of the PA are invited to attend the session.

Traffic Controller and Traffic Management

The College will be employing a traffic controller to assist with traffic management for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We ask you to please comply with instructions or directions that are given. A reminder to ensure that you are dropping off your children and picking them up in a safe manner and complying with road rules. We request and expect that we be safe during these times, especially during construction of our new building. Thank you to the many parents who always do the right thing and comply.

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:

Bronze Awards:

Silver Awards:

Principal's Awards:

** Hoping to see some names here soon **

OUR LEARNERS

This morning, we honoured our 2023 HSC High Achievers. Congratulations to them all!





Kindy on board the MCHF know, love, and serve train!



Year 10 students commenced their Academic Goal Mentor Program, as part of the newly designed Pastoral program, set for Term 1. Students work on establishing positive mindsets in preparation of Stage 6, next year.



Year 8 students, working hard in their Pastoral groups.



OUR COMMUNITY

Every Sunday Mass is celebrated in the College St Elias Chapel at 10:30am for families with children of special needs.



~ **DATES TO REMEMBER** ~

Monday 12th February – K-2 Receive Ashes @ 10:15am / Ash Monday Liturgy (Years 3-12) @ 10:45am

Tuesday 13th February – Parramatta Eels School Blitz Clinic / Year 3, 4, 5 Gymnastics Program

Wednesday 14th February – Secondary Student Leadership Assembly

Thursday 15th February – Volunteer Induction Session (TBC)

Friday 16th February - Year 11 Reconciliation and Reflection Day

Monday 19th February – Meet and Greet Evening (K-12)

Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st February – Student Eye Checks / Year 7 Learn to Swim Lessons

Tuesday 20th February – Year 3, 4, 5 Gymnastics Program / Parent Association 2023 AGM and 2024 Elections

Thursday 22nd February – Evacuation Drill #1

Friday 23rd February – Secondary Swimming Carnival

Volunteer Information Session

Thursday 15th February 2024

9:00am in Primary Hall



Volunteers must complete the volunteer induction prior to commencing volunteering.

Visit mchf.nsw.edu.au for Volunteer Induction

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MEET & GREET EVENING

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

SECONDARY HALL

TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE

4:00PM & 6:00PM

Welcome address by Executive Principal and Head of College followed by information stalls and meeting the teachers.



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- 3 Enter your Access Key



 Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

WHY JOIN THE PA?

Make a difference in your child's education

CHILDREN BENEFIT

Research shows that children perform better when parents are engaged in education at HOME and SCHOOL. Parental involvement boosts student achievement.

By joining the Parents association, your child will see first hand the importance you place on education.



SCHOOLS BENEFIT

The PA provides support for the administrators and teachers and we strive to create a positive and caring atmosphere in the school.

We address issues that are important to parents and school staff. Together with the school we advocate for funding and issues that affect various aspects of education and student well being.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Parents Association involvement helps you stay connected with the school and allows you to gain a broader perspective in how you can play a supportive role

You can also make connections with other parents, together forming a strong foundation with a common goal to effectively suggest changes at your child's school.



IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

Volunteering with the Parents Association allows you to contribute your skills and knowledge for the benefit of not only your child, but your school community.



We'd love to connect with you!

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