



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

So we enter into the Season of Lent. We are provided opportunity during this Season to refocus our lives around God and to reflect over what we have done and failed to do. The students at the College will be commencing the Lenten Season with Ash Monday Mass and will end the Season with a Stations of the Cross enactment. Throughout the Season they will learn more about Lent in classes, some students will fast, others will give up something. Year 6 students will experience rice days as a way to relate to those who have very little to eat. Prayers will focus on the theme of the Season. So as we enter Lent, we pray for hearts of flesh that will hear and respond to the cry of the poor.

DOING THE ROUNDS

Dates to remember - <http://www.olol-college.nsw.edu.au/events/>

Congratulations to Primary Leaders for 2014

Captains – Gabriella Baker and Charbel Doumit. **Vice Captains** – Karen Hawache and Nassif AbiKhattar
SRC members – Jon BouMelhem, Mabelle Chamchoum, Gabrielle Dagher, Peter Germanous, Samiyo Laoulach, Rachele Nakhoul, Angela Nemer, Olivia Saroufin.

Sport leaders – Hunter (Blue) Raquel El Katrib, Jacob Sahyoun **King (Red)** Rafca Semaan, Alfred Saba
Macquarie (Green) Mariam Najim, Christopher Makdessi **Phillip (Yellow)** Ramona Touma, Phillip Smith
Throughout the year other Yr 6 students will also be selected.



Scholastic Book Fair in Primary Hall on 21st and 24th March - Preview books and complete wish lists.
On 25th & 26th March – Book selling. Parents welcome.



Players from the Parramatta Eels - addressed Yrs 5-8 students on 24th Feb on tackling issues with bullying as part of the NRL's One Community program.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program - Thank you to all families for supporting our school Earn and Learn drive last year. We collected over 49 000 points and received a great amount of educational resources for our students and teachers to use in the classrooms! We look forward to take parting in the program again this year.



The Volunteer Parent Information session - was well attended last Friday and we have over 70 volunteers to assist at the College in various ways.



Spirituality centre and novitiate - The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family have a spirituality centre at Dulwich Hill and a novitiate for those considering entering Religious Life. In quiet surroundings one is invited to come and pray in the chapel and find spiritual guidance. For more information contact Sr Rose Therese on 0421 283 899 or Sr Margaret on 0412 588 045.

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to students who received an award. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In Yr 2: Brealle Hasham, Tatijana Tannous, Elyssa Wakim & Joyce Yaacoub. In Yr 3: Kayla Fasavalu, Christabella Sleiman, Elissa Alam & Antoine Dahdah.

Primary students participated in the zone swimming carnival - Charlie Abou-Touma, Antonio Abou-Touma, Mia Chayban, Gabriella Dagher, Christina El-Khoury, Salma El-Katrib, Charlize Galayini and Christian Moussa. They were fantastic College representatives and achieved great times in their events. Christina El Khoury and Charlie Abou-Touma both qualified for the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival to be held 28th Feb at Blacktown pools.

Congratulations to last year's HSC student, Ralph El Hallal who was awarded the E12 scholarship from University of Sydney - receiving \$5000, an Apple iPad and free university access card giving him discounts on all items at university. He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Medical Sciences. – Ms Kumar



18th Feb Secondary entered 8 players into the PDSSSC Tennis competition -

John Lahood managed to get into the men's open quarterfinals, Jonathan Bechara also made it into the quarterfinals for the under 15s and Patrick Al-Takchy proved to be a bright new talent making the quarter finals in the under 14s who was extremely unlucky not to have progressed through to the final. Our biggest success of the day was the under 15s final match which saw two of our students, George El Bazouni and Mark Azar go head to head for the title. It was a convincing win for George however the score was not a true indication of the great quality of tennis produced by Mark. To the remaining boys, Dominic Al Takchy, Georgio Makdissi and Charbel Dahdah, you have made us proud and had fantastic wins along the way. Well done to our tennis squad, truly a dominant new beginning. – Mr F Khatar



Congratulations to Mr D Molloy on the release of a Gregorian chant CD – Mr Molloy has written and worked on a number of new chants for the CD which you can purchase for \$25 from him. The CD is titled, 'Missa Sancti Augustini – The Mass of St Augustine.'

Mr R Hassarati's successful book launch – took place on 24th February. *The one thing God cannot do*, can be purchased for \$20 from Mr Hassarati.

Rep sport results for 20 and 27/2/14

Boys touch intermediate lost to St Clare 2-7

Boys junior volleyball defeated St Andrews 55-49, defeated St Mark's 80-17

Boys intermediate volleyball defeated St Andrews 57-33 , lost to St Clare 54-44

Girls junior volleyball defeated St Andrews 64-34, defeated St Mark's 64-17

Girls intermediate volleyball defeated St Andrews 89-16, defeated McCarthy 70-32

PARENTS' NEWS

Children's Day 9th March at Kamballa in Parramatta - coordinated by the *Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Memory Project*, and will be filled with engaging activities for both children and parents. Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales is attending the event, with an address and a ceremonial planting of a Children's Garden.

Email: pffpmemoryproject@gmail.com **Website:** www.pffpmemoryproject.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PFFPMemoryProject>

Reporting Bullying - A reminder to parents and students that the College has introduced two new strategies to report bullying. The first method is through email to reportinghotline@mch.nsw.edu.au. The Second method is through the College website clicking on the "report bullying" link. These will be formally launched at the upcoming Bullying Awareness Week in Week 8.

Parent Information Evening - Thank you to all the parents for their supportive attendance at last week's Parent Information Evening. The Parent Handbook and all Grade Curriculum Notes can be found on the College website. If you have any further queries please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Holy Communion Meeting - All Year 3 parents are invited to attend the first Holy Communion Meeting in the Primary College Hall on Tuesday 4th March at 7:00pm.

On-Line Activity – There are concerns that students as young as eight have Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr and Kik accounts. We strongly advise that no student in Primary have these accounts and that Secondary students are carefully monitored in their use of social media. A note to parents that 'Talking Angelina' app is not appropriate as, unlike Talking Tom, it asks personal questions of the students which

could develop a bad habit of sharing personal information using technology.

Dismissal Procedure – Please remember the following when picking up your children in the afternoon;

- Children being picked up by parents must meet their children in the Infants playground where they will be supervised by Primary teachers until 3:25
- After 3:25 students who have not been picked up will be sent to the Primary playground
- Primary students should be accompanied by a parent as they cross the road
- To avoid parking tickets, do not park in the 2 minute area and leave your vehicle unattended

Parent Association 2014 - Congratulations to the following parents on their appointments: Chairperson: Katerina Najim, Vice Chairperson: Salma Germanos, Secretary: Emma Nemer, Ass. Secretary: Najla Massoud, Treasurer: Nada Khoury, Fundraising Officers: Maggie Nakhoul, Adell Yaacoub, Suzy Franjie, Lilly Louis Sleiman, PA shop: Joan Faddoul, Public Relations Officer: George Joukhader. Other members: Millie Tadros, Marie Rose Moussa, Arzi Abi Khattar, Carol Merheb, Sally El Kitrib, Leanne Hanna, Nancy Webhe, Jiselle Fares, Fayrous Fares, Jamel Al Helou, Alice Salame Ghannoum, Yolla Boustoni, Fidaa Alhakim, Liz Abboud, Anthony Moussa, Ramza Bozoui, Dian Tannous, Rimonda Abi Zeid



The PA will be selling all OLOL merchandise including school bags, caps and t-shirts all for \$10 and less on Wed 5th March from 8-9am and 3-3pm near the front entry gate.

On Tuesday 18th March 2014 we will be holding an Information Session and Secondary Open Day for all Parents/Guardians of Year 5 and 6 students and any other parents who are interested.

E-textbooks – Students in Secondary are permitted to use E-textbooks but it is their responsibility if they bring their iPads or laptops to school. The PA shop will be phasing out book sales from their shop.

Secondary Parent Information Evening - Thank you to the parents who attended the Evening on 20th Feb. We hope to work together as a community to cater for the needs of our students. Thank you to all those parents who contacted the College to apologise for being unable to attend. The presentations, the handbook and the tertiary education pack are available on the College website www.mchf.nsw.edu.au under Secondary as well as on your child's "7-12 News" section in Moodle for your reference.

10th March Internet safety presentation for parents - Cyber bullying, identify theft, unwanted contact & exposure to offensive content. Learn about the way children use the Internet and emerging technologies. Take home lots of tips and strategies to help kids stay safe online. Ermington Branch Library, 10:30-11:30am. FREE: Bookings Essential: 9638 2270.

Come & Try Football Clinic – St. Margaret Mary's JRLFC Inc. invites children attending a Catholic School and all Catholic boys & girls from 5 to 11 years of age, to join on Sunday 9th Feb at Nemesia Street Park, Greystanes from 12 till 1pm. This will be conducted by staff from the NRL and Parramatta Eels. Registrations will be taken for New & Returning Players from 11am–2pm. The Clinic is Free, and includes a Free Sausage Sizzle. All New Registrations: original copy of Birth & Baptism Certificates required. For enquiries contact Phil 0417-265-241 or Tanya 0414-484-636.

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