



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 2: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to term 2 and the Season of Resurrection. As we move through this time of great light and hope may our efforts reflect the peace of Christ. This term focus is on exams and reports distributed at the end of the term during Parent-Teacher interviews. However, before anything else we have NAPLAN coming up. So students have a lot of homework and study to do every night. Parents please ensure your children are doing at least 1 hour of homework and 1 hour of study, be it reading, researching or other means. Year 8 camp is drawing near and there are special Masses this term. Please see below for important dates!!!

#### Important dates this term

7<sup>th</sup> May - Lebanese Journalist Ms May Chidiac addressing Secondary students 11:15am – parents invited

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers' day Stall

9<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's day Mass followed by morning tea

20<sup>th</sup> May – Holy Communion meeting at 7pm in Primary hall for parents.

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May – Kindergarten 2015 parent interviews

6<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Mass

13<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Volunteer Mass followed by morning tea

25<sup>th</sup> June – Jidoo and Tayta Mass followed by morning tea

### DOING THE ROUNDS

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

**R.I.P** – Mr Chayban, a parent of the College, passed away on 1/5 after years battling cancer. He has a son Richard in 3 Yellow and a daughter Mia in 6 Topaz. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Premier's Reading Challenge** - Usernames and passwords have been finalised and handed out to the students by class teachers.

**Work done over the term break and ongoing upgrades** - Approximately 150 new computers were deployed across the College; iPads and Primary WiFi added; emergency doors made to comply with legislation; gardening, painting and repairs. We also need to upgrade our Secondary WiFi which will cost us in excess of \$75,000. So parents your prompt payment of fees is required.

**Pastoral care in the Secondary** - sessions held every Friday morning.



It is hoped that the following changes in attitude will occur:

- Students to not be so loud and boisterous
- No swearing to be tolerated
- Manners used at all times
- Maintenance of College facilities in top condition

- To accept one another no matter their disability
- To be welcoming and friendly
- To be well presented, dignified students
- Faith filled and spiritually attentive

**ANZAC Ceremony held in Primary 29/4 and in Secondary 2/5 with special guest Ms Julie Owens MP**





**2014 Peer Support Leaders** - Last term, Yr 10 students undertook the Peer Support Leadership Training led by trained leaders Mr Asmar, Ms Robertson, Ms Pietek and Ms Swamy. The students performed exceptionally well and impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication. 24 students were elected as Peer Support Leaders for 2014. These students will be working with Yr 7 students during this term with the Peer Support Program held during Pastoral sessions. The leaders are: Laura Sassine, Jessica Ishak, Maroun Chidiac, Simon Al-Ekhtiyar, Michael Nemer, George Abou-Antoun, George Sassine, George El-Bazouni, James Fares, Anthony Bou-Melhem, Rachelle Youssef, Joy Wakim, Elaine Al-Hage, Mathew El-Bazouni, Jessica Lahoud, Annalise Stanton, Melanie Haddad, Ashley Kanaan, Murielle Aboukaram, Jennifer Khoury, Claudia Douaihy, Josephine Shomar, Elissa Geagea and Daniella Hadchiti. - Mr Asmar



**Maronite College of the Holy Family donation of computers to less privileged students overseas** – It's my great pleasure to extend my gratitude for the College's generous donation of 30 desktop computers and added laptops to the under-privileged children in the Kingdom of Tonga. There are two state primary schools in my part of town, and one Catholic Primary school. All three schools will benefit immensely from this generous donation from this Maronite College Community. These are basic facilities you take for granted. On behalf of the under-privileged children of Tonga "We Thank You"! - Mr P Tualeva

**11<sup>th</sup> March, Yr 9 Drama students took a journey into the world of Commedia Dell 'Arte** - At Parramatta Riverside theatre we were treated to an interesting, humorous performance by two talented actors/teachers. After a number of embarrassing acting exercises which focussed on the portrayal of a characters stance, voice and personality, we got together as a group and created a play. The most enjoyable part of the day was our performance of the play in front of all the students on stage. We all enjoyed our experience of the work shop and would like to thank Mrs Youssef for organising it.

**Winter Uniform: Secondary Students** - A reminder that Secondary students must be in full winter uniform. Blazers must be worn to and from the College. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform in the morning.

**Staff First Aid training held on 28<sup>th</sup> April**



The above work by the street artist Fintan Magee who has used an ex-student (2011) Priscilla Jabbour, as his muse for one of his recent works located in Newtown. Our ex-student is now immortalised in art!!

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Honour Board Awards** - Congratulations to students who received an award. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In K: Jacob Melhem, Ella Marie Sukkar, Chanel Chahin and Lauren Tawk.

**Congratulations to students on raising over \$1000 during Lent for Caritas.**

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 12: Michael Abi Rizk, Tony Bechara, Karina Boustani, Saly Boustani, Hassib El-Barhoun, Charbel El Hachem, Collette El Hallal, Brendan Elias, Christine Estephan, Justine Fares, Nancy Feghali, Sarah Hatem, Stephanie Hatem, Chakib Kazzi, Michael Khoury, Dylan Laoulach, Maryanne Moubarak, Joseph Mourched, Rachelle Najjar, Marina Raffoul, Amanda Saliba, Justin Sassine, Raymond Semaan, Mark Tannous, Joseph Wehbe and Jessica Youssef

**Congratulations to Dominic Nakhoul (Yr 8) who has been selected for the Sydney Children's Choir** to be part of the Jandamarra performance in July 2014.

**Congratulations to Yvonne Moussa and Antoinette Najim from Yr 11 who have won a scholarship to participate in the Max Potential Program** - organised by Clubs NSW, FAA Foundation and University of Western Sydney. The program will offer 22 weeks of personal development, including coaching, to young leaders to help them maximise their potential during the final years at school and beyond. It will also encourage students to focus on the local community and ways they can improve it.

## PARENTS' NEWS

**Thank you to all those who donated to our Easter Raffle:**

8 boxes of Cadbury mix chocolates. RRP \$400 Donated by Sue & Lance Ross from NSW Cadbury Fundraiser PO BOX 4134 ILLAWONG NSW 2234, Tel: 1800 809 444

2 x Palm Sunday/Easter promotion for a family portrait and a 5x7" enlargement in freestanding mount. To be used between 12-17/4/2014 RRP \$70.00 each Donated by Peter Taouk from Snapix photography & graphics design located at 46 Alice St Harris Park 2150. Tel: (02) 8677 0434

1 x deluxe treatment, cut and blow-dry service. RRP \$70. Donated by Charlie & Mary Ishak from Instyle Hair Salon located at 7a Burwood Rd Burwood 2134, Tel: (02) 9747 2111

1x \$50 voucher used towards chocolate and prizes. Donated by George from Woolworths Australia's Fresh Food People located at 28-30 Oaks St, Rosehill, NSW, 2142. Tel: (02) 8661 0913

Parents who donated items: Rimonda Abi Zaid, Suzy Franjie, Maya Bousaid, Lilly Louis, Adele Yaccoub and Maggie Nakhoul.

**NAPLAN** - A reminder to all parents of students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 that All NAPLAN payments were due last week. If you haven't already done so, please finalise your child's payment to the main office this week. NAPLAN dates are 13 to 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please see your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

**Term 2 Overviews** - will be available on the College website this week. These are a summary of the learning content for the term and are designed to communicate to parents which part of the Curriculum we are teaching. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

**Holy Communion Meeting** - parents of students making their First Holy Communion have a meeting in the Primary Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**Administration costs** - Due to increased costs, any parent/carer requests for photocopying of student reports and documents from the College will include an administration fee of \$5 to be paid to the office.

**Student Exemption** – Parents whose children need to take leave must fill in the Exemption From Schooling Form eight weeks prior to taking leave. These are available from the Primary and Secondary administration offices and need to be returned to Mrs Raffoul (Primary) and Mr Asmar (Secondary).

**Beds for sale** – Please contact Sr Irene at the College if you wish to purchase practically new beds (single/king-single) for a cheap price. It includes mattresses and side cabinet. Only 3 available.

## EMAIL, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

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