



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 1: Friday 21st July 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to term 3 and Semester 2. It goes without saying we are hoping it will be a blessed and wonderful time for all. This term is the final for our Year 12 students who in a few weeks will be sitting their trials. I ask parents to provide quiet space for their children so that they can study and achieve their best. This term we also celebrate Foundation Day, Year 3 First Holy Communion and towards the end of this term we choose the new College Leaders who will take over from Year 12. We had many great achievements by individuals over semester 1 and I hope students continue to rise to the challenge term. So together in this Season of Pentecost, may we move forward as a family, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Work that was completed over the holidays included:

- Purchasing and installing 2 Smartboards for two Year 5 classrooms
- Over 30 educational apps downloaded onto 80 iPads
- Paintings of walls and doors
- Repairs including window rollers replaced
- Gardening

On 15th July staff undertook Warden and Fire extinguisher training and General Occupant Training and an afternoon session in which the College counsellors addressed staff about self-care.



Aria students showed off their musical talents at and end of term concert



On Friday 1st August the Primary SRC will be holding a school disco - Infants: 12-1:30, Primary: 6-8pm. Tickets are \$5 and includes a drink and packet of chips. Glow sticks (50c), drinks and lollies are available at the disco for \$1. Please encourage your child/children to support this event as it is going to be a great night.



On Thursday the 19th of June I was invited to visit HMAS Parramatta with Lord Mayor John Chedid as one of the winners of the HMAS Parramatta colouring in competition. I saw fascinating displays including weaponry and emergency plans as well as having the opportunity to meet Captain Simon Cannell and the crew. It was an excellent, once in a life time experience that I will never forget - Robbie El Bazouni – 6 Topaz.

Secondary SRC were able to raise over \$600 in the monster breakfast. Part of the money will be donated to the Kids Cancer Research Trust and the remainder will be put towards re-carpeting classrooms. Thank you to all for their efforts.

Our College captain Joseph Wehbe and Marina Raffoul our College leader were nominated to represent the College in the NSW Leadership Seminar - Students mingled with prominent members of parliament such as Dame Marie Bashir and MP Geoff Lee.



You are cordially invited to be part of the 2014 'Mirath in Mind' fashion parade and performance "Be Your Fair lady." Inspired by the musical adaptations of 'My Fair Lady' and 'Bint al-jabal' by Romeo Lahoud, students will compete for the 'Best dressed' Eliza Doolittle and Professor Henry Higgins. This

event is to celebrate the influence of the Edwardian era costume from 'My Fair Lady' or 'Bint al-jabal' by renowned Lebanese fashion designer, Ms Papou Lahoud. The program will also include short performances from both musicals.

When: Friday 3rd October 2014

Where: Bankstown Library (Bryan Brown Theatre), Cnr Rickard & Chapel Roads, Bankstown

Time 11:00am (for an 11.30am start) until 2.30pm

If you are interested in participating in this fashion show, please RSVP to the arabic co-ordinator Ms Safi or Mirath's representative at school, Mrs Fayrouz Fares on 0405103535 by Friday 25th July, 2014.

P.S. Mirath in Mind Gala Day about Salwa El Katrib and the Lahoud family will be held 17th October, 2014 at Bankstown Sports Club Theatre.



Year 12 students doing extra classes over the term break including English Extension, Business studies and drama.



Max Potential Launch – Yvonne Moussa and Antoinette Najim (absent) is participating in this programme where students are coached in leadership skills. This is in partnership with UWS.



Mathletics and Reading eggs information meeting for Primary parents held on 17/7/2014

CONGRATULATIONS

Our College participated in NAIDOC week and out of 300 entries Gabby Baker in 6 Emerald was a winner – Gabrielle Baker attended an Art Exhibition Launch and morning tea to receive her certificate as part of the celebrations of NAIDOC Week. Thank you to all the other students who also participated in NAIDOC Week. – Ms L Takchi and Ms M Irani

Accelerated students – due to the above average ability of Robbie El-Bazouni in Year 5, he will be transitioned into Year 6 in second semester. Congratulations to Robbie and his family!

Congratulations to the Senior boys rugby league for progressing to the Hill Cup Grand final which will take place 4pm on Tuesday at Kellyville.



PARENTS' NEWS

Financial assistance and donations appreciated - Keeping a K-12 College in tip top condition requires constant improvements. We have a number of projects lined up and if any parent or benefactor of the College would like to assist financially or in any way please contact the College. Your contributions will be highlighted in the fortnightly newsletter. Our projects include:

- Installing an elevator in B Block to assist with the movement of disabled students and those in wheelchairs. This is going to cost over \$150,000.
- Installing Smart boards at a cost of \$7000 each
- Recarpeting classrooms at a cost of \$3000 per room

Kindy 2015 – interviews took place in week 5 of this term. If you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindy 2015 please do so soon.

Uniform and Grooming Reminders - your child must be in full winter uniform this term. Students are not permitted to wear short sleeve shirts with their uniform. College jumpers are not permitted to be worn with the sport uniform. Hairstyles must also adhere to the College policy; if your child's hairstyle is not to the College's expectations then this must be rectified by the end of week 1.

2014 Secondary Parent/Teacher Day - A big thank you to all parents who attended the Parent/Teacher Day on the last day of Term 2. It was pleasing to see so many parents meeting with teachers and discussing the progress of their children. Parents who did not attend will be followed up. We again remind parents that it is compulsory for parents to attend these Parent/Teacher days.

Parents are urged to be mindful of where they park when the drop off and pick up their children. We have had complaints from neighbours of parents who park in other people's driveways.

Secondary athletics carnival held on Monday 21st July at Sydney Olympic Park warm up arena. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Secondary sports assembly will be taking place on Friday 25th July at the Secondary College hall. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Parent Association Elections held on Thursday 24th July at 2pm. All invited.

Volunteers needed - Kimberley Gordon, a fourth year honours student in psychology at the University of Western Sydney, under the supervision of Dr. Michael Tyler is investigating whether naïve listeners can be trained to perceive a difference between pairs of foreign speech sounds that initially sound the same. In my study I will be presenting pairs of Arabic speech sounds that English speakers find difficult to tell apart. For my study I need to record some Arabic speech sounds by females born in Lebanon or Jordan, who moved to Australia after the age of 18, and who are currently aged between 18 and 45. The recording session would take place at the Bankstown Campus of the University of Western Sydney and it would take no longer than one hour. If you would like more information, or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Kimberley. Email: 16956591@student.uws.edu.au, or her supervisor Dr Michael Tyler (m.tyler@uws.edu.au; ph: (02) 97726507).

New College and Sport Uniform Supplier – Please be aware that the College has entered into negotiations with Lowes at Westfields Parramatta to be the new provider of the College uniforms as of term 4. In the meantime Joseph's at Guildford will continue to supply uniforms and we take this opportunity to thank the retailer for the many years of service to the College. More information on price lists will follow later in the year.

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