



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

On 14<sup>th</sup> August the College celebrated Foundation Day which commemorates the Founding of the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1895 by Patriarch Elias Howayek and Sisters Rosalie Nasr and Stephanie Kardouch. It was the first Maronite Female Religious Congregation to be established. Today the Sisters serve in their Primary and Secondary schools all across Lebanon as well as in hospitals, childcares and aged care facilities. They also have missions in Syria and in Sydney, Australia. On 15<sup>th</sup> August every year we, the Sisters, renew our vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. We ask that you pray for vocations to the Religious Life.



## DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Primary Athletics Carnival on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations to the Red team on their win!



**Premiers Reading Challenge finishes 22<sup>nd</sup> August** - please return completed reading records to Mrs Le Merle before this date. Book Week Character Parade 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Primary Hall. Parents welcome.



10-11am Infants Parade. 11:40-12:40 am Primary Parade.

**Primary Disco** raised over \$2500 which will go towards new carpets for Kindy classrooms. Thanks to Ms Azzi and the SRC team for organising the event and all staff and parents who assisted.

**New carpet is being laid in all C block classrooms and in Kindy Blue and Kindy Rose!**

**Yr 9 visit Kindy on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014** - Year 9 Food Technology are currently studying 'food for special occasions' and needed to liaise with real life clients in order to gain as much information as possible. Their task was to plan 'a dream birthday party', so who better to ask than the MCHF kindergarten students! Watch this space to find out the outcome of what our kindergarten and year 9 event planners come up with! – Ms Botros



**Revamped Homework Club** - Homework Club for Secondary Students has been revamped! The club will be held for all students in the Secondary Library every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm. Members of staff have kindly volunteered to assist with the supervision of students and to assist them in areas of homework, study and assessments. It is recommended that students take this opportunity where the College facilities are available and free assistance is provided. - Mr Asmar

**The Wide Reading Program** aims to encourage students in Yrs 9-10 to extend their reading practices through weekly lunchtime discussion of themes, setting, contexts and language in classic texts. It is a fun, informal group and efforts are rewarded with certificates and ebook vouchers. Please encourage your children to take part. – Ms J Ghadmar



**AYCC – Start the Switch Summit** - On 30-31<sup>st</sup> July, we, alongside 17 other Year 11 students with Mr Julius, attended the AYCC “Start the Switch Summit” at Granville Town hall. The Summit was hosted by AYCC in partnership with Parramatta City Council. The Summit was highly educational and informed us on the importance of preserving our environment as well as highlighting the dangers of climate change. Upon acquiring new knowledge we came to the realisation that young adults must take a stand against climate change, particularly the hazards affecting the Great Barrier Reef. - Suzie Farah,

Therese Tannous, Chanice Nahmy.

**What follows is an email sent by a member of the public who was impressed with our Yr 11 students:** Dear Sir/Madam, My name is Arun Krishnan and I had the absolute pleasure of acting as a buddy to students from MCHF at the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Needless to say, I am nothing short of impressed and astounded by the level of engagement, enthusiasm and respectable moral and ethical compass that has been instilled in these kids. The students who attended with Mr Julius last Wednesday and Thursday are nothing short of amazing ambassadors for your school and I hope that you are able to relay our absolute pleasure in being able to work with them. I would like to congratulate your school in helping nurture and foster these children . . . - Arun Krishnan

**VET NEWS** - On 12 August, 19 of our **VET** students were nominated by the College and a number of employers from Construction, Hospitality and Retail Services framework for an **AusSIP Employability Award**. The students were recognised for successfully demonstrating outstanding employability skills during their work placement organised by AusSIP. I would like to thank Sr Irene, Mr Asmar, Mrs Boutros and Mrs Swamy for supporting our students. It was a proud moment to see the College community of students, parents and teachers, coming together to celebrate the awards night. The awardees were:  
**Construction:** Brandon Bechara, Joseph Frangi, Habib Ibrahim, Charbel Anjoul and George Fakhr.  
**Hospitality:** Danielle Bazouni, Shirley Boutros, Natalie Nohra and Alondra Youssef. **Retail Services:** Elias Dagher, Connie Ishak, Antoinette Moussa, Fadi El-Bitar, Simona Ellis, Simone Gerges, Joanne Haddad, Connie Ishak, Monica Moujalli and Clarita Sleiman.

### **And more praise for the College from a parent. See email below**

Last night I attended the AusSIP awards at the Riverside Parramatta as my son Brandon Bechara in Year 12 was receiving an award. I have to commend the students on their behaviour and attitude in receiving these awards. I was very proud to see so many students from the Maronite College of The Holy Family receive such recommending awards. It is times like these that makes every parent or carer realise just how much effort we give to our children so they are able to do their best in education and in the future. But most of all it is an honour that the school has recognised our students performance and I just pray that we continue to show our talented students in society. I congratulate the school and the students and hope they continue to display such talent. . . Mary Bechara

**A very big thank you to Jonathan Saad and to Emile and Cathy Saad who will be laying Astro Turf over the coming holidays in the new playground for a discounted price of just under \$40,000. The College community is grateful for the assistance.**

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**Secondary walk-a-thon is happening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - All monies raised will be going towards our new rep sport jerseys and more equipment in the College gym. Any person/company who is willing to sponsor or help on the day is to contact Mr Abood.

**Prof. of Educational Psychology, Andrew Martin, at the University of New South Wales has invited the College to participate in a research project involving a student survey, assessing the role of Personal Best Goals in academic and personal outcomes** (in school generally, and also in maths).

**Profiling ex-students** - I'm currently in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Uni studying a Bachelor of Design majoring in Fashion Design. The brief this semester to design for is 'framed body resort 2015.' This is an exciting brief which allows me to do what I do best; unusual silhouettes that create crazy designs! This degree has challenged me both mentally and physically, but hard work pays off at the end of the day. - Therese Abou Antoun, Whitehouse fashion school.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Honour Board Awards** - Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. From Yr. 2: Christian Melhem, Angelea Ibrahim, Ella Kalache & Veronica Fakhri. In Yr. 3: Jessica Khoury, Ann Tannous, Teresa Matta & Charbel Khoury.

**On 5<sup>th</sup> August 10 students represented the Primary in the Cumberland Zone Athletics carnival.** They were Jacob Sahyoun, Mosses Al Saiah, Joseph Katrib, Raymond Chehade, Marybelle Haddad, Liora Ibrahim, Antonio Abou Touma, Charlie Abou Touma and Christian Moussa. All students were excellent ambassadors for our College and placed well in all their heats. Congratulations to Christian Moussa and Mosses Al Saiah who will be attending Diocesan along with Jacob Sahyoun who was Senior Boys Age Champion. We would like to encourage more students to participate next year in the track and field events, so if your child does little athletics and is a talented runner or is great at events such as long jump, shot put or discuss, please let Mrs Aberley know.



**Congratulations to Christian Abdulahad and Suzannah Al-Alam, who due to their exceptional academic abilities, have been accelerated from Year 1 to Year 2. We wish them all the best.**

**Congratulations to the Primary students who scored 3 out of the 5 Maths Olympiad answers correctly: Mark Alam (Y5), George Attie, Gabrielle Baker, Robbie El-Bazouni and Ghadi Francis (Y6).** Congratulations to these students on a challenging paper. – Ms A Le Merle

**Top students from Yrs 8-10 entered the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Competition as a way of extending the students in the subject of Science.** The award winners who did themselves and the College proud: George El Bazouni (Yr 10) achieved a Distinction and was in the top 8% in Australia. Maria Moussa (Yr 9) achieved a Credit (Top 30%). Maria Attie (Yr 9) achieved a Merit (next 20%). James Francis (Yr 9) achieved a Merit. Michelle Mereb (Yr 8) achieved a Credit. Nicholas Fajloun and Laura Souccar (Yr 8) achieved a Merit. – Mr A Stillen.

**Congratulations to Peter Youssef (Yr 10) for being selected in the Australasian Academy U/16's soccer team to travel to England and Spain to play representative soccer against various European Clubs.** We wish him all the very best on this outstanding achievement. - Mr Asmar

**Congratulations to the Open girls AFL team on their victory over John Terry Catholic college 57-1. This marks the AFL girls 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year as regional champions and will be playing in the State championships next week. – Mr J Abou Gharrach (coach)**

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Andrea Barbour, David Eid, Rita Lahood, Naomi Yaacoub, Samanta Toubia. Yr 8: Nadia Atieh, Charbel Azzi, Matthew Bechara, Isabella Bousaid, Jennifer Darwiche, Charbel Estephan, Anita Francis, Jonathan Hadchiti, Elise Haddad, Jana Ibrahim, Layla Maroun, Sarah Therese Nemer, Matthew Rabadi, Tia Sahyoun, Rita Tannous, Pierre Taouk, Grace Tower, Anthony Wehbe, Rebecca Zaouk Yr 9: Anthony Barbour, Johnathon Bechara, Charbel Chamoun, Charbel Dahdah, Kristen Hanna, Patrick Karam, Mona Katrib, David Sassine Yr 10: Aida Abou Habib, Marinah Dahdah, Cintia El Khoury, Eddie Fakhri, Assad Ibrahim.

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Michael Nouh, Zeina Hadchiti, Rebecca Khoury, Toufic Derjani, Rita Layoun, Mary Sabat, Hanna Sadek Yr 9: Daniel Bazouni, Pamela Doumit, Michelle Frangi, Elaine Saba, Vanessa Soumi, David Touma. Yr 10: Melanie Haddad, Simon Layoun, Anthony Moussa, George Nader, Kateyln Ney, Mario Rustom, Josephine Shomar, Jake Wehbe

**Silver Award** – Yr 7: Charbel Kazzi, Carla Katrib Yr 9: Brianna Azar 10: Rochelle Elias, James Fares, Jennifer Katrib, Ashley Kanaan, Danielle Loulach, Rachele Youssef.

## 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.

**Kindy 2015** – if you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindy 2015 please do so soon.

**Parent Volunteers** - Thank you to all parents who are continuing to volunteer in classrooms this term. Your assistance is invaluable, especially in Literacy and Numeracy groups. Please contact your child's teacher if you would also like to assist.

**Parents are reminded to follow Road safety rules and to teach their children not to run across the road. No parent or student should cross the road without using the crossing. Parents should not sit in their car and expect young children to cross the road alone.**

**The College has a good reputation in the local community and students and teachers and many parents love this College. It is always sad to hear people speaking ill of an educational institution that is working hard to educate children in knowledge and Gospel values so please refrain from such gossip.**

**New College and Sport Uniform Supplier** – Lowes at Westfields Parramatta is the new provider of the College uniforms as of term 4. Price lists are attached. **LOL uniforms will be phased out end of 2015.**

## STAY IN TOUCH

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