



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 4: Friday 20th February 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

As we enter into the Season of Lent may I suggest that instead of focusing on what one is going to give up, perhaps focus on what one can do during this time. As part of the Lenten Season the College is supporting Caritas. Is there some positive, kind act that we can do for others? As Is 58:6-8 reads:

'Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.'

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

23rd Feb – Yr. 12 assessment block commences

24th Feb – Primary Parent Info evening at 7pm

24th and 25th Feb - College Photo day



Congratulations to the Primary Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains and SRC members:

Primary Captains - Miriam Al-Somsom and Joe Deeb

Vice Captains - Patrick Abou-Azar and Kristina Ishak

SRC Members - Jessica Bechara, Mariana Bechara, Jason Chakti, Heleena Diab, Christopher Douaihy, Chelsea Elias, Charbel Makary, Deanna Moussa.

Sports Captains - **Yellow:** Tiana Khoury & Najib Francis; **Blue:** Brytney Al-Saiah & Mark Alam; **Green:** Debbie Doueihi & Charbel Semaan; **Red:** Antonio Abou-Touma & Emilio Hourani.

Class blog – Ms Rizk and her Yr 6 Indigo students have been posting blogs as part of their learning. Click on the site to see the great work they are doing. <http://welcomesixindigo.blogspot.com.au>

Scholastic Book Fair in Primary Library on 13th and 16th March - Preview books and complete wish lists. On 17th & 18th March – Book selling. Parents welcome.

Library - Students need to be borrowing books every week and participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The children should be read, read, reading!

Monday the 23rd February, the NRL will be sending representatives from the Parramatta Eels to conduct their annual Tackling Bullying program to Yrs 3-5 students.

Secondary swimming carnival held on 20th February – the students made a splash!



Theme: In God's Image

- Secondary students taking up the opportunity provided by staff to pray the rosary in Church.

- The College has named the Sport Houses after Saints: Rafqa House (Green); Charbel House (Yellow); MacKillop House (Blue); Maroun House (Red).

- 22nd March is Vocation discernment day for young women aged 15 and over. If you are contemplating entering Religious Life then this day will help you discern. Contact Sr Margaret if interested.

- During the Lenten Season, the Maronite Eparchy of Australia is holding an appeal for displaced Christians in Erbil, Iraq for much needed everyday items. Donations are collected by the Queen of the most Holy Rosary and items to be delivered to 128A Alfred St, Harris Park. For further information please contact: Badwi on 0433 318 875 or Nazha on 0414 358 383 or George on 0499 555 544.

- The College celebrated Ash Monday Mass



VET Construction Fire training



Food Tech – Valentine's day



CONGRATULATIONS



Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In K: Maxim Khattar, Gabriel Deeb, Julien Nabhan, Zac Moujalli. Yr 1: Issac Bou Francis, Lily El Katrib, Mia Malouhi.

Congratulations to Christian Moussa (5 Opal) who competed in the Regional Championships last Saturday, finishing with a silver medal in the U10 Boys 400m final. It's now time for the State Competition. We wish Christian all the best!

Congratulations to Murielle Abou Karam (Yr 11) who received 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. It will also encourage students to focus on the local community and ways they can improve it. At the end of the program, Murielle will showcase her project.

Rep sport – Intermediate Girl's Touch defeated Emmaus 3-2 and McCarthy 3-2. Players of the matches: Emily Zaiter, Tatiana Nehme and Angelina Bousaid. Junior Girls Touch drew 0-0 with McCarthy. Players of the match: Samantha Toubia and Charlene Semaan. Junior Boys Volleyball defeated St Marks 25 to 4 and Defeated St Clare 66-49. Players of the matches: Serge Boustany and Adel Attie. Junior Girls volleyball defeated St Agnes 58-47 and St Bishoy 50-37. Players of the matches: Rebecca Khoury and Susanne Fenianos. The inter-girls volleyball drew with St Agnes 57-57. Players of the match: Sarah Nemer and Angelina Katrib. Yr 9 boys volley ball defeated St Clare 65–39. Player of the match: John Khoury.

PARENT CORNER

Changes to Families taking Holidays - The NSW CEC has updated its attendance policy and procedures in regards to families going on holidays during school time. Applying for exemption is no longer available for family holidays. Families will now need to complete an "Application for Approved Leave" form. If applications are approved, the number of days absent will now count against the student's attendance record.

Secondary Open Day on 24th March from 9-11am. This will be open to all parents and to the outside community. You are invited to come and see the excellent work being done in Secondary.

Fat loss, exercise and well-being presentation – a presentation by Mrs Abir Dib. She will talk about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. All invited. Meeting will be in the conference room at 9am on Wed 25th Feb.

MCHF merchandise – Students and parents can purchase the following from the main office: MCHF pen for \$1; MCHF 8G USB for \$10; MCHF umbrella for \$15; MCHF Lanyards for \$3. Primary ties for \$5

Parent Association Committee for 2015 – we thank the previous committee and congratulate the following:

Chairperson: Salma Germanos **Secretary:** Najla Massoud **Treasurer:** Adell Yaacoub

Volunteers: Lucia BouNasr, Jisele Fares, Maya Bousaid, Arze Abi-Khattar, Carol Merheb, Adell Yaacoub, Maggie Nakhoul, Suzy Franjie, Lilly Louis Sleiman, Yolla Boustany, Alice Ghannoum, Marie Rose Moussa, Karen Khoury, Rose Ghabache, Fayrouz Fares and Vera Azar



Parent Volunteers Induction programme was held on 17th Feb with around 100 mothers volunteering their services in both primary and Secondary! A big thank you to all.



Dental Visits – Westmead Centre for Oral Health Paediatric Dental Department will be visiting Primary on 24th, 27th and 31st March. All classes from K-6 will participate in a short oral health and diet talk and children with parent consent will have a dental assessment. Further information will be available early March.

Early Ed - is an early intervention centre in Rose Hill. They're running a support group for families with school aged children with a disability or learning difficulties. The group is held every second Thursday during school terms. You can call Early Ed on 9897 1511 or go to www.earlyed.com.au for further information.

Merrylands Maulers 2015 Registrations will be held on Sunday 8th February 10-2pm with a free Football Clinic featuring Parramatta Eels Players from 11-12pm - With another registration day on Sunday 22nd of February 10-2pm. Then training will be held on every Friday from the 28th February at Nemesia Street Park Greystanes at 6-7pm. For more information please contact Phillip Fahd 0417 265 241 or Tony Mardini 0414 351 221.



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