MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn
Welcome to our final newsletter for semester 1. I take this opportunity to thank one and all for their hard work and commitment to the College. It has been a great start to the year and we have recognised some marvellous achievements. We look forward to semester 2 and the many opportunities it brings along.

We are planning to run Arabic classes for parents. If interested see Ms M Safi.
Staff return for term 3 on Tuesday 14th July. Students return Wednesday 15th July.
Wishing all staff, students and parents and safe and enjoyable semester break!

DOING THE ROUNDS
Tayta and Jidoo Mass on Wednesday 24th June at 9am followed by morning tea

Creative projects - Sabine Bou Sanayeh, Mandalin Moussa, Edmand Massoud and Luke Taouk from 5 Sapphire presenting excellent creative models and Yr 6 getting a tour of Secondary by the College leaders.
Year 9 Commerce organised a taste-testing activity designed around the topic of MARKETING. Year 5 Ruby took part and answered surveys in establishing the difference between ‘NO-NAME’ products and ‘BRAND NAME’ products. Both classes learnt the importance of Market Research in pricing products.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal – the Secondary held a fundraiser and raised was an impressive $1126. A special thank you to 10D who donated $150 and Ms T Kazzi (homeroom teacher) who matched the students input totalling $300.

Primary Academic Assembly held on 23rd June 2015

MCHF Winter Concert - Thursday 30th July 2015
The 2015 Winter Concert will showcase a fine selection of mostly senior Music and Drama performances within the intimate setting of the Primary Hall. Starting at 6:30pm, this exuberant experience of raw talent is sure to take even the coldest chill off your winter. $5 entry. Food and Drink on sale. Doors open at 6pm.
CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In Yr 4 Matthew Youssef, Christina El-Khoury, Pierre Raffoul, Antoine Dahdah. In Yr 5 Cindy Massoud, Georgia Khattar, Marissa Frangie, Lawrence El Bayeh.

Chocolate fundraiser – Congratulations to the following students who sold the most chocolates: 1st place - Brealle Hasham (Yr 3 orange) who won a mini iPad for selling 29 boxes. In 2nd place Charbel Feghali (Yr 1 gold) who won an iPod for selling 27 boxes.

Congratulations to 3 Orange who are No. 1 in Australia for Mathletics again and second in the world.
Congratulations to Peter Al-Saiah who is No. 1 in the world and on 18500 points.

Maths Olympiad - Thanks to Ms Pietak for training the Olympiad team, with some very challenging questions. Thomas Taouk and Charbel Feghali both got 3 out of 5 with Serge Boustany, Marius Younes and Jon Boumelhem gaining 2 out of 5. Keep up the good work.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Steven Khoudeir, Raymond Chehade, James Nakhoul; Yr 8: Joseph Moussa; Yr 10: Charbel Chamoun, Sarkis Doueih, Pamela Doumit, Charbel El Hachem, Daniella Fares, Andre Gerges, Matthew Matouk, Elaine Saba, Tia Semaan, Vanessa Soumi, David Tannous, Michelle Toubia

Bronze award – Yr 7: Georgia Khattar, -Olivia Saroufin, Lauren Yaacoub Yr 8: David Eid, Serge Boustany, Rita Layoun; Yr 9: Daniel Douaihy, Kristal Elias, Monica Fares, Anita Francis, Chantel Haddithi, Elise Haddad, Jana Ibrahim, Precella Ishak, Gabrielle Moujalli, Lyon Nakad, Louie Nakhoul, Samantha Rahi, Rita Sassine, Rita Tannous, Charlie Yacoub, Emily Zaiter

Silver Award – Yr 7: Raychel Fares, Karen Hawache, Robbie El-Bazouni, Maryam Najim; Yr 8: Marius Younes; Yr 9: Nadia Atieh, Isabella Bou-Said, Youssef Faddoul, Anthony Harb, Zaidan Moussa
Principal's Award – Yr 7: Gabrielle Baker; Yr 10: Jebreen Mawad

Congratulations to our Dux recipients Gabrielle Baker (Yr 7), Rita Layoun (Yr 8), Jenny Moussa (Yr 9), Maria Moussa (Yr 10), George El Bazouni (Yr 11) and Yvonne Moussa (Yr 12)

Congratulations to our Yr 12 students Yvonne Moussa, Suzie Farah, Maya Sawaqad who did us proud at the UNSW titration competition. Each had to work out the concentration of an unknown base in order to find another unknown concentration of diluted vinegar to 4 decimal places. Each student had a different dilution to work out. The lower the number the closer their answer was to the actual concentration. Last year scores ranged from 80 to 80000. Congratulations to Yvonne who was the only student to get the actual answer of the unknown diluted vinegar to 4 significant figures achieving an individual perfect score of zero! Such accuracy is very rare. Our group average was an impressive 760.

PARENT CORNER

Warm wool jumpers with the emblem will now be available for Primary students in a navy colour. These are not compulsory but can be worn with the College jackets on especially cold days to help keep the students warm. These will be available from Lowes by the first week of August. Prices: Sizes 5-8 $52.99, Sizes 10-14 $62.99, Sizes 16-22 $72.99.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program begins 15th July through to 8th Sept. We encourage all families who shop at Woolworths to collect their stickers and cards. For every $10 spent you will receive a sticker. Completed cards can be returned to school or your Woolworths store. The more you spend the more stickers we can collect and exchange for fun and interactive teaching and learning resources for students.

School zones - A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 2 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

MCHF TV program– We have filmed 12 episodes featuring the Sisters, staff, students and parents of the College focusing on ‘Educating for Success.’ The series will be aired every Tues, Thurs and Sun at 6pm and repeated every 8 hours the following day. Go to http://midpointtv.com.au/ and click on live channel. It works on PCs and Wifi TVs. To assist with sponsorship see Mr Nasr.

Japanese students – We are hosting 15-20 Japanese Secondary students at the College in Feb/March 2016 for a 2-3 week short term study tour. If any family is interested in accommodating a Japanese student a weekly payment of $270 is provided to assist you. All that is required is to provide a bedroom and food and some care! I need at least 15 families to assist us in this. If interested please contact Sr Margaret.

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