



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 10: Monday 31st March 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

So much has happened over the last week that I will let the photos tell the story. I just want to add how fantastic it is to see so much creativity and enthusiasm pulsating around the College. A thank you to all who make life at the College truly enriching. Below are some important dates to not in your diaries . . .

7th April Immigration Minister Hon. Scott Morrison addressing Secondary at 12:30pm with His Excellency Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

7th May Lebanese Journalist May Chidiac addressing Yrs 10-12 students

19th Nov Patriarch Bechara Boutros Rahi visiting 12-3pm. Includes assembly for Yrs 5-11

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Premier's Reading Challenge - Usernames and passwords have been finalised and given to students.

Yr 5 students have been participating in Gymnastics with the Tri-Skills team - The instructors Ben and Troy have taught us many skills such as balancing, swinging, forward rolls, cartwheels and many more skills. On behalf of my fellow classmates, I'd like to thank Ben & Troy for teaching us to never give up and not be afraid to try new things. - Christian Nough, 5 Rainbow



The Book Fair was a great success. It shows once again that our students are very excited about books and reading. A sincere thank you to our mothers who volunteered their time to assist. – Ms A LeMerle

First Year 6 Transition day 25/3 - participating in an English and Technology session. Thank you to Ms Daoud, Mr Zaouk, Ms Sassine and Yr 6 teachers for their organisation and supervision of the students.



Year 10 Peer Support Leaders Training - on 4th and 8th April. The training sessions will prepare students for leadership roles as Peer Support Leaders for Yr 7 students in various sessions during pastoral care.

Say 'no' to bullying week - On Wednesday 19th March students took part in 'Tackling Bullying Day.' Students were able to wear their favourite jersey to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. All credit goes to

our wonderful SRC and sport captains who did a phenomenal job in setting up sports equipment and running their stations. Whilst everyone had red hot faces and were exhausted at the end of lunch, students had a great time. Close to \$800 was raised. Thank you! - Miss Azzi



Mons Shora addressing Yr 12 on vocations and Yr 9 on the importance of family



Yr 12 camp was held 27-28th March



Yr 11 Business Studies - 3 successful business people were chosen to speak about running a business in front of a mock press club. **Yr 9 commerce** - classroom was set up as a shop where students had to identify unethical practices by businesses and then compose letters to the Australian Consumer Council.



Creativity in textiles and drama



Yr 7 learning to swim



CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to students who received an award. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr.6: George Attie, Ibrahim Fakhri, Daniel Azzi & Gabrielle Baker.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Toufic Derjani, Rebecca Khoury, Vanessa Youssef, Georgio Dib, Zeina Hadchiti, Tania Lichaa, Patrick Al-Takchi, Gaelle Elias Yr 10: Jennifer Katrib, Laura Sassine, George El Bazouni, Rochelle Elias, Jessica Ishak, Jennifer Khoury, Charbel Halabi, Ashley Kenaan, Evette Nakhoul.

Congratulations to Lara and Cintia Elkhoury who represented the College at the PDSSSC Swimming championships on Friday. Both girls had excellent swimming times, with Cintia winning two events and progressing to the NSWCCC championships in April.



Congratulations to our open boys touch team who were victorious at the PDSSSC Gala Day last Wednesday. We are still the reigning champions in the Parramatta district for touch!

Congratulations to Charbel Anjoul, George Fakhr and Charbel G Katrib on their selection in the PDSSSC touch team to play in Wagga Wagga.

Well done to Anthony Moussa, James Tasipale, Charbel Anjoul, George Fakhr, Georges Dagher and Elie El-Zakhem who represented PDSSSC in the rugby league trial on Wednesday. James, George, Georges and Elie were **selected in the Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges team to represent the NSWCCC rugby league team.**

Congratulations to Michael Nemer who has been selected to be part of the GWS Giants Academy, from the AFL Western Sydney competition. He was one of thirty to be selected.

PARENTS' NEWS

A free workshop on literacy offered at Parramatta Library for parents to help your child succeed at school. 14th April from 10am-12pm focuses on helping your child to read and 15th April from 10am-12pm focuses on how to foster your child's love of reading. Bookings essential on 9806-5159."

Parents Association - thank all parent volunteers who assisted with Harmony Day lunches. We offered 140kg of fruit to the Primary School and over 1000 falafel to the High School lunches. PA thank the following for their donations: Hilltop Fruit in Merrylands, Ph:96332915; ABFM Fruit in Granville Ph:96377285; Mr Eid Food Products, Ph:0401062223; A and W Packaging, Ph:97572155 and Five Loaves Café. Easter Raffle prizes include Easter baskets, Photography vouchers from Snapix, Hair Voucher valued at \$70 and many more prizes. Drawn 9th April.

Primary Arabic will be divided into ability levels for Years 4-6 as of Term 2.

Disabled parking must be used only by those parents who have children with a disability.

Term 1 fees to be finalised by end of term please.

Come & Try Football Clinic – St. Margaret Mary's JRLFC Inc. invites children attending a Catholic School and all Catholic boys & girls from 5 to 11 years of age, to join our club. Registrations will be every Friday night between 5:30-7pm Nemesia Street Park, Greystanes. New Registrations: original copy of Birth & Baptism Certificates required. Enquiries contact us on: Phil 0417 265 241 or Tanya 0414 484 636.

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