



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We are into the fourth week of a short term. Naplan has come and gone and we hope our students were able to perform to the best of their ability. We also had Yr 8 camp and a visit from Dr May Chidiac. Yr 11 exams are at hand, followed by all other exams. Please insist that your children study each night in order to achieve their best academically. Below are some important dates to note down:

20th May – Holy Communion meeting at 7pm in Primary hall for parents.

28th and 29th May – Kindergarten 2015 parent interviews

6th June – Pentecost Mass

9th June - Year 7 Scholarship applications for Yr 6 students due

13th June – Parent Volunteer Mass followed by morning tea

25th June – Jidoo and Tayta Mass followed by morning tea

DOING THE ROUNDS

On 12th May Yr 9 students were treated to a dramatic performance of Romeo and Juliet by The Bell-

As part of the **Primary Bullying Week and Harmony Day activities**, all classes worked together to create artworks with the general theme of “MCHF in Harmony.” These have been hung in the hall to remind us all that we need to work together to create a safe and happy college.



7th May Lebanese Journalist Dr May Chidiac addressed Secondary students on Lebanese roots.





Shakespeare Company - an effective and insightful incursion that thoroughly explored the themes of the play with discussions at the end of each Act. Congratulations to Yr 9 for their fine behaviour!

Food for thought. Read this interesting article about how students approach education these days.
<http://elitedaily.com/life/lacking-depth-our-generations-serious-problem-with-education/>

Mother's Day stall held on the Wednesday and Thursday followed Mass and Morning Tea held on 9th May. We hope all our mothers had a wonderful day with their families.



Year 10 Social Justice visit – 10 students along with Mr Abboud visited the Westmead Children's Hospital on 13th May. The students were taken to various wings of the hospital, dressed up as various characters, to visit children who were sick, healing or waiting to see a doctor in the triage. Toys, stickers and bubbles were handed out to the children who were very happy to see the students (as well as some much relieved parents,) putting a smile on their faces in an otherwise difficult time in their lives. – Mr M Abboud



The College received the email below . . .

Hi, I'm hoping I have the correct school. On Tuesday 13 May, my son had an appointment at the Children's Hospital. This is a regular occurrence for him and not something he or I look forward to. Except this week's. We had the pleasure of being entertained by your delightful year 10 students who distracted my son during our long wait. They were genuinely interested in and caring of the patients. They also showered him with gifts, which he was so grateful for. The photo shows him sleeping with a soft toy they donated. I would like to share with you one thing that really stood out. A beautiful girl dressed as a fairy got down on the floor and played cars with my son. For a moment, his health problems were forgotten. I had tears in my eyes and when I thanked her, she replied with "I see this as a privilege." Congratulations on a wonderful program and for forming such beautiful, caring souls. Everyone involved should be very proud. Regards, Tracie Huet

Year 8 camp held from the 14th to 16th May



Save Our Water....It's precious - The College was successful in securing a grant through the Parramatta City Councils' Schools Environment Educational Partnership. The grant will cover the cost of installation of a third water tank to maintain the newly developed grass area. One of our prime objectives is to be an environmentally friendly school and to achieve this we have implemented a number of strategies including efforts to reduce consumption in energy by installing energy efficient light bulbs, moved to Moodle to reduce paper by supplying internet access; obtained email address of our parents to facilitate digital transmission of information; introduced recycling bins in all classrooms and commenced water

conservation through collection of rainwater. The College would like to thank Parramatta City Council and acknowledge the work they are doing in supporting environmental and educational partnerships which will lead to real changes in community attitudes and practices in the conservation of our precious natural resources. As an educational institution it is important that the College is a community leader in fostering and supporting environmental awareness, conservation and sustainability. Refer to the attachment highlighting ongoing work in this area.

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to students who received an award. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 1: Joy Yacoub, Monique Abou-Touma, Mikayla Moussa & Marielle Khoury. In Yr 2: Charbel Habib, Claudia Kabalan, Celena Habib & John-Paul Akl.

Two Yr 6 students Gabrielle Baker (6 Emerald) and Ghadi Francis (6 Indigo) have been working above their level in English and Maths - In order to help them develop their skills further and to keep them challenged, after careful consideration it has been decided that these two students will be joining Year 7 English and Maths classes 2 days per week. The students are extremely excited as are all those involved and we hope that the outcome will be positive.

Public Speaking Competition - On 7th May Jennifer Khoury and Hannah Darjani competed in the NSW Plain English Speaking Awards, Western Sydney final at Glenwood High School against the state's finest public speakers. Their topics were: 'Poverty' and 'Healthy Eating for our Youth.' The students represented their College with pride, narrowly missing out on progression to the next round. Congratulations to both students.



All Rounder Awards – Yr 10: Elaine Alhage, Mariah Chahine Karam, Joseph Hadi, Simon Layoun, Annalise Stanton, Anthony Moussa, Cathy Layoun, James Fares, Issac Al-Bathani, George Nadar, Jake Wehbe

Bronze award – Yr 10: Gerge El Bazouni, Jennifer Katrib, Jessica Lahoud

Another success story from our ex-student Anthony Nohra – jewellery designer

<http://jewellerstrade.com.au/2014/sound-reasoning-behind-affordable-jewellery-range/>

Well done to our senior rugby league team on their performance at the GIO CUP. Our boys played well all day but lost the final to Oakhill College, running out of energy against a much fresher team.

Well done to our senior boys rugby league team

Won 18–4 over Gilroy College - The boys played extremely tough and got our title defence off to a solid start. Players of the match: Justin Makhoulf, Elie El-Zakhem and Georges Dagher.

Won 24-6 over Cumberland High in the Hills Cup match. The entire squad are to be congratulated on their brilliant sportsmanship. The try scorers were George Fakhr, Charbel Anjoul and Elie El Zakhem who crossed the line twice. Charbel G. Katrib kicked 4 goals. The player of the match was Georges Dagher, while James Tasipale, Elie El Zakhem and Justin Makhoulf were stand out performers.

PARENTS' NEWS

Pastoral Care of our College community – if there are any family members of our College who have a serious illness, please inform the College. The Sisters and College community would like to keep in their prayers any parents or siblings of students who are seriously ill and the Sisters would like to visit anyone who is gravely ill.

This financial year the Family Energy Rebate is \$125 (eligibility criteria apply). To take advantage of this rebate, family households, must submit an application before **5pm 13th June, 2014. See attachment.**

Kindy 2015 – interviews will take place in week 5 of this term. If you have not yet enrolled your child you have this week to do so!

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