



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

On 22nd June our Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family will be submitting the paperwork (over 1000 pages) for the Beatification of our Founder, Patriarch Elias Hwayek. This important folder recollects the life of the Patriarch, his efforts in the spiritual and political spheres, the statements of witnesses and the description of miracles attributed to him. We are hoping that our Founder will be named Blessed by the Pope by the end of this year and soon after to be declared a saint. If anyone would like a small booklet or prayer of the Founder, please see me. We have copies in English and a few in Arabic.

I would also like to remind all grandparents that our first ever Tayta and Jidoo Mass is approaching and we would like to see them all in attendance.



DOING THE ROUNDS

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

24th June – Primary Academic Assembly at 9:15am

25th June – Jidoo and Tayta Mass followed by morning tea. All grandparents are invited.

25th June – Secondary Academic Assembly at 1:15pm

Firefighter Visit - Last week Year 1 received a special visit from the Firefighters from our local fire station! The students were very excited to ask the firefighters questions, see the tools and equipment inside the fire engine and hear the siren as they left our College.



Primary SRC Talent Quest - The SRC would like to thank all the students who participated in the Talent Quest and congratulate the winners. It was a fantastic event with many talents on display. **1st Place** – Salma Katrib and Charlize Galayini winning a \$100 Westfield voucher donated by N&K Motor Group. **2nd Place** - Kayla Fasavalu winning a family pass to the Jenolan Caves. **3rd Place** - Nassif and Therese Abi-Khattar winning a double pass to the IMAX theatre. **4th Place** - John Kanaan, Antonio and Charlie Abou Touma, George Ishak, George Maroun and Raymond and Christian Hadchiti winning vouchers from Mc Donald's. Our special guests were Nicki Minaj, Will i am and Red Foo thanks to Ms Malia, Ms Francica and Ms Alweddy. Thank you to all members of the SRC, staff and our sponsors.



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On 13th June we celebrated the Parent Volunteer Mass followed by morning tea



On 4/6 Ms Botros visited the Year 11 Hospitality class during their work placement - Our Students were happy to be out in the 'real world' however, very appreciative of school life now that they've had a taste of reality. Feedback from staff and employees at the establishments was very positive. Comments ranging

from “thankyou for sending *competent* students”, to “your students are the best students we have had this year so far”. It was very re-assuring to hear this feedback especially knowing that our students are representing our school in a positive manner and displaying the best work ethic they can offer.

Ms Sarlog went to an exhibition at Sydney University that included displays by an ex-student Brigitte Geroges - It was called 'Light and Shadow'. The show was a collaborative exhibition between architects and emerging visual artists. The first photo is of 2 works done by architect Collin Still & the big piece is Brigitte's. The 2 worked together via visits & email to bring together a dialogue between the 2 artists. Second photo of Brigitte & her piece called 'Extended Serenity'



CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to students who received an award. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 3: Margarita Harb, Kayla Fasavalu, Arthur Maroun & Rebecca Elias. In Y. 4: Georgia Mawad, Celine Moussa, Alissar Ishac & Sabine Bou Sanayeh. In Yr 5: Christina Geagea, Charbel Makary, George-Joseph Maroun & Elissa El Katrib. In Yr 6: Gabrielle Baker, Maryam Najim, Raychel Fares & Theresa El Halabi.

Congratulations to George Attie and Gabrielle Baker (Yr 6) who achieved a perfect score in the Maths Olympiad! Other students in Yr 6 scored 4 answers correctly: Jon Boumelhem and Ghadi Francis.

Year 6 scholarship recipients – The College wishes to thank all Yr 6 students who applied for 1 of 3 scholarships. These students include: Lara Chamoun, Gabrille Baker, Moses Al-Saiah, Ibrahim Fakhri, Rachelle Nakhoul, Nassif Abi-Khattar, Charlene Sabat, Alexia El-Haddad, Angela Nemer and Peter Germanos. The recipients of the scholarships are: Academic Achievement Scholarship – Gabrielle Baker; Christian Leadership, Values and Service Scholarship – Rachelle Nakhoul; and Sporting Achievement Scholarship – Ibrahim Fakhri. Congratulations to these students and their parents. These scholarships will cover College fees for Yr 7, 2015.



All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Charbel Chidiac, Hanna Haykal, Christopher Mouawad, Joseph Azzi, Jancy Habib, Anthony Fares, Maryanne Dagher, Thomas Taouk, Suzanne Fenianos. Yr 10: Hannah Darjani, Melanie Haddad, Anthony Kaltoum, Christopher Kendrijian, Jonathan Nakhoul, Josephine Shomar, Joseline Tannous, Joy Wakim

Bronze award – Yr 7: Anthony Taouk, Jacinta Mouawad, Vanessa Bou- Melhem, Karla Katrib, Tiana Lichaa, Teresa Raad. Yr 10: George Abou-Antoun, Tianna Chahin, Claudia Douaihy, Rochelle Elias, James Fares, Charbel Halabi, Ashley Kanaan, Jennifer Khoury, Danielle Loulach, Suzanne Stanton, Michael Succar, Rachelle Youssef.

PARENTS' NEWS

Financial assistance and donations appreciated - Keeping a K-12 College in tip top condition requires constant improvements including installing and upgrading WiFi across campus, repairing items, painting rooms etc. 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.

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

Kindy 2015 – interviews took place in week 5 of this term. If you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindy 2015 please do so soon.

Parking and school gates – please note in the morning Yr 6 students have been rostered on to open the gates for infants up until 8:40am. Any parent that drops their child off late to school should be parking in the Church car park and walking across to open the gates for their child.

Birthday Celebrations - Parents are reminded that student birthdays are celebrated in class by way of songs and other celebratory recognition. At no time are birthday cakes and other food items permitted to be brought and distributed to other students. These could pose serious health risks to students with allergies and detract from the learning taking place in class time.

Visitor sign in - All parents and visitors to the College are reminded to sign in at the main administration office and are not permitted to be walking through the school buildings without visitor passes.

Student work books - Over the last two weeks, Primary teachers have sent home student books for English and Maths for you to review. This week we will send home other theme related books. Please review with your child and we ask that you provide them with constructive feedback regarding their progress and work attitudes. In this way we trust that each parent will support the work of class teachers by encouraging children to continue working hard in class and also to praise those with good efforts.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs - We have had an amazing response to the planned introduction of Mathletics and Reading Eggs online learning for Term 3. Parents are reminded to pay for the programs by the end of this week. Next week teachers will receive training and a Parent Information Session will be held on Thursday 17th July about how the programs will be used at school and as homework. A separate letter will be distributed this week with information about privacy and student log in details.

Reports, outstanding fees and Parent Teacher Interviews – please finalise all outstanding fees before you collect your child's report. Primary reports are being distributed on Monday 23rd June. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 26th June. Please ensure you have booked your appointments.

New College and Sport Uniform Supplier – The College has entered into negotiations with Lowes at Westfields Parramatta to be the new provider of the College uniforms as of term 4. In the meantime Joseph's at Guildford will continue to supply uniforms and we take this opportunity to thank the retailer for the many years of service to the College. More information on price lists will follow later in the year.

There are still a number of students who are not submitting their assessment tasks on time - and this is resulting with a zero mark and warning letter to parents. Please ensure that you and your children read the Curriculum Policy that was sent to your child on Tuesday 20th May via email and discuss with them the seriousness of completing their work on time. - Mr J Messiha

Secondary Students Arriving Late - The College is concerned with the number of students arriving late in the morning. The College acknowledges that there are cases where consideration is made for some families. However there are a large number of families who consistently arrive late with no valid reason. It is an expectation that all students must be at the College before 8:30am. The College will now be placing students on afternoon detention for consistently coming late, with concern of absence letters issued and parent meetings arranged to address the concerns. – Mr E Asmar

Ladies of the Gospel – if any mothers would like to be part of the Ladies of the Gospel, a Maronite Association that raises funds for Maronite services, please contact Noel Zaiden on 0433 373 720.

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