



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 8: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have had a busy fortnight. Firstly we congratulate Year 3 on celebrating their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful ceremony led by the Bishop. I wish to thank all Primary staff, and in particular the Year 3 teachers, who have spent an enormous amount of time preparing the students for this important Sacrament. Year 12 have sat their trials and are now preparing for their graduation. In the meantime Year 6 are getting ready to visit the Australian Capital Territory and Year 11 will be showcasing their skills as we consider who to vote for as the new leaders for the College. Sadly we farewelled one of our young students who had been in intensive care since November 2013. **R.I.P** Jennifer (Yr 1), sister of Mariah (Yr 11). We keep her mother and sister in our prayers.

### DOING THE ROUNDS

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

**Year 3 First Holy Communion** took place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and Mons Shora. We thank all the staff involved in the preparation of the children and the choir. God bless the Year 3 students and their families.



**Science fun days 20-21<sup>st</sup> August** - Week 6 was National Science Week and all Primary students participated in fun, hands-on activities to explore scientific concepts. Experiments included; What floats and what sinks, push and pull forces, how does reducing friction effect speed?, electric circuits and making slime. All students had a great time and enjoyed this memorable experience.





**Yr 9 Food Technology and Kindergarten join in a cupcake decorating workshop** - After collating the Kinder answers on their 'dream birthday party' Yr 9 found interesting results about what our children prefer at their birthdays! The most favoured activity was to be a part of a workshop like 'cup-cake 'decorating. The lesson was filled with happiness, creativity, listening, lots of taste testing and yummy treats!



**Book week and character book parade held on 22/8/14** - It was brilliant to see so many children (and teachers) dress up as their favourite characters. There was plenty of buzz about reading and books.



**Yr 6 students are going to Canberra 3-5 Sept. We wish them a memorable experience.**

**Thank you to Mr and Mrs Al Helou, parents of Georgie (Yr 7) & Mia Maria (K), for providing the College with 4 Smart boards. All Primary classrooms will now be equipped with Smart Boards.**

**We also thank Mary Nehme, parent of Milaniya (K) and Owner of 'Hope Creations' for decorating the hall for the Holy Communion family photos.**

**Yr 11 addressed by Anthony Yacoub**



**Yr 10 on the BStreet Smart excursion**





## Yr 12 visual art



## Secondary Assembly on 26/8 included Science, Merit and Premier's Reading Challenge awards



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Premier's Reading challenge** - We congratulate the students in Yrs 7-9 who successfully completed the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge encourages children to develop a reading habit and creates a culture of reading in the College. When they start to read on their own, we see a marked improvement in literacy and numeracy. We thank the parents for keeping up the enthusiasm and for supporting the Challenge and monitoring your child's progress during the year. The students are in Yr. 7 Hakim Al Hakim, Georgie Al Helou, Patrick Altakchy, Rafca Attie, Rita Attie, David Eid, Suzanne Fenianos, Jancy Habib, Tiana Hanna, Anthony Harb, Hannah Haykal, Charbel Kazzi, Rita Laba, Tayla Laoulach, Rita Layoun, Tiana Lichaa, Ashlee Mankoo, Jacinta Mawad, Christopher Mouawad, Michael Nouh, Teresa Raad, Chantal Rizk, Mary Sabat, Thomas Taouk, Jessica Wehbe, Naomi Yaacoub, Vanessa Youssef. Yr 8 students are Rene Aflak, Charbel Azzi, Marie Azzi, Matthew Bechara, Elias Bou-Melhem, Isabella Bou-Said, Allana El-Bitar, Christy El-Khoury, Kristal Elias, Youssef Faddoul, Channele Gharib, Nicolas Fajloun, Anita Francis, Anthony Harb, Colin Makary, Lara Makary, Rebecca Mansour, Rebecca Massoud, Michelle Mereb, Jenny Moussa, Joshua Nahmy, Louie Nakhoul, Tatiana Nehme, Sarah-Therese Nemer, Matthew Rabadi, Tia Sahyoun, Gina Sassine, Jacinta Semaan, Anthony Shomar, Perla Sleiman, Laura Souccar, Pierre Taouk, Theresa Taouk, Jonathan Yacoub, Mema Yacoub, Theodore Youssef. Yr 9 students are Danielle Aboukaram, Maria Attie, Brianna Azar, Jonathon Bechara, Stephanie Brais, Claudia Daher, George Doumit, Assaad Faddoul, Daniella Fares, John Paul Laba, Michelle Frangi, Natalie Haddad, Sarah Lichaa, Giorgio Makdessi, Jebreen Mawad, Graziella Mikhael, Cynthia Rahi, Tia Semaan, David Tannous, Charbel Tasipale, David Touma, Matthew Younan, John Youssef."

**Maths Olympiad** - George Attie and Gabrielle Baker (Yr 6) each scored 3 answers correctly from 5 questions. Both students are coming first in the team on a tie of 14 points. In Secondary, the questions were very challenging giving the highest score of 2 out of 5 to Sarah Nemer, Jacob Lebnan, Zaidan Moussa and Youssef Faddoul. Congratulations to these students who persevered with difficult calculations.

**Chemistry Quiz** - Chemistry students from Yrs 11 & 12 and ten students from Yr 10 took part in the National Chemistry Quiz, competing against over 7000 students Australia wide. The College achieved three excellent results with Michael Abi-Rizk and Brendan Elias (Yr 12) awarded Distinctions (Top 10-25%) and Murielle AbouKaram (Yr 10) awarded a Credit (top 25-40%). Congratulations to those students and to all students for participating. – Mr Stillen

**Well done to all the students who represented our College at the PDSSSC Athletics carnival** - We had some great results: Charbel Anjoul – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m run; Joseph Azzi – 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m run; Elie El-

Zakhem – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m run, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m run; George Fakhr – 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200m run, 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump; John Kazzi – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m run, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m run; Sarah Merheb – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the discus throw; Maya Sawaqed – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m run. Thank you to Mr Gharrach and Ms George for their assistance on the day. Also, a big thank you to the parents who came along to support. – Mr Abood

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Ashlee Mankoo, Mary-Ann Yaacoub Yr 9: Danielle Abou Karam, Cynthia Rahi, Joseph Tadros, Michelle Toubia Yr 10: Charles Katrib, Michael Nemer, Wilson Njeim Yr 11: Charbel Anjoul, Antoun Antoun, Anthony Azar, Georgiana Bou-Said, Naomi Chakty, Chloe Daher, Jeremy Harb, Elie Hourani, Connie Ishak, Isabella Kabboura, Danielle Katrib, George Khouri, Maria Nakad, Marie Nassif, Maya Sawaqed, Chamoun Soumi, David Taouk, Elie Toubia

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Zena Hadchiti, Joseph Azzi, Rafca Attie, Jancy Habib, Betty Attie Yr 9: Angelina Bou Said, Pamela Doumit, Natalie Haddad, David Tannous Yr 10: Mariah Chahine Karam, Maroun Chidiac, Joseph Hadi, Joseline Tannous, Joy Wakim Yr11: Fidele Felfleh, Derek Habashy, Antoinette Mawad, Petra Sleiman

**Silver Award** – Yr 7: Elie Nol, Charbel Feghali, Marius Younes, Michael Nouh Yr 9: Jebreen Mawad Yr 10: George Abou Antoun, Claudia Douaihy, Rita Hatem, Charbel Halabi, Christopher Kendrijian, Patrick Matouk Yr 11: Simon Bou- Sanayeh

**Principal's Award** – Yr 7: Rita Attie, Mimo Nassar, Danni Makari Yr 10: Murielle Abou Karam, Jessica Lahoud

## PARENTS' NEWS

**Financial assistance and donations appreciated** - Keeping a K-12 College in tip top condition requires constant improvements. 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.

**NAPLAN results** - are expected to be released soon and will then be forwarded to parents.

**New Curriculum** - The College has organised consultants to work with teachers on implementing the new Australian Curriculum. We are continuing to make ongoing improvements in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Science. We have also introduced our online learning programs to promote Literacy and Numeracy skills. Promote your child's learning: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/>

**Lost Property** – We have a large number of clothes in the lost property baskets with no student names. Please feel free to search through to find any of your child's lost items. We remind all parents to clearly label all items with their child's names to assist in returning the missing items to them.

### Fees due by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Secondary Walk-A-Thon Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Can you please support your children in raising funds which are going towards representative sports jerseys and more equipment in the College gym. Parents are more than welcome to help or be involved on the day.

**Community and Road Education Scheme (C.A.R.E.S)** is a joint project involving the NSW Police, Blacktown City Council and Roads & Maritime Services (RMS). CARES is a total road and bicycle safety education programme created to assist in the reduction of risk, injury and death for young road users.  
**24 September 2014 – OPEN DAY** Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect. Ph: 9831-8355 Enquires: 9672 9058 Email: [caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Kindy 2015** – if you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindy 2015 please do so soon.

**New College Uniform Supplier** – Lowes at Westfields Parramatta is the new provider of College uniforms as of term 4. Price lists are attached. **LOL uniforms will be phased out by end of 2015.**

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