



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 1: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to term 4 with a very busy schedule. Among other things this term we anticipate:

1. The HSC students sitting their final exams. God's blessing be with them
2. The visit of the Patriarch to our College on 27<sup>th</sup> October commencing with Mass at 10:30am
3. Celebrating World Teachers Day on 16<sup>th</sup> October with a Mass
4. Exams and report writing
5. End of year concerts
6. Preparations for 2015

Last term we ended off with the threats of a young boy who rattled our community. Since then the police have warned the 14 year old and the 17 year old driver have been warned not to approach the College. Both boys will face court and are expected to write an apology to our College community. A lesson I hope we all learn from this is that the dignity of every person should always be upheld. We are called to live as respectable people and never to resort to fear or hatred. I thank the police who have made every effort to ensure that all Australians live in safety. The College will also be implementing the following:

- Pick up and drop offs will only take place in Alice Street as of Monday. The Weston Street gates will remain closed to restrict any possible intruders.
- We have employed a security person along Alice St from 9-3pm every day, commencing Monday.
- We are also seeking government funding to install extra cameras.

So now we return to the business of getting on with College life!

### DOING THE ROUNDS

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

**Staff Reflection Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October was directed by Fr Greg Homeming** – the staff were addressed on how to read the Gospels and were given time to experience the power of Jesus.

**Work completed over the holidays include:** - Levelling of playground and laying of Astro Turf; Painting of fire doors, classroom doors, pipes and ceilings; Cleaning of A block roof; Pressure cleaning of all playgrounds; Gardening; Installation of 5 Smart boards to be done this week. Once again we thank Jonathan Saad and to Emile and Cathy Saad who organised the Astro Turf for a discounted price.

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Primary students enjoying the new grass and enjoying the dance programme held at lunchtimes!

Book reviews by our Year 6 students in order to encourage more reading!!!

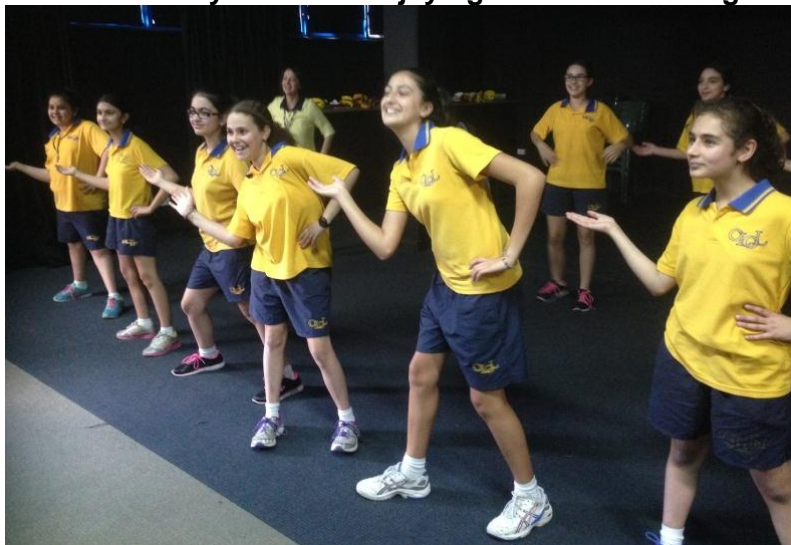
**King Pig: Book Review** Author: Nick Bland - King Pig is set in an imaginary kingdom where King Pig

lives, along with his sheep servants who are bossed around constantly and have no freedom. King Pig wonders why the sheep don't like him... I think the author is trying to tell us that being bossy isn't the right thing to do and to treat others the way you want to be treated. I recommend this book for children of ages 6 -12 because it helps young children to expand their imagination. This book made me feel sad that the sheep were treated that way because I know I wouldn't want to be treated in that manner either would King Pig. - By Christina Ibrahim 6-Teal

**Silver Buttons** - The author of this wonderful book is Bob Graham. "Jodie drew a duck with silver buttons...1, 2..." The artwork of this book is simply astonishing. It is simple yet he has put great effort into it. It is quite colourful and bright with a childish look to it. I found this book to be quite easy to understand. This book is set in the present, in an average neighbourhood. I recommend this book to children (AGE: 7-11). It has an in-depth meaning to it and in my opinion children younger than 7 years old may not understand the meaning but I suppose they can enjoy it anyway. This book made me realise that multiple things can happen at the same time without anyone realising it. I really enjoyed this book and I strongly suggest you read it. **RATING: 8/10** - By Christian Howley

**King Pig** - This is a story by Nick Bland. It's called King Pig. This story is about a King Pig, who makes his sheep do anything he wants them to do. I don't think the sheep are happy at all. The only thing King Pig can't make the sheep do is to like him. I believe that this book is written for children of all ages. This amazing story is set in an imaginary land. This book reminds me think about others. It tells us not to demand things from others without being polite. It also teaches us not to be greedy. The moral of this wonderful story is: "Consider others in your thoughts. Don't be selfish or greedy! Treat others the way you want to be treated!" I think that King Pig taught us a very important lesson. When you make a mistake, you can't travel back to the past just to fix it up, But you can fix that mistake in the future. If I had to rate this book, I would rate it a 10/10. - Written by Mabelle Chamchoum, 6 Teal.

### Secondary students enjoying the Zumba during Thursday sport and swimming



**Two youth coaches from the Western Sydney Wanderers coached eager Yr 7, 9 and 10 students.** The students were taught different tips and tricks as they enjoyed playing different drills and games while learning at the same time on the College's new AstroTurf. - Mr Abboud



**Ms Wakim and Ms Badr have been conducting job interviews with Yr 10 Commerce students** as part of their assessment task. Here is a photo taken of students dressed up for their interview.



**Cubby House / Dog Kennel For Sale** - Our Yr 12 VET Construction students have constructed 3x Children's Cubby Houses and a Dog Kennel as part of their assessment for the course. These items are for sale for \$350 for those interested. Delivery is available at an additional charge. If interested please contact Mr Asmar for more information or inspection.

**Spirituality centre and novitiate** - The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family are opening a spirituality centre at Dulwich Hill and a novitiate for those considering entering Religious Life. In quiet surroundings one is invited to come on a weekend and pray in the chapel and find spiritual guidance. For more information contact Sr Rose Therese on 0421 283 899 or Sr Margaret on 0412 588 045.

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in the ICAS Mathematics Competition:** High Distinction: Angelo Sleiman; Distinction: Mark Alam, Gabrielle Baker, Robbie El-Bazouni; Credit: George Attie; Merit: Josef Boumelhem, Ashton Tannous, Joseph Samya.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, our College competed in the best dressed costume "Be your Fair Lady" organised by Mirath in Mind. **We came first in Eliza's Best dressed high school category, with Eljes Fares receiving the Gold trophy.** The College also received high praise from George Basha, the director of 'The Combination' and 'The Convict.'

**Congratulations to Anthony Harb of Yr 8 who represented the NSW City team in a national soccer tournament over the holidays.** Anthony's team finished third and out of 112 participants won player of the tournament. Anthony played in a successful tournament and has been selected to represent Australia in the Australian Junior All Stars team later

this year. Well Done and Congratulations!

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Joseph Barakat; Yr 9: Stephanie Brais, Chloe Ivins, Christina Khoury, Helena Melhem, Matthew Younan, Vanessa Tawk

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Tatiana Dib, Naomi Chehade; Yr 9: Marie Attie, Daniella Fares, James Francis, Biron Imad, John Paul Laba, Gerges Tannous, John Yacoub, John Youssef

**Silver Award** – Yr 7: Georgio Dib, James Nol, Tayla Laoulach, Tiana Lichaa; Yr 9: Charbel El-Hachem, Khalil Jeitani, David Tannous, Sandy Yaacoub,

**Principal's Award** – Yr 7: Vanessa Youssef; Yr 9: Brianna Azar

**Congratulations to our parent Mr Joseph Wakim whose pieces have been shortlisted as a finalist for this year's United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) Media Awards in the category of promotion of multicultural issues. We also thank Joe for being the excellent spokesperson for the College as we tried to control the threat situation last term.**

## PARENTS' NEWS

**Term 4 overviews for Primary curriculum** will be uploaded onto the College website this week. They provide details of what your children will be studying.

**Kindergarten Orientation** - On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will welcome our 2015 Kindergarten students to the College. Parents are invited to attend the Information Session in the Primary Hall.

**Reading Eggs and Mathletics** - A reminder these are now a homework expectation and used in class learning time. As these online learning programs have been successfully implemented in the college we will continue with them in 2015. Thank you to all parents and students who have supported the programs.

### College fees are due

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

**Purchasing of New College and Sport Uniform** – Lowes at Westfields Parramatta will provide the College uniforms as of mid-term. We will notify parents when uniforms are in stock.

Primary Boys Items		Primary Girls Items		Unisex Items	
Long sleeve shirt Layback with crest	\$30.99	Long sleeve shirts Peter pan collar with mchf	\$29.99	Zip jackets (all sizes) With college crest	\$49.99
Short sleeve shirt Layback with crest	\$24.99	Short sleeve shirts peter pan collar with mchf	\$33.99	Sport polo – short sleeve with college crest	\$35.99
Blocker short – navy	\$19.99	All season tunic	\$52.99	Sport polo – long sleeve with college crest	\$41.99
Blocker trousers - navy	\$29.99 - \$31.99			Sport shorts all sizes	\$26.95
Royal blue tie	\$19.99			Track suits pants	\$29.99
				Track suit jacket with college crest	\$54.99

Secondary Boys Items		Secondary Girls Items		Unisex Items	
Short sleeve shirt layback with crest	\$26.99	Long sleeve shirts Peter pan collar with mchf	\$29.99	Blazer	\$149.50 (12 feb – 12 mar) \$199.50
Long sleeve shirt layback with crest	\$32.99	Short sleeve shirts Peter pan collar with mchf	\$33.99	Woollen jumper with crest	\$52.99 - \$72.99
Pqs trousers – grey	\$51.99	All season skirt	\$49.99	Sport polo – short sleeve with college crest	\$35.99
Boys royal blue tie (Yr 7-10 boys)	\$19.99	Royal blue tab tie (Yr 7-10 girls)	\$9.99	Sport polo – long sleeve with college crest	\$41.99
Tartal senior tie (Yr 11/12 boys)	\$21.99	Tartal tab tie (Yr 11/12 girls)	\$9.99	Sport shorts all sizes	\$26.95
				Track suits pants	\$29.99
				Track suit jacket With crest	\$54.99

The following are available from the College shop Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:10 – 8:40:  
Large School Bags \$60 Small School Bags \$50 Royal Slouch Hat \$15 Library Bags \$10

### STAY IN TOUCH

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