



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 10: Monday 15th September 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Term 3 has flown by and we have farewelled Year 12 in a beautiful graduation ceremony. We celebrated father's day and we heard about the wonderful experiences of Yr 6 at Canberra. On Monday we will have a leadership day where Yr 11 students will elect the new College captains and leaders of the College. Commemorating the visit by His Beatitude Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, the Maronite Eparchy of Australia invites you to partake in this historic visit themed "One Shepherd, One Flock," through the following events:

- Welcoming Dinner to be held on Monday 27 October at 7pm at Le Montage.
- A concert by *A Sawt Al'Atiq* choir from Lebanon performing the Melodies of Glory (*Koleh d'Shubho*) at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 30 October at 8pm.
- An outdoor youth celebration and prayer night on Saturday 1 November OLOL Church from 5pm.

For tickets and booking enquiries, please contact the Maronite Chancery on 02 8831 0000.

The Patriarch will preside over our College Mass on Monday 27th Oct followed by an Assembly.

Staff return Tuesday 7th October for term 4

Students return Wednesday 8th October in Summer uniform

DOING THE ROUNDS

Raeco has showcased our Primary library:

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=244c133d6a1f70acfa885648c&id=1eba740300>

Father's Day stall and Mass and morning tea.



Year 6 Canberra trip – the Primary College Captains were invited to lay a wreath at the last post service at the War Memorial on 3/9 at 5 pm. It was live streamed on www.awm.gov.au Students also met 2 federal members of parliament. Ms Julie Owens (Member for Parramatta) and Ms Michelle Rowland.





Students from Year 6 have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

To encourage reading in Primary students book reviews will be published if they are impressive. Below are 2 book reviews on *The Windy Farm*

The Windy Farm was my favourite book this year because it made me laugh. It was excellent and I would recommend it for everyone. This book teaches an important lesson which is 'if you are nice and share with other people, other people will be nice and share with you, but if you don't you won't get any respect from anyone!' I also enjoyed it very much because of the pictures. They were designed amazingly and every single one suits the book. I would absolutely want to read this book again and share it with all my friends and family. Out of 10 I would definitely rate The Windy Farm 10/10 - **Dominique Lahood 6 Indigo**

Why I liked it? I enjoyed The Windy Farm because it was a very funny and creative book. It was really entertaining and the pictures were beautiful with a lot of hard work put into them. The storyline was really amusing and very creative. As for the characters, they were filled with much enthusiasm and the book itself with the storyline was amazing. The story teaches you a little lesson on happiness, saying that even in your lowest times when you have nothing and everything is bad, there is hope that everything will be fine in the end. I would recommend this book to others especially younger kids for all the above reasons and I would rate it 8/10. - **Ann-Maree Semaan 6 Indigo**

Yr 5 and 6 Transition Program - held during the week as we prepare them for Secondary education. Yr 5 experienced a Maths and LOTE session while Yr 6 experienced a Science session and Secondary policies and procedures were addressed. We thank the Maths, LOTE and Science staff who ran the sessions. Term 4's Transition Sessions will be held in Week 3. - Mr Asmar

Parramatta Bishop's Excellence award recipient Joseph Wehbe



Kindy Circus day 12/9



Year 12 Breakfast, Graduation Mass and Ceremony held on 12th September. We wish our Yr 12 students all the best as they now prepare for their final exams.



The PA will be offering a free sausage sizzle and water bottle to all Secondary students who have raised their money and completed the walk-a-thon. Any additional sandwich will cost \$2, water \$1, zooper dooper 50c. Sauces and onions free. Primary students can also purchase at lunchtime.

Cubby House / Dog Kennel For Sale - Our Yr 12 VET Construction students have constructed 3x Children's Cubby Houses and 1x 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.

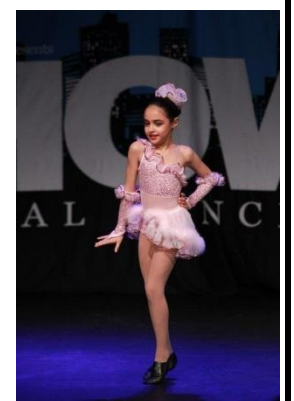
CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. Yr 4: Celine Al Draibi, Josef Boumelhem, John Kanaan & Luciana Dib. Yr 5: Celine Harb, Therese Sassine, Heleena Diab, Mark Alam & Bassam Khattar. Yr 6: Charlene Sabat, Moses Al Saiah, Charbel Doumit & Phillip Smith.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 - Congratulations to the following Primary students who completed the challenge: Christian Ibrahim, Jude Hasham, Christian Abdulahad, Jayden Bazouni, Tiana El-Bazouni, Wujdan Hadchiti, Jonathan Semaan, Michael Houry, Adriana Saba, Jean Paul Azar, Simon Bazouni, Charbel Geagea, Matthew El Bazouni, Brealle Hasham, Michaela Ibrahim, Melody Sleiman, Elyssa Wakim, Christine Farah, Rebecca Elias, Tatiana Francis, Margarita Harb, John El Barhoun, Christelle Joukhadar, Joya Tawk, Charbel Houry, Angelina Koura, Nicholas Laba, Pierre Raffoul, Tony Saba, Joy Sleiman, Johnathan Stavrinakis, Julien El Bazouni, Elie Joukhadar, Georgia Khattar, Celine Moussa, Mandalin Moussa, Jacob Semaan, Angelo Sleiman, Grace Sleiman, Mikayla Stavrinakis, Nina Bousaid, Lana Chamchoum, Chelsea Elias, Jimmy Geagea, Adrian Harb, Jamile Jeitani, Robbie El-Bazouni, Gabrielle Baker.

Maths Olympiad 5 Results - Congratulations to George Attie (Yr 6) who scored the highest result with 4 answers correct from 5! Well done to Simon Zaiter (Yr 5), Gabrielle Baker, Robbie El-Bazouni, Ghadi Francis and Alfred Saba, (Yr 6) who scored 3 answers correctly. This was the final Olympiad for 2014. The overall 2014 Results Summary placed George Attie 1st; Gabrielle Baker 2nd; Ghadi Francis 3rd. Congratulations to all team members for their participation this year!

Brealle Hashem (Yr 2) showcases her talent in dancing - winning most skilled and talented in her section and came 7th overall in the solo performances. We wish Brealle luck as she competes on a National level in Queensland.



Congratulations to Ms Wakim's Junior girls oztag team who defeated Nagle 3-1 with a brilliant performance by Emily Zaiter and defeated St Marks 2-0 with an amazing performance by Mandy Ivins and Naomi Chehade.

Congratulations to our girls Frisbee team who have made it to the Grand Final next week - The girls defeated St Marks 3-2 to progress to the final. Well done to the girls and good luck – Coach Mr Julius

All Rounder Awards – Yr 10: Laura Sassine

Bronze award – Yr 7: Charbel Chidiac and Boutros Yaacoub Yr 10: Isaac Al Bathani, Cathy Layoun, Jonathan Nakhoul

Silver Award – Yr 7: Jacinta Maawad and Georgio Dib Yr 10: Annalise Stanton

Principal's Award – Yr 7: Anthony Al- Douaihy and Serge Boustany Yr 10: George El Bazouni, Jennifer Katrib, Jennifer Khoury

PARENTS' NEWS

Secondary Walk-A-Thon Wednesday 17th September - support your children in raising funds which will go towards representative sports jerseys and equipment for the College gym. Parents are more than welcome to help or be involved on the day.

College fees are due

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

Kindergarten Interviews - Over the term we have interviewed our 2015 Kindergarten students. We will welcome them in an Orientation session at 'big school' on 17th October. Their parents are invited to attend the Parent Information session held at the same time in the Primary hall.

MindQuest – Gifted and Talented students have been invited to attend the MindQuest program 8-9th Nov. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like further information. <http://www.mindquest.net.au/>

The Term 3 Primary Assembly held on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Secondary Hall.

Primary Homework Club – Beginning in week 2 of Term 4 staff have volunteered their time to assist students from Yrs 3-6 in a Primary homework club in the library on Wed from 3:30–4:30 and can accommodate up to thirty students. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the library and students who sign up will be given a letter to inform you of their inclusion that week. Students must present the signed tear off section from the note to the volunteer staff before being allowed in the club and will need to be picked up promptly at 4:30.

Changes to the Primary Student Development Policy – beginning term 4 students wearing incorrect uniform more than once will be given a detention and that three lunchtime detentions will be awarded an afternoon detention that will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30.

The Youth Centre is open 10am. No students are to be in the centre before this time. Students are not allowed in the Centre, including the Library and recreational areas, without supervision by an adult.

The Maronite Ladies of the Gospel invite you to a brunch on 17th Sep at 11am at the OLOL Hostel. Cost \$40pp. RSVP to Noelle Ziedan on 0433 373 720

Next Level Sports Clinic is an active school holiday experience for Primary school students, run by qualified PDHPE teachers. After high demand during the winter holidays, Next Level will be running another clinic in the Sept. holidays. **REGISTER** at nextlevelsports@live.com.au

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