



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Parents, after the recent threat to the College and the media spotlight in recent days, I would like to mention a few things in regards to instances of concern:

- I ask that in any serious situation parents and students do not listen to or be involved in any gossip
- I ask you to remain calm and not to blow things out of proportion or over react
- If the College has concerns it will notify parents when necessary
- College life continues as usual
- Priority has always been and continues to be the safety of our students
- Parents should not show fear as this only frightens the students
- Keeping your children at home instead of attending the College means you are cowering to those minorities in society who want us to live in fear
- Every person in Australia has the right to get on with their life and not be threatened. That is why College life continues as normal
- No one takes any threat lightly and the police are supporting us
- We are looking at possibly installing extra cameras
- The College already has all safety measurements in place
- Students and staff know the procedure for a fire drill or lockdown
- Please see attachment released Office for the Maronite Bishop
- We thank the many people who have offered support including: Our Maronite Bishop Rev. Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, Melkite Bishop, Rev Robert Rabat, Our Parish and Mons Shora, Dr Geoff Lee's Office, Mr Tony Issa's office, Parramatta CEO and many more.

Holidays are here and hopefully this will blow away. The more we fuel this type of fear, the more we give in to those who want to terrorise. Let's make a stand to be united as one community in faith.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Primary Assembly held on Tuesday 16th September – we congratulate all students who received an award. The Primary SRC also welcomed a new representative. We congratulate Robbie El-Bazouni from 6 Topaz on his selection. Robbie is to be commended for his ongoing hard work and dedication.



We congratulate the College Leaders for 2015 - Captains: Joseph Frangi & Yvonne Moussa. **Leaders:** Dominic Altakchy, Simon BouSanayeh, Stephanie Douiahy, Antoinette Najim, Andre Nohra, Maya Sawaged,

Chuntelle Yacoub. **Assistant Leaders:** Maria Chalhoub, Nicole Fajloun, Suzie Farah, Elijes Fares, Jeremy Harb, James Tasipale. We thank our special guest State Member Dr Geoff Lee for his attendance.



Secondary Walk-a-Thon Wednesday 17th September - thank you to all students who supported our College Walk-a-Thon. A fun day was and we raised over \$14,000. Special mention goes to Hakim Al-Hakim \$1500, Danielle Laoulach \$900, Zaidan Moussa \$820, James Nol \$100, Racqa Attie \$115, Elie Nol \$100, Rita Attie \$130, Danni Makari \$240, Tayla Laoulach \$200, Emmanuel Haorani \$100, Tatiana Kazzi \$127, Joseph Nakad \$232, Rebecca Mansour \$110, Brianna Azar \$100, Anthony Boumelhem \$150, George Fakhr \$99. Thanks to all who dressed up and a thank you to the parent helpers for their work on the BBQ: Katerina Najim, Nada Khoury, Fayrouz Fares, Marie-Rose Moussa, Jisele Fares, Therese El Bazouni, Maya Bousaid, Alice Ghannoum, Rhonda Mansour, Arze Abi-Khattar, Carol Merheb, Najla Massoud, Akela Moussa.





The Secondary, under the guidance of Mr Abboud, Miss Wakim and Miss Kazzi, raised over \$800 for the Vinnies Winter Appeal - The funds that were raised will assist those who are less fortunate than us and who spend their Winters in the cold without much to keep them warm. The Secondary ought to be congratulated and commended for their hard work and efforts in their raising of the funds. Thank you!

For an incredible initiative called Peace One Day that few were aware of, an awareness week was planned with activities that would encourage students to participate and spread the word of peace. One of those activities was a shirt designing competition which Mrs Abdul Ahad kindly offered to help with. A date to Tie Dye shirts was set up and the messy fun work began at lunch. The results were great and the Peace Day shirts were worn during the walk-a-thon to promote and raise awareness of Peace One Day- 21st September. - Murielle Abou Karam Yr 10



On Tuesday 16th September Year 10B History joined up with 5 Sapphire to teach the students about the 1950s - They had various activities to complete. "I had so much fun and learnt about technology and what fashion was like back then" Jack from Yr 5.

Max Potential - Congratulations to Antoinette Najim and Yvonne Moussa who complete their 22 week challenge and showcased their community projects on 18 September at UWS. We were there to celebrate their learning about personal leadership and the challenges they faced along the way.



Fintan Magee an Australian street artist has again painted a portrait of ex-student Priscilla Jabbour - The work is called 'The Messenger', it's painted in Moscow as part of Most Street arts Festival.



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 our girls Frisbee team who have made it to the Grand Final – Unfortunately they lost against McCarthy College. Thank you to all the girls for their dedication and effort throughout the season. You really made the College proud of your efforts. - Coach Mr Julius

All Rounder – Yr 7: Joseph Barakat

Bronze award – Yr 7: Serge Boustany, Tatiana Dib

Silver Award – Yr 7: Georgio Dib, James Nol, Tayla Laoulach

Principal's Award – Yr 7: Vanessa Youssef

Fifth Maths Olympiad results - Congratulations to all participants who gave up a great deal of time, training at school, practicing at home and doing the actual Olympiads. Thank you to Ms Sen for her effort in training the students. The final olympiad saw Michelle Merheb and Jacob Lebnan (Yr 8) gain 3 out of 5 questions correct. Anthony Harb Yr 8 and Marius Younes followed closely with 2 questions correct. Overall, Michelle Merheb came first place in the olympiads combined, Anthony Harb a very close second place and Jonathan Yacoub and Jacob Lebnan sharing third place. We look forward to continued success in 2015.

PARENTS' NEWS

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

We thank the PA for their assistance this term including: The Father's Day stall; Providing a sausage sizzle during the walk-a-thon; Donating 2 large eskies to the College; paying for installation of Smart Boards.

College fees are due

Term 4: Staff return 7/10, Students return 8/10 in full summer uniform
Enjoy the holidays and may the best footy teams win in NRL and AFL!

New College and Sport Uniform Supplier – Lowes at Westfields Parramatta will provide the College uniforms as of term 4, week 4. Price lists are attached. **LOL uniforms will be phased out end of 2015.**

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