



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 3: 20th October 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We have had a busy start to term 4 with HSC students sitting their final exams, Kindy orientation, World Teachers Day and Mirath in Mind. Next Monday sees the inaugural visit of His Eminence Patriarch Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros Rai, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East. The Patriarch's visit will include:

College Mass at 10:30am (parents are welcome but there is limited seating)

Years 6-11 Assembly in Secondary Hall at 12pm

Lunch at 1pm for VIP guests

In the meantime please ensure your children are preparing themselves for their end of year assessments. Academic excellence is only achieved through rigorous pursuit.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

May the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding be with our HSC students as they sit their final exams.



Kindergarten Orientation - On Friday 17th October we welcomed our 2015 Kindergarten students to the College. Parents attended the Information Session in the Primary Hall at this time.





The Ghabache cousins – all three starting Kindy together in 2015!

Secondary play - Yr 10 Drama have written a production called *Tomorrow May Never Come* as part of their Playbuilding unit. The play was created and developed by the Drama students under the direction of Mrs Youssef. Yr 8 were the audience on Wednesday afternoon and they enjoyed watching it very much!



World Teachers Day – was celebrated on Thurs 16th October with a Mass and morning tea. Staff who had provided 15 years of service included Ms Kanfouche, Ms Macauley, Ms Raffoul, Mr Wood and Ms Zaiter. We congratulate them and all staff on their commitment to the College.



A cheque for \$891 was given to support the St Vincent de Paul work. Money was raised by Secondary students. A fantastic effort.

Former Student Yaara Bou Melhem was featured in the *Sydney Telegraph Style Magazine* on 19th October 2014 for her Journalism work which means she is often based in Beirut.

On Friday 17th October students from Year 3-11 represented Maronite College of the Holy Family at the Mirath in Mind Project for 2014 to celebrate the work of the Late Salwa El-Katrib - It was filled with performances, special guests, fashion parades and prizes and a great time was had by all. A special thankyou goes to the LOTE Department both Primary and Secondary for their hard work and dedication- Ms Safi, Mr Wehbe, Mrs Zaiter and Mrs Sassine, and Mrs Abdul-Ahad who assisted in the textiles competition and Mrs Fares who helped in this project. A big thankyou also goes to Sr Marlene who accompanied us on the day. MCHF won in categories such as Visual Arts, Textiles, Dabke and for the second year won the Golden Cup of High School of the Year. - James Fares (10C)



We thank Anthony and Nabiha Khoury for kindly donating all the flower arrangements for the Patriarch's visit to the College.

**We thank the Al-Hakim family for waterproofing the C and E block ceilings at a great discount.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Kindy: Isaac Bou Francis, Rafka Dagher, Joseph Daher & Sebastian Ibrahim. In Yr 1: Scarlet Saab, Giovanni Makari, Kayla Maalouf & Elissa Yaacoub.

The following Yr 12 students were successful in their application for early entry schemes with University of Sydney: Karina Boustani, Justin Sassine, Michael Khoury, Charbel El Hachem, Maryanne Mubarak and Collete El-Hallal. This year we saw an increase in the number of successful applications jump from 2 to 6. Congratulations.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 8: Mary Abou-Habib, Rita Chalhoub, Daniel Douaihy, Chantel Hadchiti, Charbel Hawache, Precella Ishak, Sarah-Anne Lahoud, Sophia Makdessi, Alex Moujalli, Joseph Nakad, Adriana Tannous, Grace Tower, Rebecca Zaouk. Yr 10: Simon Al-Ekhiyar, Mathew El Bazouni, Annabelle Nachar, Elie Sukkar

Bronze award – Yr 8: Marie Azzi, Elias Boumelhem, Monica Fares, Anthony Harb, Mandy Ivins, Emilio Jeitani, Angelina Katrib, Layla Maroun, Rebecca Maroun, Joshua Nahmy, Dominic Nakhoul, Sarah Therese Nemer, Samantha Rahi, Tia Sahyoun, Anthony Shomar, Perla Sleiman, Charlie Yacoub, Caroline Zaidan, Mona Zaidan Yr 10: Hannah Darjarni, Elissa Geagea, Anthony Kaltoun

Silver Award – Yr 8: Rene Aflak, Kristal Elias, Christy El Khoury, Youssef Faddoul, Nicolas Fajloun, Rebecca Mansour, Michelle Mereb, Zaidan Moussa, Tatiana Nehme. Yr 10: Elaine Alhage, Sharon Hatem, George Sassine, Suzanne Stanton, Anthony Tannous.

Principal's Award – Yr 8: Jenny Moussa, Jacinta Semaan, Emily Zaiter, Jonathan Yacoub 10: George Abou Antoun, Danielle Laoulach, Annalise Stanton, Abella Yacoub, Rachelle Youssef

PARENTS' NEWS

The ACMA's Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations - As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), will be delivering a free presentation to parents providing valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive. Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. The session will take place on Wednesday 5th Nov at 6:30pm in the Primary hall. To ensure the presentation runs we must have no less than 25 parents in attendance so please show your support for your children and attend this important event.

The Children's Guardian Ms Kerryn Boland today warned parents of the importance of checking that the self-employed adults who provide services to their children have been cleared to work with children in NSW - Ms Boland's advice follows the recent arrest of a tutor who has been charged with multiple child sexual assault offences going back several years. "Parents need to ask those self-employed service providers such as tutors, coaches and nannies, for their Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearance number, which they can then verify online. Download the [Child Safe For Kids?](#) publication. Resources are available in the Fact sheets and Resources section at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

College fees are due

Enrolments for 2015 are open

Parent Association are asking for any old uniforms that they can sell in the PA shop.

Purchasing of New College and Sport Uniform – Lowes at Westfields Parramatta will provide the College uniforms as of early November. 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

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