



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We are half way through the final term and summer is upon us. Yr 12 have completed their final exams and now enjoy the break as they wait for their ATAR. Yr 11 have now graduated to Yr 12 level and commenced their final senior year with a memorable camp. Secondary students are preparing for their exams as are Primary students. There is also a lot of busyness around the place with rehearsals for the End of Year Concert and Expo Extravaganza. This volume showcases the many activities held this term.

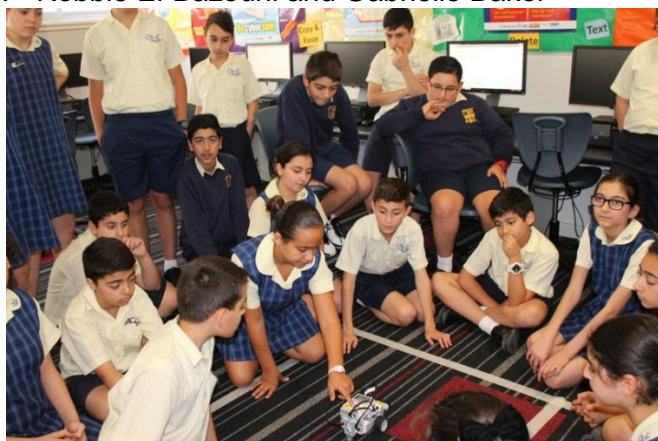
DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Year 3 Excursion to the Powerhouse Museum - Students engaged in interactive and hands on experiments that sparked curiosity and interest as they explored electricity, light, colour, investigated gravity and participated in other experiments. Students were also a part of two interactive and fun-filled science shows exploring all aspects of electricity and a unique liquid nitrogen show where students learned about extreme environments.



Yr 6 Robotics – From 20-23rd October, Yr 6 participated in a robotics course, promoted by Macquarie University. Over 3 days, Yr 6 assembled the EV3 Lego Mindstorm robots; on the third day they had a video conference with John Burfoot from Macquarie University learning how to programme their robots. We thank Mrs Aberley, Ms Azzi, John Burfoot and Macquarie University for their support in providing the resources and preparing the students. It was a great experience. - Robbie El-Bazouni and Gabrielle Baker



On 24th October, 22 boys from Yrs 5 and 6 competed in a Touch Football Gala Day - Team A won 4 out of their 5 games placing them 3rd in their division and Team B won 3 out of their 5 games and drew even on their final game placing them 4th. The boys were fantastic representatives of the College and played some very talented teams. A huge thank you to Angelina Bou Said and Mona Katrib from the Secondary who assisted in coaching and refereeing on the day. Thanks to the parents who came to support their children to this fun event, especially Mr Semaan (father of Charbel Semaan – Yr 5) who provided all the boys, coaches and parents with ice blocks after a long and hot day. - Ms M Aberley.

LNAP resources - The school has recently purchased exciting resources for improving Literacy and Numeracy Programs. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy using up to date home readers and more engaging hands on materials to promote Literacy and Numeracy skill development.



On 6th Nov the SRC held their first popcorn and jelly fundraiser - The day was successful with over 400 Jelly cups and 350 popcorn bags sold. On behalf of the SRC we would like to thank the Yr 6 students, Mrs Abi-Khattar, Mrs El-Bazouni, Miss Risk and Miss Azzi for their donations and time. - Primary SRC

Primary into Secondary Transition Program –Yr 5 students experienced a HSIE session led by Mr Abboud, Ms Delimitros and Mr Zaouk. This was followed by a Pastoral Care session led by Mr Asmar and Mr Abood addressed them on various form sports, representative sports and Carnivals. Yr 6 students were given a presentation on the Secondary curriculum by Mr Messiha and the importance of plagiarism and how to avoid it by Mrs Korkor. Students were introduced to Ms Sharbeen, their 2015 Year Coordinator and toured the College Secondary Campus with our College leaders. This concluded the two year program for Yr 6 and we wish them all the best as they enter into a new phase of their development. – Mr Asmar

On Friday 24th October Yr 9 & 10 were enlightened by author and motivational speaker Luke Kennedy. - He discussed central issues such as the importance of friends and family and the need for good health as well as his depression, how he resorted to drugs, alcohol, graffiti and fighting, including how he overcame it. Through his own life story he ensured us that it is never too late to change old habits and become a better person as well as staying true to yourself and never being pressured to live up to societies expectations. It was an incredibly inspiring speech and a good time was had by all. - James Fares (10C).



Luke Kennedy was so impressed with our students he donated 10 copies of his book “Stabbed Ego” to the College. We have placed copies in the Library for students to borrow.



Year 12 Camp at Yarramundi YMCA - All three days were filled with challenging and heart racing activities with the occasional break for fruit to maintain our stamina. Camp Yarramundi supplied us with a

variety of foods ranging from traditional burgers to Mexican burritos. The instructors were extremely friendly and did everything they could to ensure our safety and to motivate and encourage us to complete all activities. The teachers guided us throughout the camp. Although the cabins were a bit stuffy and had the occasional bug intruders, the sleep was peaceful and comfortable. Overall the Year 12 camp was definitely an unforgettable experience - Rita Kartabani, Mark Frangie

Police Liaison Officer for Secondary, Senior Constable Dusan Dakic. I am the School Liaison Officer for the Parramatta and Holroyd areas. One of the main duties of the School Liaison Police (SLP) is to educate school aged children, via crime prevention workshops, on issues which directly relate to them. These include: cybercrime, bullying, driving/road safety, drugs/alcohol and safe parties). The other functions of the SLP are to be a point of contact for staff to get advice on school issues, including response to incidences in and around the school. I also refer young people to programs via other service providers. I enjoy attending school activities (sports carnivals etc.) so that I can interact with the students in different areas outside the classroom. If you see me at the school, don't be concerned, please come and introduce yourself and say hello. - Senior Constable Dusan Dakic.

Senior Constable Dusan Dakic addressed Yr 8 during their Pastoral Session on the dangers of internet use. Constable Dusan also addressed parents on 30th Oct about his role around the College.



Our newly appointed Primary school police liaison officer, Constable Elie Jammal, addressed students from Years 4-6. Topics discussed included cyber bullying, bullying at school and the importance of keeping the 'Hands off' rule. Constable Jamal will come to address Yr 3 next week and he will speak to our students during next year's National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence activities.

On 15th October, we attended the Young Women Leadership Forum held at the NSW Parliament House. We had the opportunity to meet highly influential women who have imprinted a substantial legacy in Australian politics and the Creative Industry platforms. We partook in various discussions and listened to the dynamics of Australian politics, through the informative talks of Tanya Muhailuk, Sarah Mitchell and Jess Scully; all very diverse in their nature and approach to leadership. - Yvonne Moussa; Suzie Farah

Commerce classes try their hand at marketing - The commerce students provided wonderful service and products. A massive thanks to Ms Wakims Class who raised \$419 and to Ms El Hage's class who raised \$926. With the grand total of \$1345 the winners for the day are the Lebabon orphanages.



On 30th October the 2004 Graduating Class held a Ten Year Reunion. It was a great night filled with memories, laughter and excitement as we all caught up on the last ten years of our lives. From marriage to babies to business ventures. It's great to know that friendships formed at the College can continue for decades into the future. Special thanks to Mr Hassarati for joining us. – Chadia Kairouz

Thank you to **Designer Names Wholesaler** (Mary Bechara) who have donated a wooden plaque to the Year 12 Formal.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Tannoury from **Rema Graphics and Signs** (98922490) for donating the Graduation Banner for Yr 12.

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr 2: Liliana Mejalli, Isabella Sabat, Michaela Ibrahim & Mariah Moussa. In Yr 3: Jessica Khoury, Angelina Kassis, Charbel Khoury & Isabelle Baker.

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding results in the ICAS English Competition:
Merit - Julien ElBazouni; Angelo Sleiman (Y4); Credit - Samir Sawaqed; Wadi Tannous (Y4); Gabrielle Baker (Y6); Distinction - Ashton Tannou (Y4); Robbie El-Bazouni (Y6).

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Rita Attie, Mimo Nassar Yr 9: Andre Gerges, Joseph Najim, Melissa Zalloua Yr 10: Georges Dagher, Mathew Wehbe, Joey Zaiter, Murielle AbouKaram, Jennifer Khoury, Jessica Lahoud, Abella Yacoub

Bronze award – Yr 7: Jessica Kassis, Anthony Fares, Christiana Al- Ekhtiyar Yr 9: Vanessa Abou Habib, Danielle Abou Karam, Johnny Antoun, Assad Faddoul, Evita Francis, Peter Gebrael, Charbel Yacoub, Charbel Youssef Yr 10: Laura Sassine, Joelle Hadi, Mariette Iskandar, Gabrielle Laoulach, Evette Nakhoul

Silver Award – Yr 7: Anthony Harb, Zena Hadchiti, Rita Layoun, Michael Nouh, Mary Sabat Yr 9: Michelle Frangi, David Touma Yr 10: Jessica Ishak, Katelyn Ney, Daniella Hadchiti, Melanie Haddad, Mikhael Maksisi, Josephine Shomar, Joy Wakim

Principal's Award – Yr 7: Carla Katrib, Michael Nouh, Anthony Al-Douaihy, Patrick Al-Takchi, Charbel Feghali, Charbel Kazzi Yr 9: Jebreen Mawad, Sandy Yaacoub Yr 10: Rochelle Elias, Ashley Kanaan, Elaine Alhage, James Fares, Rita Hatem, Patrick Matouk

Congratulations to the Girls Cricket team who defeated St Clare. – Coach Mr Julius

Congratulationse AFL boys who defeated St Andrews 48-0 – Coach Ms Wakim and Mr Abou Gharrach

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2015 Primary Learning material fees - Thank you to all parents who have paid for the 2015 textbooks and online learning materials for their children. For those yet to pay, please send the amount in a labelled envelope to your child's teachers or see the main admin office. These must be finalised ASAP.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Cyber Smart information session on Wednesday night. Lesley Harrison provided invaluable information about technology and how parents can better assist their children in making the most of what is at hand as well as ensuring their safety as they use it.

Parent Surveys - Thankyou to those who completed the parent surveys distributed recently. Your feedback is appreciated and will be reviewed in the hope that they will become an effective tool for ongoing review and development. You will receive a summary of results via the Newsletter in due course and an analysis will appear in the Annual School report.

Updated Asthma Plans – Please provide updated Asthma plans please do so by 14th Nov. Any plans not received will be marked as 'no return' and the current medical information will remain on our data base.

Purchasing of New College and Sport Uniform at Lowes, Westfields Parramatta as of mid November. The following are available from the College shop: School Bags, Royal Slouch Hat and Library Bags.

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