



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

We are quickly approaching the end of the academic year, and life at the College is getting very busy. As students wrap up their exams they move into concert mode, preparing for the Primary 'Magical World of Musicals' and Secondary preparing for 'I love the 80s' Expo. This week we celebrated Yr 12 formal and Lebanon Independence Day.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Author studies by Year 6 students:

Nick Bland: I chose Nick Bland for my author study, because he is an amazing Australian writer and illustrator. One book that I really liked was King Pig. It is very colourful and funny. He has also written books such as The Very Cranky Bear, The Wrong Book, The Runaway Hug and many other great and inspiring books. Nick Bland inspired me because he includes different emotions in his books and they make me feel like I am part of his books. - Lara Chamoun 6 Topaz.

Author Study, Cassandra Golds - This term in Library, Year 6 did an Australian author study. For my author study assignment I decided to choose the author Cassandra Golds. A fun fact about Cassandra Golds is that she always writes in a special room painted yellow, probably because her last name is Golds! The reason why I chose Cassandra Golds was because she seemed very interesting. She writes in different styles including fantasy and humour. This author inspires me because even though she is not as well-known as Roald Dahl or Rachel Renée Russell, she still does what she loves; writing. Some of her books include Pureheart, Claire-de-lune and many more. - Gabby Baker 6 Emerald

Yr 12 formal held at Oatlands House on Wed 20th November. A great time was had by all.





On 12th Nov Ms Kazzi's 7C History class put what they have been taught about China's art and legacy into practice. - They were taught a popular Chinese exercise Tai Chi which allows the students to achieve a state of relaxation of both body and mind. This was led by the Tai Chi master Mr Hassarati.



On 20th Nov, a group of students attended the 2014 Women in Sport Festival - They had the opportunity to ask a mix of female athletes and administrators questions about their careers in sport and gain an insight into the life and times of a woman achieving success in the sporting domain. They then participated in a range of physical activities including; fencing, soccer, rugby league, AFL, cricket, basketball, netball and cricket.

Lebanon Independence day was celebrated at the College with a Mass, followed by a Primary assembly in the hall, a dabke and drum ensemble by Secondary in the playground and wonderful food by the Parent Association. Our students also performed on the Saturday at Parramatta Council. We thank all staff, parents and students involved.

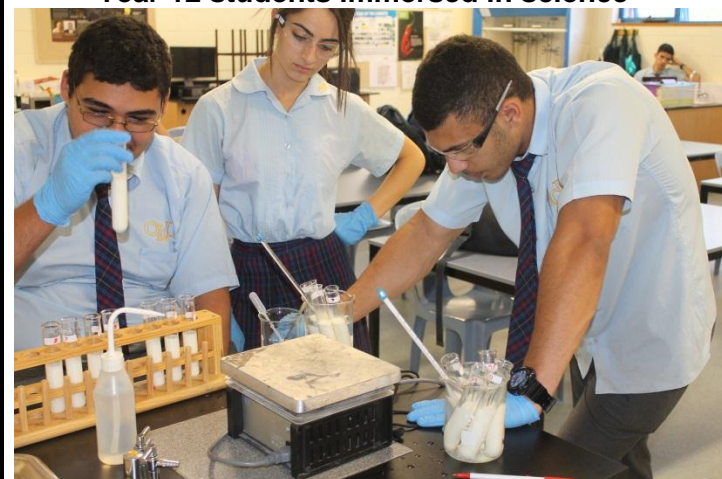




Year 12 students raised \$1020 from sales of Bandana/Pens on 31st October. This money goes to CANTEEN for looking after young teens with Cancer and to help in further funding for a cure. Special thanks to the homeroom teachers Ms Pietak, Mr Julius and Ms Sen for all their hard work behind the scenes. – Ms Swamy

We would like to thank El Telegraph and Guildford Montessori and Jamie Haddad Hair for their generous donations towards the Year 12 Year Book.

Year 12 students immersed in science



Yr 6 Reading to Kindy



CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour Board Awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary Hall. In Yr.4: Elie Joukhadar, John Kanaan, Grace Sleiman & Joy Bayeh. In Yr.5: Nina Bousaid, George El-Naddaf, Nicholas Mouawad, Mark Alam, Jamile Jeitani & Briana Mekary. In Yr.6: Jacob Sahyoun, James Nakhoul, Georgia Daoud, Liora Ibrahim, Christian Howley & Maryam Najim.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 10: Claudia Douaihy, Jennifer Katrib, George El Bazouni, Rochelle Elias, Rita Hatem, Ashley Kanaan, Annalise Stanton, Najla Whebe Yr 12: Adriana Alphonse, Dominic Altakchy, Christina Barakat, Danielle Bazouni, Rodney Elias, Elie El-Zakhem, Madeline Haddad, John Lahood, Jon-Paul Laoulach, Justin Maklouf, Sarah Merherb, Monica Moujali, Andre Nohra, Natalie Nohra, John Raffoul, Christopher Sabat, Clarita Sleiman, Georgea Tadros

Bronze award – Yr 10: Elie Alhage, Murielle Abou Karam, Marina Dahdah, Jennifer Khoury Yr 12: Maria Chaloubh, Stephanie Douaihy, Jessica El-Hallal, Suzie Farah, Joseph Frangie, Simone Gerges, Jeremy Harb, Charbel N Katrib, Leo Maroon, Yvonne Moussa, Chanice Nahmy, Leane Marie Saade, Petra Sleiman, Therese Tannous

Silver Award – Yr 10: Josline Tannous, Issac Al Bathani, Rachelle Barakat, Tianna Chahin, Maroun Chidiac, Simon Layoun, George Nader, Jake Wehbe Yr 12: Petra Sleiman

Principal's Award – Yr 10: Claudia Douaihy, Charbel Halabi

We wish our AFL boys good luck as they play in the semi-finals this coming Thursday.

PARENTS' NEWS

Friday 5th December First ever Movie Night on the grass - \$20 per family or \$5 per person. Come and sit outdoors and enjoy a movie under the stars. Gates open at 6pm and movie starts 7pm. Popcorn, drinks and nibbles sold on the night. This is a fundraiser by our PA so please support.

**We are currently taking new enrolments for 2015
College fees are now overdue**

Below is a link to wonderful composition about the teacher's response to parents

http://www.essentialkids.com.au/younger-kids/kids-education/teacher-to-parents-about-that-kid-20141119-11pmtb.html?eid=email:nnn-13omn591-ret_news1-membereng:nnn-04/11/2013-essential_baby_main-dom-life_and_style-nnn-ebaby-u&campaign_code=13ILS001&promote_channel=edmail&mbnr

Secondary Homework Club - will finish for the year on 26/11/14. There will be no further homework club sessions for the remainder of the year. We look forward to providing this service to our students again in 2015.

Secondary Day Outs - A reminder to all parents that the Secondary Day Out will be held on Monday 8/12/14. All fees and payments must be finalised prior to this date. Year 7 and 8 will be attending their day out at Homebush Aquatic Centre. Year 9 and 11 will be attending their day out at Cronulla Beach.

Cubby Houses - Our Year 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 have been reduced and are now for sale for \$300 for those interested. Delivery is available at an additional charge. If interested please contact Mr Asmar for more information or inspection.

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New College Uniform - The new College uniform is now available at Lowes, Westfields Parramatta for parents to commence purchasing. A reminder that students in Kindy and Years 7 and 12 must all be in the new College uniform in 2015. 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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