



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 8: Friday 28th November 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This is our second last newsletter for the year. The last few days are going to be busy ones. Please note important dates below:

- 1/12/14 – Primary Concert, 'A Magical world of Musicals.' Evening sold out. Morning tickets are available.
- 3/12/14 - Secondary Expo Extravaganza - Bringing 80's Back. Adults \$10 Students \$5 from C block office
- 3/12/14 – Year 6 Graduation
- 5/12/14 – Christmas Mass
- 5/12/14 – Secondary Academic assembly at 1pm
- 8/12/14 – Primary Academic assembly at 9:30am
- 8/12/14 – Day out for Secondary students
- 9/12/14 – Last day for students
- 29/1/15 – Students return for the new academic year

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

Aria music students performed on 26/11/2014 to the enjoyment of parents and students



This term saw the introduction of Wednesday after school homework club in Primary. This has been successful with around 30 students staying back each week to do their homework, assisted by teachers.



Year 6 and Kindy got together in the Library last week for Christmas story time.



Year 4 excursion to the aquarium took place on Thurs 20th November.

Year 10 went on a one week work experience programme - Here is the feedback from one of our students: Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to do work experience! Now thank God my boss really liked me and I'm employed as a full time architect during summer: O I'm so happy honestly! If it wasn't for the school allowing us to do work experience I wouldn't have achieved such an amazing job, thank you. God bless - Elissa Geagea

On Wed 19th Nov. a number of high school students and teachers engaged in a fun competitive trivia game led by the Arabic staff with the help of our College Leaders. - This lunchtime activity held in the library quizzed our students on their heritage and culture through topics about Lebanon's history, politics, geographical location, tourist attractions and of course, the Lebanese music. It was an enjoyable lunch. A big thank you to all those who helped and participated, and a special thanks to Ms Safi and Ms Korkor -Nicole Fajloun Yr 12



Inter Village volleyball tournament – We had teams from Tannourine, Bekaafra, Wadi, Karm El Mohr, Kfarsghab, Beirut, Hadchit and Zgharta. Grand Final was contested by Tannourine and Bekaa-fra: In a pulsating matches which saw the lead exchanging hands on numerous occasions, Tannourine, which comprise solely of Y.8 students defeated their more fancy opponents by 25 points to 23. Well done to the players who represented their villages with pride. Congratulations to the winning team. In the Invitation Challenge the teams were: Beirut (teachers) Samoa (Prac Teachers) Tannourine (tournament winners) and Y.12 students. This was a closely contested affair with Tannourine meeting Beirut in the Grand Final. The teachers' team this time took the honours by beating the tournament winners by 11 to 9 in the final matches. This was an enjoyable experience for one and all. Thank you to Mr Julius for organising the event.



Yr 10 day out was at Wet 'n' Wild on 26/1/2014



On 25th and 26th Nov Yr 9 Food Technology students participated in an intensive Christmas cookie and Ginger Bread House making incursion. They extended their cake decorating skills and produced creative edible products by the end of each day with Mrs Macura & Mrs Botros.



A reminder to all students that they are expected to be working in class until the very last day of term - Just because Yearly Exams have finished does not give the students the right to inform their parents that they are no longer learning in class. Also please check you College emails every afternoon as there is still important information being sent from teachers. Mr J. Messiha

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

We congratulate Jeffrey El Kady from 3 Yellow who was announced as one of the winners in the Parramatta Council Christmas Card competition for the Years 3 to 6 age group.

Year 5 and 6 students represented the College in Stage 3 League Touch and Oztag competitions this term - On Friday 28th Nov. the Yr 6 representatives were presented with their certificates. Congratulations to the boys on a job well done. Yr 5 representatives will receive their awards at the assembly on Monday 8th Dec.



All Rounder Awards – Yr 9: Tia Semaan; Yr 10: George Abou-Antoun, James Fares

Bronze award – Yr 9: Mary-Therese Anjoul, Charbel Chamoun, Zena Daoud, Priscilla Dib, Sarkis Doueihy, Melissa Eid, Chloe Ivins, Mona Katrib, John Khoury, Sarah Lichaa, Matthew Matouk, Maria Moussa, Cynthia Rahi, Charbel Tasipale, Melissa Zalloua; 10: Johnny Azzi, Eddie Fakhri, Jennifer Katrib

Silver Award – Yr 9: Danielle Abou Karam, Maria Attie, Daniel Bazouni, Evana El Darjani, Natalie Haddad, Elaine Saba, Vanessa Soumi; 10: Laura Sassine, Michael Succar

Principal's Award – Yr 9: Daniel Bazouni, Charbel El Hachem, Khalil Jeitani, David Touma; 10: George Sassine, Anthony Tannous

Second All Rounder (30 Stamps) in Yr 9: Brianna Azar, Jebreen Mawad

Second Bronze Award (36 Stamps) in Yr 9: Brianna Azar

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge "Gold Award" for students who have successfully completed the challenge 4 years in a row and some even 7 years in a row: Yr 7: Rita Laba and Michael Nouh – 4 yrs in a row. Yr 8: Jonathan Yacoub, Michelle Mereb, Rebecca Massoud, Colin Makary, Kristal Elias – 4 yrs in a row. Jacinta Semaan and Joshua Nahmy – 7 yrs in a row.

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 7:30pm. Popcorn, drinks and nibbles sold on the night. This is a fundraiser by our PA so please support.

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.

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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 11 must all be in the new College uniform in 2015. Our College captains received their blazers and have posed for us!

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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