



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 7: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

The past week has seen the installation of the fencing around the crossing in order to implement safety for our students as well as a number of guest speakers. Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that your children should be practising Naplan at home as well as reading books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. I would also like to remind parents that you are responsible for your children's upbringing and discipline. The way your child speaks, behaves and their attitude is in your hands. Please teach your children to always be well mannered and focussed on their studies. In this way, working alongside staff, your child will move in leaps and bounds throughout their College life.

## DOING THE ROUNDS

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Vocation discernment day for students. Contact Sr Margaret if interested in attending

**25<sup>th</sup> March** – Photo make up day for all those who missed out on having their photos taken

### The new crossing fencing to keep students safe when crossing the road



**This week over 80 students volunteered for the SRC rice lunches** - This enabled students to reflect on the hardships the less fortunate experience around the world and be thankful for what God has provided for them. We thank families who donated rice and a special thank to Mrs Bousaid for making the rice.

**The Book Fair is looking brilliant and has a great selection of books this year** - Friday and Monday the students will preview the books. Students are excited about the Fair and are showing wonderful enthusiasm towards books and reading. They will be able to buy on Tuesday and Wednesday.



**Year 9/4 Peer Support Session** - On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Yr 9 students held a peer support session with Yr 4 focusing on the topic of teamwork. Yr 9 students were paired up and led groups of year 4 students completing individual and group together. The Yr 9 students demonstrated a high level of leadership qualities and skills; this impressed the members of staff who were assisting. Year 4 students



also showed a great interest in this session. This was the first session of its kind and the College plans to continue arranging for these sessions to take place. Congratulations to all staff and students involved in this initiative. - Mr E. Asmar



**Yr 10 Peer support** – training for peer support on Friday and the coming Monday. The Yr 10 peer support leaders will then be chosen to run the programme with Yr 7 students.



**Bullying week is officially next week but staff and students have already started work on this endeavour. Below is the bullying notice board pledge in the Secondary Library.** - From 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March the College is participating in Bullying Awareness Week. All students from K-12 will be taking part in activities that help them to understand this very important topic and to ensure that they are active bystanders if someone else is being bullied. As part of this week the PA will be holding a corn day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and cups of corn will be sold for \$2. Primary students are asked to pre order by Monday.





**Elevate Education** - On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Yr 11 students had the opportunity to understand what it means to study. The presenters Gus and Max, from Elevate Education, were extremely enthusiastic, practical and logical in their explanation about the best methods of studying and how to improve their results for the HSC using a few simple steps which students wrote down using their 'Study Sensei' booklets. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Yrs 10 & 12 students will have the same opportunity to attend these valuable sessions with the presenters from Elevate Education.



**Senior Constable Dusan Dakic addressed Yr 12 students on 13/3/15 about Road safety**



**2014 HSC encore program** - Starting off our adventure catching the busy morning train into the beautiful Sydney Harbour, school kids were rushing around, teachers were pacing trying to keep up with them. A quick lunch break before our minds would be dazzled with the sight of the glamorous Opera House. Excitement began to build as we waited for the lights to dim, and the sweet sound of a trumpet ensemble appeared as the first performance of Encore 2015. After intense listening, critiquing and enjoying the broad variety of performances with playful commentary from compare John Foreman, the show ended with resounding applause. Talking about the grand day we had experienced on our way back home, we exchanged questions and opinions, newly inspired for our own performances and compositions in the months to come. - Claudia Douaihy

**Former student releases debut CD:** Brigitte Lahoud was a member of the school choir, and participated in many talent competitions. In 2012 she completed a Bachelor of Music at the Australian Institute of Music and is now an Opera singer. Brigitte has performed in many musical performances including Mackillop the Musical, and Fiddler on the Roof. She was a member of the World Youth Day choir in 2008, and played Princess Pamina in AIM's production of Mozart's The Magic Flute in 2011. She sang as a soloist in Lunacy 2009, Overboard 2010 and Opera Heatwave. She sings at weddings and other functions. 'Classics' is Brigitte's debut album. Her singing is accompanied by fellow musicians Nathaniel Kong and Judy Farr Jones. You can purchase a copy of the Classics CD for \$20 from the College's main office.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Zone and Diocesan Swimming** - On 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, Christina Elkhoury, Charlie Abou Touma and Antonio



Abou Touma participated in the Parramatta Zone swimming carnival. Christina placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Freestyle finals and 4<sup>th</sup> in Breaststroke finals, which qualified her for Diocesan. Charlie and Antonio placed 5<sup>th</sup> just one place shy of qualifying for Diocesan. Christina went on to compete at Diocesan in 27<sup>th</sup> February and narrowly missed finals. We congratulate them on their results and hope to have more students represent the College in future swimming events!



**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Charbel Hadchiti, Dominique Lahood, Theresa El Halabi, Lara Chamoun. Yr 8: Jessica Wehbe

**Rep sport results** - Volleyball: Junior girls defeated St Bishoy 55–48; Junior Boys defeated St Clare 61-42; Intermediate Boys defeated St Clare 72-27; Intermediate Girls defeated by St Clare 35-56.

**Mock trial win** - MCHF defeated Delany 240-227 in the first round of mock trial held 12/3/15. The students worked brilliantly as a team. Congratulations to their mentor Ms Wakim and the Yr 11 students on their success: George El-Bazouni, Melanie Haddad, Murielle Abou-Karam, James Fares, Jennifer Katrib and Jennifer Khoury

**Former student Alex Boyadjian (2013) is playing for Marconi Stallions FC** in the New South Wales National Premier League (2<sup>nd</sup> division Australian football/soccer) and is one step away from playing from the top level of Australian football (A-League level.) It is quite hard and intensive to make the any team in this league and to play for Marconi Stallions FC is no easy feat. Second from left is Alex.



## PARENT CORNER

**MCHF merchandise** – Students and parents can purchase the following from the main office: MCHF pen for \$1; MCHF 8G USB for \$10; MCHF umbrella for \$15; MCHF Lanyards for \$3. Primary ties for \$5

**Secondary Open Day** on 24<sup>th</sup> March from 9-11am. This will be open to all parents and to the outside community. You are invited to come and see the excellent work being done in Secondary.

**Term 1 fees are due 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

**Financial assistance** – This year some of our plans include: redoing the infants' toilets, installing an elevator in B block including ramps around the College, extra computers in Primary classrooms, etc. If you can assist financially please contact the Principal. We will advertise your business in our newsletter.

**A very big thank you to Mr George and Mrs Donna Karam and Byblos Finance Pty Ltd for their generous donation of \$1000 towards extra computers in the Primary classrooms. Your assistance goes a long way in furthering the education of our students.**

**Thank you to Elias Savvides of Meridian Seafoods, 34 Amax Ave Girraween M: 0412290590 for kindly donating 8 bags of corn, 14kg table salt and 10kg margarine for the PA corn day fundraiser.**

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