



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 8: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

This week, in line with harmony week, the College put on a spectacular anti-bullying week. This was a K-12 initiative and the Parent Association also came on board. We saw activities from prayers, posters, drama performances, video clips, taking a stand pledges, 'no to bullying' wristbands and tattoos etc. I thank all staff and students who got involved in this special week where MCHF takes a stand against bullying.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be a student free day as staff have an inservice.**

**Parents you will need to make other arrangements for your children on that day.**

## DOING THE ROUNDS

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

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

**Primary spelling homework** – teachers will only mark spelling words on Mondays. For the remainder of the week students are encouraged to cover, write, spell and check their words so that they begin to self-edit.

**The Book Fair** – held 13-18<sup>th</sup> March. The 2015 Book Fair has been a huge success. It shows that our students are really enthusiastic about reading this year. A sincere thank you to our mothers who volunteered their time to help sell the books.





**Primary academic assembly held on 19/3/15 – congratulations to all award recipients**



**Bullying Week from 16<sup>th</sup> till 20<sup>th</sup> July** - was all about bullying awareness and students had the opportunity to take part in activities aimed at improving their ability to identify bullying and strategies to deal with it. Time was also spent discussing resilience and positive relationships.

**Below the Primary students stand to say 'No way!' and show off their 'No to bullying' wrist bands.**



**Below, students watching anti-bullying DVD and stop bullying hand art.**





**In Secondary watching anti-bullying DVDs in the library and wearing no to bullying wristbands**



**Assembly featuring drama and music students making statements against bullying**



**Yrs 7 & 8 watched a cyberbullying production on 20/3/15**



**Staff celebrated harmony day with a multicultural lunch and PA selling corn for bullying week – Thanks to parents: Salma, Adell, Najla, Maya, Katerina, Jisele, Marie Rose, Arze, Yolla, Alice, Karen, Carol & Lucia.**



Artist Tom Ferson, is working on a mural on the hoarding surrounding the new University of Western Sydney campus. The mural is a series of large portraits of characters who have contributed to the city of Parramatta and represent its cultural diversity. Sr Margaret has been nominated to be one of the faces on this mural. You can see the work so far at:

[http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/your\\_council/news/media/2015/march\\_2015/curating\\_the\\_city\\_with\\_campus](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/your_council/news/media/2015/march_2015/curating_the_city_with_campus)



[development art installations](#) You can head to [www.tomferson.com.au](http://www.tomferson.com.au) to look at previous works by the artist.

**Parramatta PCYC kids disco for 7-13 year olds on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015** - from 6-9pm at 12 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Organised and supervised by the local police.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Honour Board Awards** - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In Yr 4: Joshua Khoury, Julian Bayeh, John El-Barhoun & Fredrick Ibrahim. Yr 5: Charbel Ibrahim & Elie Joukhadar.

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Christina Ibrahim, Ibrahim Fakhri, Kevin Hawache, Maryam Najim, Nicole Farah, Rachelle Nakhoul. Yr 11: Murielle Abou-Karam, Ashley Kenaan, Jennifer Katrib, Rachelle Youssef

**Rep sport** – Volleyball - Junior girls defeated St Mark's 51-25; Junior Boys defeated St Marks (Gold) 65-45; Intermediate Boys defeated St Mark's 60-36; Intermediate Girls lost to St Clare 50-51; Touch - Junior girls lost to Emmaus College 1-3; Intermediate Boys lost to Bede Polding 3-9; Intermediate Girls defeated Emmaus College 4-1. **Next week: Junior boys, Junior girls and Intermediate volleyball teams will play in the Grand Final. Intermediate girls touch team will play in the semi-final. Good luck to all teams!**

## GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS

**Congratulations to coach Mr Abood and our Open boys touch team for defeating St Columba's 4-3 and remaining the PDSSSC Champions for the third year in a row.** Thank you to all the students who attended the touch gala day. Your participation, behaviour and uniform were exemplary.



## 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**

**Elections and Voting** – please keep in mind the relevant policies from the Government and the NSW Greens in regards to school funding: [2015 NSW State Election](#) Parents please note the impact that the policies of the NSW Greens, in particular, may have on our school. ALP are yet to release their election promises.

**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.

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