



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 2: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to term 2 with its wet weather! I hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for a busy term that includes exams and reports. Over the holidays the infants' toilets received a facelift and are now looking clean and very colourful! We also had a lot of gardening taking place as well as painting. I am pleased to announce we have also leased 16 extra laptops stored in a trolley that can be wheeled into classrooms for use by Primary students. This along with the 51 iPads, a computer room and a computer section in the library, and a computer and interactive whiteboards in each class, is making IT more accessible in Primary. So as we commence this term I hope we can work together to insist on excellence from all our students.

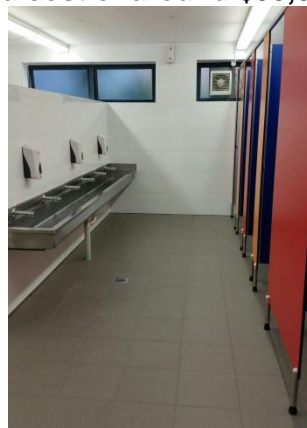
Click on the link to hear a hymn composed by Mr Hayman  
and played and sung by our Secondary students.

<https://youtu.be/RPcpHaetyOw>

## DOING THE ROUNDS

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

**New Infant toilets upgrade at a cost of around \$95,000**



**Staff inservices on 20<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May and music room upgrade with guitars, drums etc**



**Lunch time interest groups for Primary students** - Stage 1 Word Games; Finger knitting; Maths Games; Social awareness; Junior Choir; Stage 2 Building Resilience; Drama; Stage 3 Dabke; Public Speaking; Cake Decorating; Dance; Primary prayer group; Primary Choir soloists.



**Year 6 Transition Session #1** - Yr 6 students participated in their first Transition into Secondary session last term on 1/4/15. The students participated in an English and Technology session. Students were also addressed by Sr Irene, Deputy Principal Secondary, and Mr Sassine, parent and teacher of the College. The students showed great enthusiasm during the session and impressed with their level of confidence. Thank you to Ms Raffoul and the Yr 6 teachers for assisting. A thank you to Ms Ghadmar, Ms Abou-Azar, Ms Botros and Ms Sharbeen for preparing and presenting the sessions. - Mr E. Asmar

**4 Amber's Market day** – held on 2/4/15. As part of our classroom management system, the students were able to bid for prizes using their tokens which they collected over the term. Tokens were issued for great behaviour and achievement in work. – Mr A Bechara

**ANZAC Commemorations** – By both Primary and Secondary on the 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. The students were very respectful and the performances were outstanding.





**Peer Support Leaders** - Johnny Antoun, Charbel Chamoun, David Touma, Charbel Dahdah, Assad Faddoul, Jebreen Mawad, Mark Azar, John Yacoub, Brianna Azar, Melissa Eid, Evana El-Darjani, Michelle Frangi, Natalie Haddad, Mary Anjoul, Zena Daoud, Tigerlily Wakim, Danielle Aboukaram, Mona Katrib, Tia Semaan, Melissa Zalloua



**Dawn service at the Merrylands RSL club** – On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015, we commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. This was celebrated by a dawn service at Charles Manson reserve, in Merrylands. Sr Margaret, Ms Gahdmar, Ms Dass along with eight students attended this ceremony at 5am where the Mayor of Merrylands and representatives of the RSL club addressed the crowd on the true meaning of ANZAC day. A wreath was then laid on behalf of the school and the last post was played. Lest we forget - Jebreen Mawad and Michelle Frangi.



### **The Block competition**

Weeks 3 & 4 the competition begins.

Week 5 – Prize for best classroom in each block - \$20 for each winning classroom.

Week 6 – Prize for best Year group including homerooms and corridors: Primary and Secondary - \$50.

Week 7 – Prize for best block in Primary and in Secondary - \$100. Second place - \$60. Third place - \$40

So a total of \$580 to give away to blocks A, B, C, D, E and F.

Let the competition begin! May the cleanest and most creative classes win!

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Jessie Samya, Raquel El Katrib, Harrison Yaacoub, Daniel Azzi, Maroun Bayeh, Lauren Yaacoub, Salma El Katrib, Maryrose Aboukaram, Angela Marie Nemer, Clarita Fajloun, Nour Gerij; Yr 8: Valentina Namnoum, Vanessa Youssef, Tiana Lichaa, Rita Laba, Maria Khattar, Rita Layoun, Tayla Laoulach, Anthony Zaidan, Charbel Kazzi, Dannie Makary, David Eid, Adel Attie, Rebecca Khoury, Marius Younes, Toufic Derjani, Alanah Lichaa, Boutros Yaacoub, Charbel Feghali, Suzanne

Fenianos, Jacinta Maawad, Anthony Harb, Rafca Attie, Jancy Habib, Marianne Dagher, Rita Lahood & Thomas Taouk. R 11: George Abou-Antoun, George El Bazouni, George Sassine

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Alexander Azar, Lara Chamoun, Kevin Hawache, Raychel Fares, Rachelle Nakhoul, Charlene Sabat

**Congratulations to Perla Doumit, a former student, who has published her second book titled 'Broken smile.'** You can purchase a copy for \$20 from the College.

**On 10<sup>th</sup> April the under 15's Parramatta Eels Talent Squad boys which included Charbel Tasipale and Charbel Yacoub (Yr 10)** went on a three day camp to Nyngan to compete in a football tournament. It included teams such as Penrith Panthers, Far Western Academy and Group X. It was a challenging and competitive weekend. Unfortunately, Parramatta Eels Talent Squad missed out on the Grand final by 2 points. The good news was that the player of the weekend tournament was Charbel Tasipale. This was an honourable award for Parramatta. Congratulations to Charbel Tasipale on this great achievement.



## 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

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

**Term 2 Premier's Reading Challenge information for parents** - The PRC for 2015 closes on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Please encourage your child to read two books a week or more with the writing of a book review for each book they read. The PRC is compulsory and part of the students' English assessment process. The students reading progress will be included in their school report. You can assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/characters/information. Please check the PRC website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html> or contact your child's PRC coordinator Mrs Korkor in the Secondary for more information on how you can help your child to successfully complete the challenge.

**College uniforms** - are now available through Parramatta Westfield Lowes store or Online by clicking the link: <http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=692> Free shipping will be available for all online orders online more than \$100 and a discount is available for the first online order.

**College SMS regarding attendance** - Parents be advised that the College will commence sending automated SMS if your child has been marked as absent or has arrived late to the College. The SMS will be sent approximately 11am each day. Please ensure you remind your child to go to the office first to sign in to the College if they come late and miss homeroom. Parents are only required to contact the College if they receive the SMS and are concerned if the message was incorrect. The SMS will commence operating on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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