



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 8: Friday 12th June 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter. It has been a busy time with exams, marking and report writing. We also had plenty of interesting classes including Yr 1 enjoying a lesson of pizza making with Yr 10 and Yr 5 getting a hands on approach to science as they made use of the Secondary labs.

Years 4-6 Primary classes were resourced with 4 laptops per class to encourage group research and Yr 3 classes each have a laptop in class residence.

Japanese students – We are hosting 15-20 Japanese Secondary students at the College in Feb/March 2016 for a 2-3 week short term study tour. If any family is interested in accommodating a Japanese student a weekly payment of \$270 is provided to assist you. All that is required is you provide a bedroom, meals and some care! I need at least 15 families to assist us in this. The Japanese students have full insurance in case of an emergency. If interested please contact Sr Margaret.

**Tayta and Jidoo Mass on Wednesday 24th June at 9am followed by morning tea.
All grandparents are warmly welcomed.**

Thursday 25th June is the Parent/Teacher Day.

**It is an expectation that all parents/guardians attend this day to discuss their child's progress.
Reports are collected on this day once all fees are finalised.**

RIP: The father of Allana El Bitar (Yr 9) passed away in Lebanon from cancer. May he rest in peace.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

The Block competition - Primary: 1st place – E block; 2nd place – F block; 3rd place – D block.
Secondary: 1st place – A block; 2nd place – B block; 3rd place – C block.

Yr 1 and Yr 10 Pizza making lesson





Yr 5 using the Secondary labs to better understand light and its principles.



Premiers Reading Challenge – It's only June and 59 Yrs 3-6 students have already completed the PRC which is an improvement on last year's result of 50 students all up. K-2 have been sharing the books at school in library time and shared reading in class. Yr 2 has read 27 books with only 3 books to go. Yr 1 has read 23 with 7 books to go. K has read 20 books with 10 more to go.

Our Sustainability funding application to Parramatta City Council has been approved. - The aim of our project is to introduce scrap food recycling through the use of compost bins. The compost will be used in the College garden which will be revamped to provide students with the opportunity to learn how to grow, harvest and prepare fruit and vegetables nourished through a natural fertilisation process. The goal of this project is to develop the knowledge, skills, and values of minimising waste by improving recycling methods and habits, composting food scraps, and growing organic vegetables in the school garden. We would like to acknowledge Parramatta City council as a government body whose policies, strategies and activities are committed to supporting environmental and educational partnerships which will lead to real changes in community attitudes and practices in the conservation of our precious resources.

Our Staff held Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to help raise funds for cancer research - Over 70 staff contributed and we were able to raise \$1000. A special thank you to the Social committee members, Ms Boutros, Yr 10 students and staff who were there at 6:30am to prepare and cook the breakfast.



Year 8 'masking' their love for the Visual Arts



Secondary SRC are having a 'Guess the Jellybean' competition. \$1 for 3 guesses or 50c for 1 guess. Two jellybelly jars to be won. Also a photo of Yr 7 at the zoo



MCHF Winter Concert - Thursday, 30th July 2015

The 2015 Winter Concert will showcase a fine selection of mostly senior Music and Drama performances within the intimate setting of the Primary Hall. Starting at 6:30pm, this exuberant experience of raw talent is sure to take even the coldest chill off your winter. \$5 entry. Food and Drink on sale. Doors open at 6pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In Yr 2 Rebecca Frangie, Aiden Naddaf, Mikayla Moussa, Charlize Sleiman. Year 3 Michaela Ibrahim, Mariah Moussa. Christian Keirouz, Isabelle Samaha.

Year 6 Scholarships – thank you to the students who applied for the 3 scholarships available for Secondary. The recipients of these awards go to Simon Zaiter - MCHF Academic Scholarship; Joe Deeb - Dyldam Sport Scholarship; and Celine Harb - OLOL Church Christian Values Scholarships.

Congratulations to
Ms Hatem's 3 Orange who ranked 3rd in the world and made it to no. 1 in Australia in Mathletics
In 3 Orange Peter Al-Saiah is 1st in the top 100 students in Australia and 2nd in the top 100 students in the world and Joshua Elbayeh is ranked 9th in top 100 students in Australia.
Christopher Yaacoub (5 Opal) was ranked 12th in Australia's top students.

Previous		Current		Mathletics Hall of Fame		Time Remaining	
World Top 100 Students		World Top 50 Classes		Australia Top 100 Students		Australia Top 50 Classes	
1	Ms Hatem : Year 3	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia				2,653	
2	Mr. Saxby : Year 5	Ormiston College, QLD, Australia				2,088	

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1	Peter A	Maronite College of the Holy Family, NSW, Australia				11,639	
2	James T	Champanat Catholic College Pagewood, NSW, Australia				11,204	

The second Maths Olympiad - The top scorers were Celine Moussa and Mandalin Moussa in Year 5. They each scored 3 points. Well done students! – Ms Le Merle



We congratulate last year's HSC student Justine Fares who received the Australian Lebanese Foundation (ALF) scholarship award which will go towards funding her studies at Sydney University. Justine is currently undertaking a Science degree with focus on anatomy and histology.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Jamie Lee Rahme; Yr 8: Joseph Dagher; Yr 10: Vanessa Abou Habib, Mary–Therese Anjoul, Evita Francis, Mary Issa, Khalil Jeitani, Patrick Karam, Christina Sader, Venessa Tawk, David Touma

Bronze award – Yr 7: Peter Germanos, Angela Marie Nemer; Yr 8: Tiana Hanna, Valentina Nammnoum, Anthony Zaidan, Theresa Raad; Yr 10: Brianna Azar, John Youssef

Silver Award – Yr 7: Charlene Sabat, Christina Ibrahim, Jon Bou-Melhem; Yr 10: Jebreen Mawad

Congratulations to the Rep teams

Junior Boys Soccer team defeated St Marks 8-4 – Coach Mr Hayman

Intermediate boys rugby team won the semi-final 20–14 against St Agnes – Coach Mr Abou-Gharrach

Senior boys rugby team defeated Gilroy College 6-4 and defeated Northmead High School 70–0. This team is undefeated and have a semi-final next week. – Coach Mr Abood

PARENT CORNER



The PA met with The State Member for Parliament Dr Geoff Lee to discuss ways the Government can better serve the College community.

MCHF TV program – 12 episodes featuring Sisters, staff, students and parents, focusing on 'Educating for Success.' The series is aired Tues, Thurs and Sun at 6pm and repeated every 8 hours the following day. Go to <http://midpointtv.com.au/> and click on live channel.

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