



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to a busy time in the College's life. Years 3,5,7 and 9 managed to get through the Naplan and Yr 8 enjoyed their camp. Below are some important events to note:

**K-12 LOTE Coordinator** – Ms Safi has been appointed K-12 LOTE Coordinator and will be reviewing all programmes and assessments for Arabic and meeting with teachers to ensure a cohesive syllabus for K-12.

**Arabic for parents** – any parent interested in learning to read, write and speak Arabic can sign up for classes to be held from 2-3pm. See Mr A Wehbe to register.

**MCHF TV program**– We have just completed filming 12 episodes featuring the Sisters, staff, students and parents. The episodes focus on 'Educating for Success' and discussions centre around the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. The series will be aired on <http://midpointtv.com.au/> in a few weeks. If you can assist with sponsorship please see Mr Nasr in the Secondary.

**Writers corner** – check out our page on the MCHF website where students poetry and stories are available for the public to read <http://mchf.nsw.edu.au/student-corner/writers-corner/>

**Japanese students** – We are looking into the possibility of Japanese Secondary students at the College in 2016 for either a 1 year enrolment, 3 month or short term study tour. If any family is interested in accommodating a Japanese student please let me know. A weekly payment is provided to assist you.

**Our new College Advisory Board has been established and will meet on Friday.**

## DOING THE ROUNDS

**Yr 6 students interested in applying for one of three scholarships into the Secondary**, have until the 9<sup>th</sup> June to complete the application and forward to their classroom teacher. We encourage all students to apply.

Thank you to Mr Kevin Semaan and Cleaners by Demand for sponsoring our Yrs 5 and 6 Touch Football Team. They have kindly donated 20 jerseys to the College for the boys to wear in their representative matches. Phone: 1300 727 714 [www.cleanersbydemand.com.au](http://www.cleanersbydemand.com.au)



**Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - encourages parents and carers of school aged children to promote safe pedestrian behaviour. It is important that we reinforce the importance of being safe, both on and around roads. WSTSD promotes the significant benefits which can be achieved through regular walking. As parents and carers, there are many ways you can promote WSTSD, including speaking with your child/ren about staying safe on and around roads and for those parents who drive to school, perhaps parking



the car 10 minutes from school and walk it with your child. We hope to see lots of safe walking this Walk Safely to School Day.

**Mother's Day stall, Mass and morning tea** - Thanks to the Mothers that assisted: Sally Elkatrib, Mary Bechara, Lucia Bou Nasr, Najla Massoud, Arza Abi-Khatter, Carol Merheb, Maya Bousaid, Norma Katrib, Alice Ghannoum, Yolla Boustani, Nancy Hobeiche, Nancy Wehbe, Jisele Fares, Rania Nassim, Salma Germanos.



Thank you to those who donated gifts to the stall:  
Designer names, Mary Bechara, 0411033231  
Mouph accessories, Nazira Hobeiche, 0425877030.

**Naplan for Years 3,5,7 & 9 held on 12-14<sup>th</sup> May.**



**Blood donations & Natalie Haddad and David Touma at the NSW Plain English Public Speaking**





**Open Forum with Fr Peter, Fr Chris de Souza and Mr Gregory B Whitby, Executive Director of Schools, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Attendees Joseph Frangi and Maya Sawaqed** - Together with other school leaders within the Parramatta Catholic Dioceses, we discussed concerns within the Parramatta community, especially with the younger generation. This forum helped the Parramatta Catholic Diocese discover the issues that have made the younger generation drift away from the community. With the help of the leaders, they now have been informed of the challenges this generation is facing and are working towards implementing new strategies to overcome these issues. We hope that this will see a brighter future and outlook for the youth of today.

**Year 8 camp from 13-15<sup>th</sup> May**



**On 12<sup>th</sup> May, I, along with 9 other Year 10 students, attended Westmead Children's Hospital to pay a visit to some sick children.** Throughout the course of the day we were able to entertain the patients, some of which had very little entertainment in their dull lives. We brightened up their day with gifts including colouring books, stickers, bubbles and lots of toys. It was an amazing feeling to hear the parents of the children we visited making comments like, 'I haven't seen my daughter smile so much in so long, thank you.' This day was extremely fulfilling and rewarding for us students. In the midst of our stressful exam preparations, the hospital visit helped us to be observant to and understanding of the greater, life-threatening stresses and struggles that others face on a daily basis. The trip made me forever grateful for the unfathomable graces and blessings that Our Lord showers us with each day. A huge thank you to Miss Kazzi for a really enjoyable day. - Mona Katrib 10C





## CONGRATULATIONS

**Honour Board Awards** - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In K: Michael Al Draibi, Imad Bayeh, Charbel Semaan, Angelina Deeb

**6 Teal are very excited to be coming 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Top Classes in Australia on Athletics! Congratulations on an outstanding effort.**

**All Rounder Awards** – Yr 7: Carlos Melhem, Charbel Khoury Geagea, Joseph Katrib, Emily Saba Yr 8: Michael Nouh, Tahlia Fouche, Rita Attie, Charbel Chidiac, Carla Katrib, Georgio Dib, Patrick Al – Takchi. Yr 10: Brianna Azar, Jodie Bayeh, Assaad Faddoul, Michelle Frangi, Natalie Haddad, Mona Katrib, John Paul Laba, Jebreen Mawad, Helena Melhem, Maria Moussa, Charbel Yacoub, Charbel Youssef, John Youssef, Melissa Zalloua, Daniel Bazouni, Angelina BouSaid, Evita Francis Yr 11: James Fares, Josephine Shomar, Anthony Tannous, Wilson Njeim

**Bronze award** – Yr 7: Karen Hawache, Rafka Semaan, Maryam Najim, Jessie Samya, Nicole Farah, Dominique Lahood, Antonella Yaacoub Yr 8: Adel Attie, Jessica Wehbe, Rita Laba. Yr 10: Jebreen Mawad, Danielle Aboukaram, Sandy Yacoub

Our College hosted Round Two of the Mock Trial Competition against OLMC on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Unfortunately, we did not win but we congratulate the students on their efforts: Murielle Abou Karam, Danielle Abou Karam, James Fares, Jennifer Katrib, Graziella Mikhael and Tia Semaan. Thanks to Ms Esber for assisting the students in preparing their statements for the competition. – Ms Eid

Thank you to the students who represented our College with pride at the PDSSSC Cross Country event. Special mention to Rita Attie who finished 17<sup>th</sup> and **Peter Youssef who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and will now represent the PDSSSC team at the NSWCCC carnival.**

**Congratulations to our senior girls who won the AFL Grand Final.  
They are the regional champions once again for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running.  
They will now play for the State title.  
Well done to coach Mr J Abou-Gharrach and to the girls.**

**Well done to the Senior Boys rugby league team who defeated Gilroy College 30-10** in an outstanding game of rugby league yesterday afternoon. Another great start to the season!

## PARENT CORNER

**The College Executive is committed to establishing a culture of ongoing review and development** - to achieve this goal parents, staff and students of Kindergarten and Yr 6 students are invited to complete a short confidential survey. Surveys will be active from Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May on our College website.

**August Census** - As part of its obligation under the Australian Education Act 2013 the College will be completing a Census which provides information to the Australian Government. You can access details here: [http://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/sample\\_letter\\_to\\_parents.pdf](http://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/sample_letter_to_parents.pdf)

**Parents Association Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser** - This is the major fundraiser for the year. The money will go towards more iPads and laptops for classrooms. Each family is asked to purchase a box of chocolates for \$60. The first 5 students in each class who return the money will be rewarded a surprise gift. The top students that sell the most boxes receive a mini iPad or digital camera. Please send your money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it back to your teacher by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

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