



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Two exciting things are happening right now at the College.

Firstly we have the competitive block competition where each class and each year and each block are pitted against each other to produce the most creative, beautiful area. In this newsletter we have added photos of some of the amazing transformations that are taking place around the College.

Secondly we are trying a new form of staff development. Teachers are entering the class of their peers to observe different teaching methods not only in their subject area but also cross curriculum to see how other teachers teach their subjects. More interestingly Primary staff are observing Secondary staff and vice versa so that teachers get a feel of how learning is taking place across K-12.

MCHF TV program– We have filmed 12 episodes featuring the Sisters, staff, students and parents of the College focusing on 'Educating for Success.' Discussions centre around the life of the College, the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. The series will be aired every 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. It works on PCs and Wifi TVs. To assist with sponsorship see Mr Nasr.

R.I.P. – Sadly last week saw the passing away of one of our fathers, Mr George Khattar, father of Georgia in Year 7. May he rest in peace and may his family find comfort.

DOING THE ROUNDS

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

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

Primary students using the new laptops and Kindy 2016 Interviews



Premier's Reading Challenge - <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Yr 3–6 students have their usernames and passwords. Parents log on to the PRC website and help your children add books to their Student Reading record.

Secondary students are required to read 20 books and write book reports. We would like to congratulate the students in Yrs 7, 8 and 9 that have already read 15 books or more. Yr 7: Charlene Sabat, Theresa El Halabi, Romeo Rodriguez, Gabrielle Baker, Peter Germanos, Harrison Yaacoub, Nassif Abi-Khattar. Yr 8: Rita Laba, Anthony Harb. Yr 9: Emelio Geitani, Kristal Elias, Jacinta Semaan. Parents play a vital role in supporting the school's reading and writing programs, so please encourage your child to borrow books from

the library and to purchase books from Book Club magazines which are distributed to students. Thank you for your support.

The Primary had their annual Jersey Day today - The students had the opportunity to purchase popcorn and jelly which was made by Miss Azzi and a big team of volunteer teachers and distributed by our enthusiastic SRC. A special thank you to Mrs Bou Said and Mrs Moussa for all their help and support in this fundraiser. All money raised is supporting orphanages in Lebanon



The Block competition - Week 5 winners were: Block A – winner A203; Block B - winner B305; Block C – winner C203; Block D – winner K Rose; Block E – winner 4 Amber; Block F – winner 6 Topaz.

Week 6 –Primary – winner K (\$50). 2nd place Yr 5 (\$30). Yr 1 – honourable mention. Secondary – winner Yr 10 (\$50). 2nd place Yr 11 (\$30). Yr 12 honourable mention.





Yrs 7 & 10 Peer support; Yr 9 utilising the 'balcony' to recite The Balcony Scene in Romeo and Juliet; food tech Master chefs in the making.



Year 12 Biology Visit The Museum of Human Disease at the University of NSW on 19th May, to gather information on infectious and non-infectious diseases. After attending a lecture the students observed preserved diseased body parts donated by people over the past hundred years. The students were fascinated by the specimens displayed and gained valuable knowledge about the disease they have chosen to study. If you are interested you may observe some of the specimens on the Museum of Human Disease website. The students also got a taste of university life mingling amongst the students and having a look at the library. A good day was enjoyed by all. - Mr Stillen, Science Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Honour Board Awards - Congratulations to the students who received Honour board awards. Their work is displayed in the Primary hall. In Yr 1: Issac Bou Francis, Charles Dignan, Lauren Tawk, Elizabeth El Katrib.

The first Maths Problem Solving Olympiad was held on Wednesday 20th May. The top scorers in Yr 6 were George El-Naddaf and Simon Zaiter, each scoring 4 points. The top scorer for Yr 5 was Josef

Boumelhem with 3 points. Well done students!

Mathletics success in Year 6 with all 4 classes ranked in the top 20 in Australia!

Ranked 2nd in Australia - 6 Teal (#5 in world); Ranked 8th in Australia - 6 Emerald (#32 in world); Ranked 15th in Australia - 6 Indigo; Ranked 16th in Australia - 6 Topaz

Tiana Khoury was ranked 1st; Miriam Al-Somsom was ranked 7th; Gimmy Gea Gea ranked 4th in Australia.

All Rounder Awards – Yr 7: Nassif Abi-Khattar, Veronica El Hessen, Nicole Katrib, Mona El-Hachem, Joseph Katrib

Bronze award – Yr 7: Robbie El-Bazouni, Ann-Maree Semaan, Charbel Hadchiti, Mabelle Chamchoum, Rafqa Kayrouz, Theresa Doueihy, Christy Gettany, Tia Malouhi. Yr 8: Danni Makari, Marius Younes. Yr 9: Nadia Attieh, Elias Bou Melhem, Isabella BouSaid, Salem Boustany, Christy Elkhoury, Youssef Faddoul, Anthony Harb, Colin Makary, Rebecca Mansour, Layla Maroun, Rebecca Massoud, Michelle Merheb, Jenny Moussa, Zaidan Moussa, Tatiana Nehme, Tia Sahyoun, Gina Sassine, Jacinta Semaan, Theodore Youssef

Silver Award – Yr 7: Gabrielle Baker, Rachelle Nakhoul

Congratulations to James Tasipale on being selected in the NSWCCC rugby league team. Not only is he our first NSW rugby league representative, it is a very hard team to crack with many NRL players selected from this team. We wish him all the best at the Australian school boys selection.



Intermediate Soccer Girls Team defeated Emmaus College 3-1 with goals from Gina Sassine, Grace Tower and Emily Zaiter. The girls played extremely well especially Salima Douaihy, Elise Haddad, Rebecca Zaouk and Tatiana Nehme. Player of the match was Tia Sayhoun as goalkeeper – Coach Julius

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer who won 6-0 against Emmaus. Well done boys. – Coach Hayman

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

MCHF hat/cap, scarves and beanies for \$10

Term 2 fees are due.

On mornings when it is raining the infants line up and have their morning assembly in the Primary Hall. Lunch order baskets will be located there as well on such mornings.

Financial assistance – some of our plans include installing an elevator in B block and ramps around the College, extra iPads in Primary, etc. If you can assist financially please contact the Principal.

Parents Association Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser - This is the major fundraiser for the year. The money raised will go towards more iPads and new furniture. Please return your money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it back to your teacher by Monday 1st June 2015. Thank you for your support.

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