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Term 4 has come around quickly once again and it is always the time for consolidation of what has been taught during the year.

The students are all working diligently to wrap up 2010, being aware of the time allocated away from the classrooms for the swimming program in November and for the various excursions. For year 2, it’s all systems go for Reconciliation.

Reading Recovery children are all heading towards completion of the program. It has been a successful program again this year and St Charbel’s children are very fortunate to have the opportunity to reinforce skills taught, leading to success in the mainstream classroom. The children have developed a love of reading and with that love comes an increase in self esteem. The photo here says it all.

One thing that has been of concern all year is the continued lateness of some children. In some cases this may be the fault of the child but overall, it is the responsibility of the parents to have children at school by 8:30. If you are a “late” parent, please make an effort to have your child here on time.

The College takes pride in observing the traditions of different cultures. One thing that is common to all cultures is the observance of respect for each country’s anthem and our children know that the main thing to do when they hear the Australian and Lebanese National anthems is to stand up straight with hands by their sides facing the flags. It has disappointingly been noticed that some parents remain seated and talk while the anthems are played at Monday assembly. If you expect the College to teach your child the right things to do, then we would hope you would also do the right thing. Let’s all work together to bring 2010 to a happy close.

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**Term 4, Week 3 – 29 October 2010**

**Principal’s Message**

Rev Fr Joseph Sleiman

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The last Term of the academic year! Our first day was spent with teachers working on a consultation process that will contribute towards our Strategic Improvement Plan. This plan will guide our work for the next three years. Academically, the Term started with Year 10 Trial exams, followed by the all-important HSC exams for 2010. As a community we have prayed for our Y12 students and have kept them in our thoughts hoping for them to be successful in this important event in their lives.

Last Term we marked the occasion of Year 12 end of schooling with our annual Graduation Mass. At this Mass we acknowledged the achievements of our students and awarded special recognition to those whose efforts and achievements have been excellent. We congratulate all Year 12 on their graduation.

In the next few days, the first week of November, we will proudly exhibit the work of our students in the yearly Creative Arts Expo. Invitations have been sent home informing parents of this event.

I have been in contact with our P&F and I appreciate parents’ input and continuous positive contribution into the life of the school. I look forward to this relationship continuing into the future.

As we come to the end of the year it is appropriate that we not allow ourselves to stop for too long to contemplate the holidays and the warm weather. There is still much to do.

A quick look at the calendar that I supplied to the staff showed me that we will be quite busy as a school right up to the last week of school. Year 2 will be making their first Reconciliation, Year 6 will be having their Graduation mass, there are still excursions to be organized and of course we have our two week swimming program.

While it will be busy for the students, the staff will have even more to do as they continue with assessments, marking and then preparing reports for the end of the year. Please be aware that this is a busy time for teachers and support them where possible.

A reminder to all parents regarding the swim centre, we are accepting that school holiday bookings are made and that we are now in the process of opening the pool. The pool will open on Thursday 18 November.

We have heard some wonderful stories from students who have been advised by the swim centre we are attending that they have been given a booster to their swimming skills. We hope that we can continue to support the students in this way.

I hope that we all enjoy the activities for the end of the year.

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Dear Parents,

Shorty textbook lists for 2011 will be sent out. Please ensure any orders are returned WITHOUT MONEY to the library by the Thursday, 2nd of December 2010.

Yorke Book Orders can be collected and paid for on Tuesday, the 1st of February 2011 at St Charbel’s College in the PB’s classroom.

Please continue to ensure your child brings their library card everyday to school to enable them to borrow books from the library. Replacement cards can be purchased from the library.

Go For Fun Program!
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier! The Go 4 Fun program is a 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids who are worried about being overweight. Who can join in? Kids aged 7-13 years.

When does it start? School term 4
Where is it run? Ashfield, Canada Bay, Marrickville, Bankstown, Fairfield, Canterbury, Liverpool and Macarthur.

For more information visit www.mendprogramme.org.

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The last week of October the School is being visited by a CIBP (Certificate of International Business Program) from Lebanon.

The CIBP is a program for students between the ages of 16 and 24 who are interested in doing business as well as learning about the different cultures and countries in the world. The students will be accompanying us as part of a programme of events this week.

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Third and final instalment for school fees is now due. Payments may be paid in cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or directly into our bank account. (Please family code must be included). Arrangements may also be made via Centrelink.

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**School Fees**

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**Secondary REC Report**

**Tips for a more positive approach to discipline**

Effective discipline aims to give children the guidance they need to grow up and develop healthy behaviours, self-confidence, respect and a sense of right and wrong.

Build a child’s self esteem
Help your child to identify their strengths and appreciate the things they do well. A child who feels respected and worthwhile is less likely to misbehave and will enjoy better relationships with others.

Acknowledge good behaviour
Catch your children being good! Get them to reflect on their behaviours and how it affects the people around them. This helps them to understand the importance on their actions and to take responsibility for their behaviour.

To be continued next issue

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**Important information about accident protection for students at St Charbel’s College**

Dear Parent, every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with the costs associated with those accidents, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances Limited has developed the SchoolCare Children’s Accident insurance program.

St Charbel’s College is pleased to be a part of this program and our 24 hour policy provides protection to all children attending our school.

The 24 hour policy includes accident cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours), work experience and travelling to and from school. It also includes activities organised or authorised by the school and/or other youth groups. Cover includes:

- Up to $5,000 inclusive per accident for medical costs from the following registered medical practitioners:
  - Dentist
  - Osteopath
  - Physiotherapist
  - Massage
  - Podiatry
  - Acupuncture
  - Chemist

- Fixed amounts for defined events.
  - For example, when a child accidentally receives an injury that requires a hospital stay, the policy will pay a fixed amount of $200.


A number of other benefits:
  - Emergency transport, Home tuition, School fee relief, Hospital inconvenience allowance, Nursing allowance, Professional counselling.

These are all limited to specific amounts per accident. These amounts are detailed in the table of benefits.

Your child may have an accident so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place.

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**Deputy Principal Secondary School**

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**P & F Corner**

**Mr Joe Labban - President**

It has been a very busy period for the P & F committee. We have held some stellar events and of course our Primary Walkathon which will be on Monday we hope will be a great success. The class that raises the most money will be notified shortly.

Our major event is the 2010 Melbourne Cup Luncheon to be held at the Fontana Di Trevi reception lounge on Tuesday 2nd November. This day is always lots of fun with funny man Rob Shehadie as our MC it’s sure to be full of laughs, so if you haven’t already booked your table get your friends together and contact us for your tickets.

The recycled uniform shop will continue to open every Thursday between 2.30-3.30pm. We are now asking parents to also bring in un-wanted text books as well as uniforms. Please remember to drop them off to the office, attention P F.

In November the NSW Cancer Council is holding the annual Relay for Life charity event at the Crest Park in Bankstown. If you know anyone who has passed away from cancer or is still battling then this is a great way to raise awareness, money and walk for cancer. St Charbel’s P & F will be there for the 48 hours starting 9.30am Saturday 27th November. You simply turn up and walk around the field . Information and registration forms will be going out to you soon. http://relay.cancerrcouncil.com.au/2010/Bankstown_2010 Next P & F meeting: Thursday 28th October 7.30pm. A welcome If you have any questions please send to:
P & F email p@f@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au

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**Second Year Report**

**Mrs Joanne Mansour**

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