Early Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Paras Luca

Many parents have asked for reading strategies to help their children. I hope the following ideas will be of help:

Establish a routine at home for reading. This is one of the best ways to develop a positive attitude to reading.

Praise every effort: Help your child feel good about reading.

Treat the child as an individual: Don’t compare your performance with other children.

Be a role model: Let them see you reading.

Show them that books are worthwhile: Give books as presents and show your child how to take care of them.

Encourage regular use of the school and local library: Ask your child about the books they have borrowed and read the book to them.

The Kindergarten students are making pleasing progress with their reading. Well done Kindergarten!

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free” - Frederick Douglas

Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Sue Durham

What a fantastic end to Term 2 Year 1 has had! They studied “Helpers in the Community” and the unit was completed by a visit from Constable Tim from Bankstown Police and the officers from the Bankstown Fire and Rescue, as well as Year 12 dressing up in “helpers” clothes. Our photos show the visits and children in 1H having a great time preparing to be in various jobs. Perhaps they will follow in the footsteps of Constable Tim or the firemen as they were certainly inspired by their visits. The children enjoyed this unit and realise the importance of those who keep us safe.

Year 2 studied “Wet and Dry Environments” and their unit ended with a visit to Centennial Park near the city where a Ranger guided them throughout the day. Students made clay animals and tested the soil and had an animal hunt competition where they had a poster to cross off animals seen and the students with the most crossed off won the hunt. What fun!

At St Charbel’s College, learning is done in many, many ways and our students are fortunate to have dedicated, inspiring teachers to ensure that learning is innovative, relevant and enjoyable. To all Stage 1 teachers, you deserve the coming holidays and I’m sure you’ll return ready to continue the great work you all achieve with you.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to the on going learning in Semester 2.

Sport Coordinator-Primary
Ms Elise Waser

Athletics Carnival Report
On Thursday the 6th of August St Charbel’s Primary School students attended The Crest Athletics Centre for the annual Athletics Carnival. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a number of different track and field events including the 100m, 400m, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and novelty races. All participants showed great enthusiasm, talent and team spirit. It was wonderful to see the staff and parental support which made the day a great success for all.

I would like to congratulate the GREEN house on their victory! Thank you to all the staff, parents and students for making the carnival an enjoyable day.

Year champions- athletics carnival 2013
Year 3: Jimmy Azzi- 1st long jump, shot put and 2nd 400m, discus and Luna Esper- 1st 100m, long jump, high jump, 400m
Year 4: Jemal Azzi- 1st 100m, long jump, discus and 2nd 400m and Rochelle Ghanjar- 1st 100m, high jump, shot put, discus and 2nd long jump, 400m
Year 5: Paul Matar- 1st 100m, 400m and 3rd discus and Natalie Taouk- 1st 100m, long jump, high jump, discus, 400m and 2nd 400m
Year 6: Simon Khodair- 1st 100m, long jump and 2nd 400m and Jamie Taouk- 1st high jump and 3rd 100m

A new HOMEWORK club in MATHEMATICS will be running every Tuesday & Friday mornings.

Come along to these sessions if you wish to get some extra assistance with your homework.

All students of all years are welcome to attend.

Where: N108
Time: 8:00-8:30am

Mrs Zidros and Geoffrey Wong, Maths Department
Term 2 has been an extremely busy period of time. We have spent a significant amount of time reading ourselves for the implementation of the new Board of Studies Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. The new syllabuses are due for implementation in 2014 for English, Mathematics, HSC, and Science. We are working to ensure that our High School is as well prepared as possible to start teaching the new documents.

Throughout the term we have acknowledged the efforts of many students who have received Bronze Awards and Silver Awards, particularly students of Year 9 and Year 10. In the next few days we will celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students at our Awards Ceremony on Friday 28th of June.

I must acknowledge the continuous support of our P&P Association. These parents have been a welcome presence throughout the year and their financial contribution to our school makes a valuable and positive difference to the work we do. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. A significant number of our teachers will continue to teach during the holiday break. A letter has been sent home outlining the various courses and the teachers who will conduct workshops for Year 12 students in preparation for their Trial Examinations. These end of course exams will take place starting on the 29th of July and will go on for the following two weeks. We thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to our students, and wish Year 12 students the best of success in their exams.

I hope that you have an enjoyable break.

**Year 9 Spirituality Day**

On the 24th of May the Year 9’s had the opportunity of going to Appin for Spirituality Day. During this trip we were able to appreciate our mothers, including Our Lady, and acknowledge the Lord’s work. Through the help of our teachers (Mr Shalala, Miss Whitle, Mr Zalloua, Mrs Lahood, Miss Azzi etc), we were able to connect with God and socialise with new people in this journey. We also played tiny but funny games which helped us enjoy this excursion. Overall, through this journey/outing we were able to gain an astounding experience, build our relationship with God, strengthen our faith, make new friends and just have fun.

By: Theo Boutros and Tamara Kazzi

**Year 12 Food Technology/Business Excursion**

On the 29th of May, 2013, the Year 12 Food Technology and Year 12 Business classes ventured to Centropoint Tower for a tour of its operations and facilities. The tour gave students an insight into the everyday workings of a high end business, with state-of-the-art facilities and a spectacular view.

The excursion was relevant to both courses as students saw, in a practical setting, Workplace, Health and Safety guidelines applied in practical settings, discussions of front and back of house positions and responsibilities, and how marketing attracts and reta

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**Secondary Music Department**

I am very proud to announce that Andrew Boustani, Mary Chaghoury and Eleonora De Leo, from Year 10, have been selected to perform in both the Roseland’s and Chatswood High shows this term. They will be performing at both Shopping Centres during the school holidays, battling it out with all of the successful applicants. We wish them the best of luck! Andrew Boustani and John Saidi have been very busy performing with the Bankstown Talent Advancement Program. Both boys have been performing within the community at venues such as The Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Peppertree Café and have been the main entertainment at various awards nights including TAFE. Both Andrew and John have an evening performance at the Bankstown Bites Café in June, and Andrew also has secured a gig at The Peppertree Café in Bankstown on Friday 28th June. We wish them the best of luck in their public performances.

**Silver Merit Awards**

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Mrs Bernadette Hems
Year 7 coordinator

**FIGHT THE COLD WAR!!!**

Fight the Cold War! The Year 10 PDHPE cohort has created a winter appeal for people less fortunate. The students are collecting blankets to donate to St. Vincent De Paul and Aussie Helpers, among other organisations. We are asking for your help by donating one blanket that is new or in good condition that you are able to sacrifice this winter. Each student who generously donates a blanket will go into a raffle for a chance to win from a selection of prize items. Furthermore, if anyone is willing to donate a small price for the raffle, please bring them in with the blanket. We collected over 120 blankets last year. With your help, we can receive even more this year.

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