

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Dear Parents and Guardians of Saint Charbel's College,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

It is good news which all the tongues speak about, preaching without fear that Jesus rose from Sheol. Even if we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we reflect on His agony and death. When we proclaim that Jesus is risen, we implicitly acknowledge that He was among the dead. Additionally, there is no resurrection without death.

Referring to what the Scriptures spoke about Jesus, the Messiah, the Messenger of God, the Lamb of God, we see that He will come to resurrection through sufferings and passions. Sufferings and agony are the way to glory and resurrection. If our Lord and God walked this way, being our role model, would we fear to walk the same way? When we endure suffering and pain would we remember that Jesus had endured these? Or do we fall into despair and desolation. In reality, this is what we experience every day because how many of us struggle to continue our life in peace and tranquillity.

When we look at our society we see that the most widespread disease is anxiety and depression. How many people lose everyday their life because they feel no hope? How many people are living without goals and their life is meaningless? They try to hide from their problems, pretending that they are busy to avoid thinking of their troubles. All of this verifies that we are so far from faith. We are so far from the principal of death and resurrection. We are so far from God, why? Let us look at Jesus in the Garden of Olives when He was praying in agony asking His Father to take away the cup of sufferings. Even if He asked for that He had hope and faith in His Father that is why He continued saying: "yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22: 42).

Let us learn always when we are in agony that the resurrection is coming. When we are happy and relaxed we should prepare ourselves for the worst to come, because this life is a battle and we are its soldiers. A soldier cannot relax and sleep when he is going to defeat his enemy. They should be awake all the time ready for a fight or attack. Doing so and looking at the crucified and resurrected, our life takes a new meaning and we see the light of the resurrection through the darkness of the Tomb.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and blessed holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all for another successful term.



eSAFETY

“The Internet is the first thing that humanity has built that humanity doesn't understand, the largest experiment in anarchy that we have ever had.”

— Eric Schmidt (Executive Chairman of Google from 2001 to 2017)

The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for all parents. We must work together with joint responsibility to ensure that our students can use the internet safely and ethically, whilst leaving a positive digital footprint. Often, we

allow our children to engage in the use of APPs and online games that can be detrimental to their social and emotional

wellbeing. As parents, we ask that you take on a proactive approach to stay abreast of the latest digital changes. A great way to do this is to become familiar with websites including the Office of the eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au . The primary role of the commissioner is to promote online safety for all Australians. Its website offers a range of tutorials, factsheets and other relevant information for parents.

For your reference, I have attached a recent posting of some APPs that have been causing great distress to some teenagers who have access to them. I would highly encourage parents to be more proactive about knowing about the use of APPs that their children may be engaging in.



Year 12 News—Student Account

In Year 12 Studies of Religion 2U, our class is currently studying Paul of Tarsus as a significant person within our depth study of Christianity. We decided that watching the recent movie 'Paul - Apostle of Christ' would allow us to gain a deeper understanding of the life and teachings of Paul, and how to imitate his actions and golden rule of love in our every day lives. As a class, we attended Event Cinemas in Liverpool in the evening of Wednesday, 11 April to watch the movie. It was an enjoyable experience that we were able to learn a lot from. We thank Miss Michael for taking time out of her evening to organise this twilight excursion and watch the film with us!

Angela Rassy on behalf of 12 SOR-2U



Year 10 News—Student Account

On the 23rd of March 2018, the year 10 commerce students were privileged enough to attend the Parramatta Local Court. Within the court, we heard many interesting cases, and trials commence. We experienced the way in which the New South Wales legal system operates, including lawyers, the defenders and prosecutors and a judge. It gave us an insight on how the system works in reality alongside to what we were taught in class. The day was very enjoyable, and was an intellectual excursion which educated us about the legal system in Australia, how it works and the ability to experience several trials firsthand.

- Ella Rose Boustani, 10M



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term One I would like to thank St Charbel's community for making me feel so welcome. I feel blessed to be working in such a caring and supportive community.

Lots of exciting things have been happening in Term One. Year 6 students recently went on an overnight excursion to Canberra. The students were well behaved and a credit to their school and families.

The school had its inaugural Kindergarten Easter Hat parade this term. I'd like to express appreciation to the P 'n F who organised the Easter Raffle, colouring competition and the Easter Bunny visit to the school, helping make the afternoon a big success. I'd like to thank all the Primary staff for their dedication and hard work this term.

A few reminders:

Please ensure that your children are punctual every day: they need to be at school **before** the 8.25am bell. Once you have brought your children to school please leave the school playground. This is for the safety of the children as it is much easier for the staff to spot danger, and strangers, if there are no parents on school premises.

If there are incidents between students on the bus, playground or in the classroom please leave it to the school to handle. In a school with hundreds of students, there are hundreds of personalities so clashes at times are bound to happen and are part of life. Students need to learn to deal with differences of opinion, strong personalities and conflict. It is also important that they learn to develop resilience and to shrug off hurtful words because they will come across unpleasant people in life.

When parents try to solve their children's problems for them, although well intentioned, it stops them from developing resilience and the skills needed to be able to handle themselves in difficult situations. Also, staff are often aware of background information which influences how situations can be handled, so incidents are best left to the school to deal with.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. May God keep you all safe in your travels over the next few weeks!



Prizes for Easter raffle



Easter Hat parade



Year 6 students at Canberra motel



Year 6 students at Canberra War Memorial

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Al-Kazzi for all her contributions to her class and the St Charbel's Community and wish her good luck and God's blessings as she starts maternity leave and begins an exciting new chapter in her life. Mrs Rima Tahhan together with Mrs Charlotte Soueif will be the new Year 4A teachers from the beginning of Term 2. They have worked at the College for many years and are very respected teachers in our College community.

Library (K-12): Mrs Christine Golz/Mrs Simone Cullinan

We would like to wish all of our College Community a very Happy Easter. The Primary school children have been busy in the library colouring beautiful pictures of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps you were lucky enough to receive a beautiful Easter card made for you in the library? The wonderful and thoughtful Easter messages the children wrote this year show how much love they have in their hearts for Jesus and for family.

The children have also had fun reading some wonderful Easter books from our collection.



Thanks to those families who attended the Kikoff Open Day on Friday. It was a good turnout of young St. Charbel's talent. The children loved it and the parents were impressed with the coaching, facilities and programs on offer. If you weren't able to attend and would like to find out more about the programs please checkout www.kikoff.com.au or speak to Miss Catherine Zalloua in Primary or Mr. Frederick Zalloua in the High School.

Don't forget about the great deal on offer during the School Holidays - the Multisport program commencing on Monday 23rd April 2018.



Upcoming 'Careers Events'

Students, please email me or book an appointment to see me if any of the following are of interest to you.

UNSW Year 10 Subject Selection and Info Evening. 9 May, 6pm. This evening is the best place for you to start if you are thinking about coming to uni in two years' time and are currently a year 10 student (or you are the parent or teacher of a year 10 student). Register here - <https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/year-10-subject-selection-information-evening-9-may>

Uni of Wollongong General Info Evenings for 2019

[Liverpool](#) Monday, 18 June

[Bankstown](#) Wednesday, 20 June

[Kogarah](#) Tuesday, 26 June

[Parramatta](#) Wednesday, 27 June

Find out more - <https://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/index.html>

HSCram at Sydney University

HSCram is an intensive program in the September holidays that supports Year 12 students through small group subject-specific tutoring, exam practice in exam conditions and HSC Exam Prep workshops.

[Cabramatta](#) – 25 September

[Blacktown](#) – 3 October

UTS Engineering and IT Undergrad Info Evening

Thursday 14 June 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Hear from industry professionals about future tech careers and the skills you need to get there. Follow with key course information for engineering and IT and UTS. [Register now](#) Find out more - <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/events-and-info-sessions>

[Discover Nursing @ UTS Thursday 21 June](#) 5:30 pm and [Wednesday 18 July](#) 5:30 pm

There's more to modern nursing than meets the eye. Whether you're in high school, TAFE, working as an AIN or EN or looking to embark on a change in career, this session is for you. Hear from nursing academics and current students before touring our world-class clinical laboratories and taking part in a hands-on workshop. Find out more - <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/events-and-info-sessions>

[Law Undergraduate Info Evening](#) Tuesday 19 June 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Discover why studying at UTS will give you an edge! This event is open to Year 11 and 12 students, and their parents. Careers advisers and teachers are also welcome to attend. [Register now](#)

Find out more - <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/events-and-info-sessions>

I look forward to working with you all.



St Charbel's P&F have been busy this term starting with our Annual Spiritual Day hosted at St Rafka's Church in Varroville. We had a wonderful turn out of parents, grandparents, family and friends who all gathered for a day of prayer and meditation followed by a sumptuous meal provided by our generous P&F members. A special 'thank you' goes out to the event manager Therese Chidiac for organising such a memorable day.



The children were very excited to welcome a special visitor on Wednesday 7th March who came bearing gifts. This year the Easter Bunny visit coincided with a new initiative, a coloring-in competition run by the P & F. We were overwhelmed with the creative entries and our congratulations go out to the winners of each year group. There were 7 winners in total who each received a special gift basket put together by Claudia Chidiac.



Our Annual Mother's Day festivities are fast approaching and will be held on Friday 11th May. Please keep the morning free as you will be receiving an invitation to attend and celebrate with us, we look forward to seeing you there.

Our next P & F meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8th May in the school library at 7.30pm. We encourage you all to attend and support our school through the P & F.



Don't forget about the great opportunity St. Charbel's College and Kikoff Lakemba have provided this coming holidays. If you need to lighten your days and get your children moving you can't go past this Holiday

Multisport Program, whereby St. Charbel's College students and families will get 4 days from 9am – 3pm for the price of \$160, If 4 days doesn't suit you, you may opt for 1, 2 or 3 days. So if you are interested click onto www.kikoff.com.au follow the prompts and insert the STCHAR20 code for your discount.

KIKOFF est. 2009

Holiday Camps

WHAT? Football & multi-sport holiday camp

WHEN? April 23, 24, 26, 27 | 9am - 3pm

WHERE? KIKOFF Canterbury - Lakemba

COST? \$60/day or \$199/week

RECEIVE
20% DISCOUNT
WITH THIS CODE: STCHAR20

KIKOFF Football Development www.kikoff.com.au p. 02 9119 3676 e. canterbury@kikoff.com.au

All parents are invited to send any details or pictures of their children's exceptional honours in activities like: arts, music, sports, and so on!

facebook

The College is ensuring that many events and messages are being advertised through our Facebook page. Please take the time to check us out. Additionally, there are times pictures of students are used. If you do not wish for your child's picture to be used please inform the College by emailing your request onto info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines
learning
with fun!**



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) Chess Classes, 2018 Fridays 1:25PM - 2:05PM

Term 2

Cost: \$76.50

4th May - 29th Jun

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

enter the code **8V6IORL75L** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.*

No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.

For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]



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Morning Supervision

Access to the College grounds will be centralised through the 'Kiss and Go' and Monastery gate from 8am only. There will be **NO** supervision for any students prior to 8am, for their own safety and wellbeing. Also please be mindful that it is dangerous to use the driveways to U-turn.

Ethnic School Classes

Ethnic School Classes are available for students and adults.

Classes are held every Friday 4.30 – 6.30pm and enrolments are now open!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Fri 13	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 16-Fri 27	School Holidays
Wed 25	Anzac Day
Mon 30	Term 2 Commences Anzac Day Ceremony

May

Tues 1	External Allwell Testing
Mon 7-Fri 11	2019 Kindergarten Interviews
Thurs 3	Mother's Day Stalls
Wed 9	Mother's Day Stalls Year 12 Report Interviews
Fri 11	Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea
Sun 13	Mother's Day
Mon 14-Fri 25	Healthy Harold
Tues 15-Thu 17	NAPLAN tests
Sun 20	Pentecost Sunday
Wed 23	Year 10 Allwell Testing



Kids@Weldon



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Weldon Children's Services is offering a before and after school care program at St Charbel's College which commenced. Weldon has been operating before and after school programs and vacation care programs for families for more than 30 years. The St Charbel's program is running on-site from the Multi-Purpose Hall.

Information about our onsite program can be provided by contacting the Weldon Head Office at:

Telephone: 8741-0500

Email: kids@weldon.com.au

- The hours of operation will be as follows:
- Before School Care: 6:30am until 8:20am
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 6:30am until 6:30pm

Our programs offer a range of activities suitable for school aged children. We provide breakfast in the mornings and light nutritious snacks in the afternoons.

The school office have enrolment packages and information about our programs.

[Kids @ Weldon:](#)



Before & After School Care Contact Details:

Centre co-ordinator: Souraya Maatouk

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au