ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at St Charbel's College.

As a college, we are always seeking to further develop our collective capacity to improve the social, emotional and academic outcomes of all students in our care. This has meant lifting our expectations of student behaviour and student learning. There is no doubt, that this is proving challenging for a small number of students. I would like to thank all families that we have made contact with, as they have all shown a willingness to assist us in working with their child to bring about positive changes in behaviour and/or learning.

This Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth" (pentecoste). Fifty days after Easter, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and His mother, giving them the courage, wisdom and zeal to continue the mission He started. Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit to honour His coming on this day; and it is the celebration of our own giftedness in the Spirit.

Pentecost enables us to recognize what is good, what is right, what is ethical, what is true and of lasting worth that guides us on our lives' journey to God. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to recognize and celebrate our connectedness to God and to one another. The Holy Spirit is the power of God dwelling within us. He is the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, equal to the Father and the Son. In short, the Holy Spirit is everything to a Christian. A Christian without the Holy Spirit is like a water balloon without water, like a day without light, a car without petrol. In other words, a Christian without the Holy Spirit is basically just a normal person. We Christians are not supposed to be normal people; we are supposed to be inspired. May we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as teachers, parents and children to inspire one another in Christian faith and love.

The Holy Spirit is our Consoler when we have to live through troubles. The Holy Spirit is the source of our love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility, and temperance (Gal 5:22). May you have a happy and blessed Pentecost.





RELIGION AND MISSION

Religion in the Primary



Amnesty Day at SCC

Year 5 are learning about the Sacrament of Holy Orders.



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Generosity and Mercy at Mass



RELIGION AND MISSION

While Honesty and

Patience classes in each grade were at Mass, Mercy and Generosity classes were learning about the meaning behind Jesus' first miracle.



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RELIGION AND MISSION



Our Primary leaders represented SCC at Our Lady Help of Christians Mass.



We honored Our Heavenly Mother during the month of May.



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From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!

St John Paul

Director of Primary

The Primary School celebrated Amnesty Day last Tuesday. The day was the idea of Marissa Mardini, a Primary School Captain. Teachers spoke with their students about the concept of amnesty and forgiveness and students were asked to take the opportunity on this day to apologise to someone and ask for their forgiveness, or the opportunity to start again. Many students welcomed the chance to make a fresh start and it was a great lesson in the power of forgiveness and following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Now that students are wearing winter

uniform, please ensure that your children are wearing the full school uniform and wearing the correct uniform on the appropriate day. School uniform requirements are outlined in student diaries on page xviii. A few students are coming to school in their sports uniform on days they do not have sport. Teachers will be cracking down on this in the coming weeks so please monitor what your children are wearing. If your child has a legitimate reason for wearing the wrong uniform then you need to write a note in your child's diary.

Students are starting to prepare their

speeches for the Public Speaking Competition. Teachers appreciate that this is the first time that they have done this, and the children are of different abilities, so all we ask is that they try their best. In the younger grades, if a student tries their hardest and the speech is shorter than the minimum specified on the



note, the teachers will accept this if they can see the student has made an effort.

Two large Connect 4 games are the latest addition in the playground to occupy students during recess and lunch. To entertain themselves, students are allowed to bring in items to play with during their breaks. Ideas regarding what to bring and items which students are **not** allowed to bring are outlined below.

Allowed at school:

- Hand balls
- Skipping ropes
- Jacks
- Uno card game
- Elastics
- Games that are small, inexpensive and can be packed up quickly and easily

Not allowed at school:

- Large balls
- Beyblades
- Expensive toys or games
- Fragile toys
- Trading games
- Toys or games that are noisy
- Games that take up an unreasonable amount of space

Please note that in allowing the items specified above, there will always be the need for teacher discretion, so if it is felt there are too many of a certain item on the playground, thus becoming a danger to others, then students may be asked





In our current topic Business Management, Year 11 Business Studies students have been studying the different approaches to management and leadership styles. Through a star-making activity, we had some fun demonstrating the realities of the classical approach of management (specialisation of labour in mass production) against the behavioural approach of management (collaborative, team-based operations), to assess the efficiency of both approaches on a business' operations!







Year 10 Spirituality Day was led by Fire Up Ministries.

Students were presenting on Authentic and true love, the Masculine Mission and the Feminine Mystery. Topics discussed included St. John Paul II Theology of the Body, the virtues of purity, courage and chastity.





Beat the Cold War Update!

This term, as part of the Year 10 PDHPE unit of work, 'Making a Difference', students from year 10 have been collecting items for the homeless. So far, they have collected over 5000 items which have been donated to the Missionaries of Charity, St Vincent De Paul and Maronites on Mission, in hope of keeping the homeless warm during the cold winter nights ahead. Year 10 will continue to collect donations up until the very last day of term 2. Thank you for all your continued support in helping us, help the homeless, Beat the Cold War-Beat the Cold War Team





Thank You!

Thank you to our two parents, Mrs Noha Challita (our first time blood donor!) and Mary Chidiac for donating blood with Miss Martelli and Mrs Bejjani. If you would like to offer your time to donate and make a difference in someone's life, please email your interest to info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au. We would love for you to join us!





SECONDARY

Advanced HSC English students deepened their appreciation of the beauty of David Malouf's poetry through their own artistic representations of images and themes found within his prescribed suite of poems.







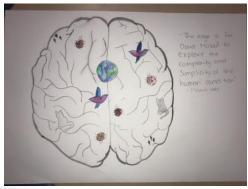












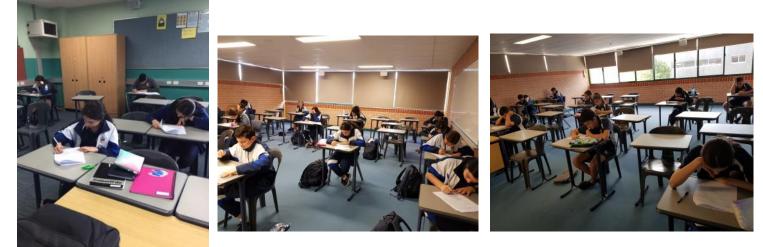








يخضَع جميع تلامذة صفوف اللّغة العربية لإمتحانات نِصف السَّنة في هذا الأسبوع من هذا الشّهر. وتتضمَن الإمتحانات بعض النُّصوص باللغة العربيَّة للقراءة والإجابة على الأسئلة باللغة الإنكليزيَّة. وأيضاً بعض القواعد في اللغة العربيَّة التي تعلَّموها وأكملوا تمارين عليها في الصَّف وكذلك قسماً من الترجمة. نتمنَّى لجميع الطلاَّب نتائج جيّدة كما نتمنَّى للصَّفين الحادي والثَّاني عشَر إستعداداً جيِّداً



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL FEES

The second instalment for school fees is due on 24-May-2019. Payments may be paid in cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or directly into the College's bank account. For all parents who are using the direct payment method into the College account, please ensure

when completing your online payment, that the recipient field description is filled with your

Family code in order to allocate these payments to the correct families.

Arrangements may also be made via Centrelink. Bank

account details are: BSB: 032-068; A/C 57-1383

Woolworths Earn &

<u>Learn</u>

The Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for another year! Please collect stickers and return to the College or at Chullora & Bankstown Woolworths. Happy Collecting!



Jump Rope for Heart Foundation

The Jump Rope for Heart program will be taking place over the next few weeks.

The foundation is steering toward online fundraising this year.

Students have received a sponsorship form that has

instructions for online fundraising, they will also receive a note about the program.

Class charts have been placed in order to keep tabs on class donations, once again, there will be a prize for the class that donates the most money – an extra sport lesson.

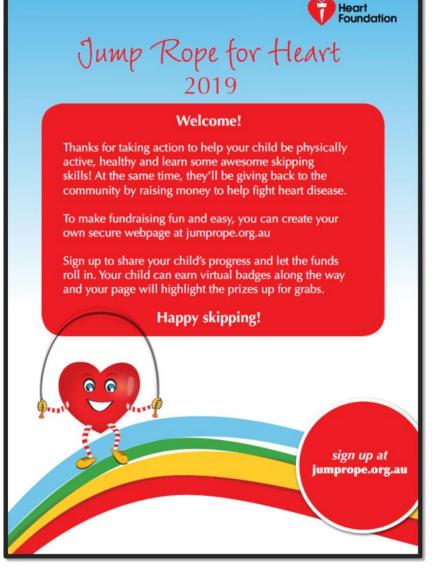
We would love to match last years record of \$9000 or even beat it!

It is a fantastic program that not only encourages the

students to lead an active lifestyle and make healthy choices, but it also makes them aware of heart disease and that there are children who are not able to participate in some sport programs

because their heart isn't healthy enough for it. The money they raise can help pay for treatment, research and equipment used for heart patients and as a thank you for their donations they get prizes.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.





Important dates to remember:

Friday 7 June – Pupil Free Day

Monday 22 July - K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 23 July – Pupil Free Day

Term 3 Commences Wednesday 24 July

Please advise any changes to student or parent contact details and/or medical conditions etc to the Administration office or to <u>info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au</u> to ensure all student and parent data is correct.



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) is held on Fridays from 1:25pm to 2:05pm, starting on 3 May 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email <u>enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</u> for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





Families across NSW can now access parenting support

Digital delivery breaking down barriers to access!



Internet - Parent Child Interaction Therapy

- Aggression, tantrums, whinging and disobedience can be normal in the toddler years, but sometimes they can be ongoing and stressful for parents
- Karitane's world class Toddler Clinic is now supporting families across NSW using live web links
- FREE evidence-based treatment by expert clinicians from our Toddler Clinic delivered to you in your home
- Up to 70% improvement scores (very much improved/ much improved)

More information: www.karitane.com.au/internet-parent-child-interaction-therapy or (02) 9794 2364

Virtual Home Visits

- Families can now access parenting support from an experienced Child and Family Health Nurse from the comfort of their homes
- Individual consultations (a full Parenting Centre experience) via a live web link to families across NSW
- These consultations are designed to support the struggles and concerns faced by many new parents including sleep and settling, feeding, establishing routines, toddler behaviour and perinatal depression and anxiety

More information: www.karitane.com.au/virtual-home-visits

He's a completely different child, just so much calmer. We have a much closer relationship now.



Living in rural NSW access to services is limited. The virtual home visit was life changing and my son is finally sleeping through the night.

Referrals are made online by child & family health nurses, GPs or health/ community professionals

www.karitane.com.au/referral



UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

June:

Fri 7	Pupil	Free	Day

Sun 9 Pentecost Sunday

Mon 10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Fri 14 Mon 17-Fri 21 Tues 18 Thurs 20-21 Tues 25 Fri 28 High School Athletics Carnival Year 10 Work Experience Year 10 Allwell Internal Testing Year 6 Camp Placement Test Year 6 Allwell Last Day of Term 2 Semester 1 Assembly K-6

