

MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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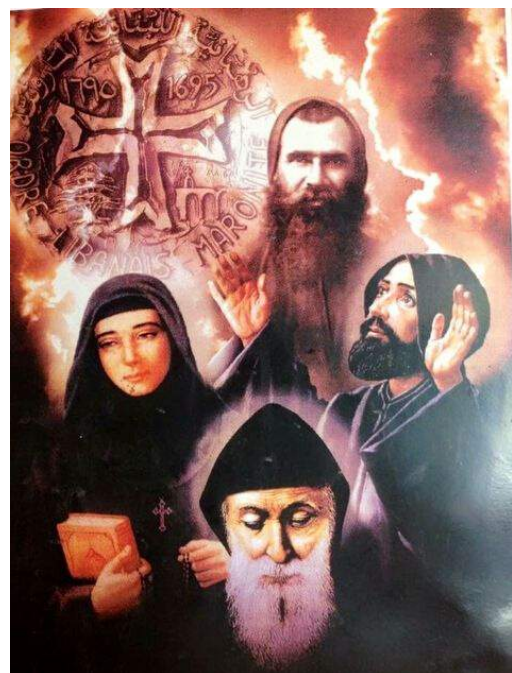
We have commenced the last quarter of the year which is arguably the busiest time of the school year. Our Year 12 students have also commenced their HSC exams. We continue to wish them well and keep them in our prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide them through the next chapter in their life. As busy as this term will be, we need to slow down, take a deep breath and refocus on our entire work and self to the glory of God. In this extremely busy world we live in, let us reflect and be grateful for all that we have in life and strive to be closer in actions and works towards God.

A wonderful and very enriching day was spent with our Year 3 students in Appin last Friday to prepare them for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our students gathered together in prayer and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament during adoration. It was a truly glorious day spent with my fellow monks and our Year 3 teachers. Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

Our Innovation and Enrichment program has successfully completed an ICAS assessment run by UNSW Global to which our students received outstanding results. Special congratulations are extended to Michael Hwaylo of Year 5 and Daniel El Inaty of Grade 3. These students are ranked within the top 2% of Australia, Michael achieved a High Distinction in English, and sits in the top 1% nationwide. Daniel achieved a Distinction in Mathematics and sits in the top 2% nationwide.

These are exceptional results and I would like to congratulate all those students who participated in ICAS 2019, Ms. Athena Conomos and her team for their continual support and guidance to our students.

Our hearts, minds and prayers these last few days have been focused on our homeland Lebanon due to the current crisis and protests being held in Lebanon and around the world. Let us all keep our prayers for our families in Lebanon as they call for a change, for a better future, for economic stability, for clean politics – all of which is a human right. We entrust our homeland to our beloved Saints for their protection and intercession and pray that peace and stability and a better future for Lebanon will prevail. May St Charbel and all our saints protect and pray for Lebanon.



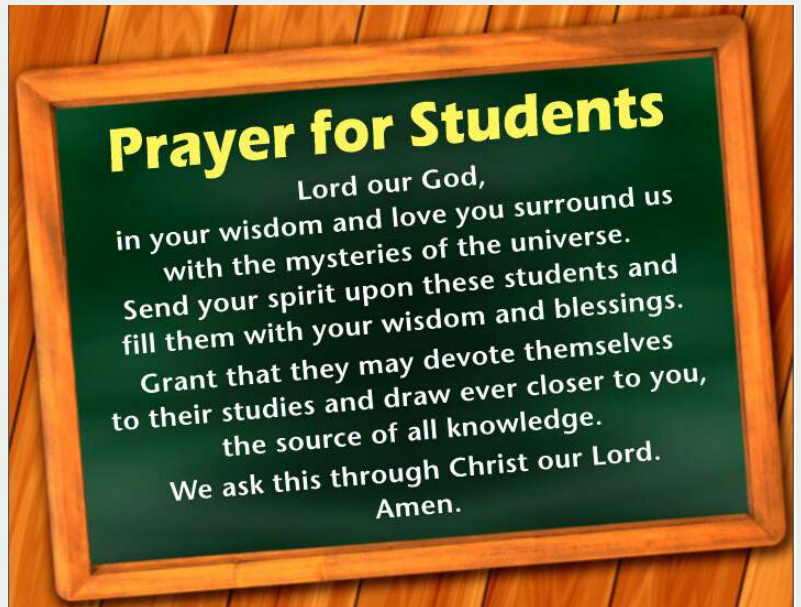
Director of Primary

Students and staff have settled into the final term of the year and are working hard. Year 3 recently had a retreat day at Appin in preparation for their First Holy Communion. The day was enjoyed by all and deemed to be a great success!

A few students participated in ICAS exams last term and achieved very good results. Those students should be very proud of their achievements!

Parents are reminded that students are not to have their mobile phones at school, even if they are kept in their bags. A few students are using their phones before and after school, often in situations which risks invading other students' privacy. This also causes resentment among students who do the right thing and don't bring their phones. So please ensure that your children leave their phones at home.

Primary students will be enjoying a Pizza Day next week, kindly organised by the P&F Committee. The Primary School is very fortunate to have a generous, hardworking P&F Committee, dedicating their time to the school!



Secondary Student Life

Matthew Mourad (Year 9) participated in the Australian National Cup for OzTag in Coffs Harbour over the weekend. His team, the Stingrays based in Cronulla, defeated six other teams to win the quarter final. They met a great challenge from the Balmain Tigers and unfortunately were stopped at the semi final. Better luck next year, Matthew! The diligent way he makes the most of his God given talents is a model for us all to excel where we can.



Fundraising Success

The staff of St Charbel's College managed to raise over \$1100 thanks to their generous donations during the Pink Ribbon Fundraiser Event that was held during the holidays. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council.



Year 11 Excursion

As part of the Year 11 Biology outcomes, students took part in a field study at Georges River National Park. They had to measure the Abiotic and Biotic factors within this ecosystem. As well as looking at the distribution, abundance, adaptations of species and the preservation strategies that are put in place to maintain the survival of the species..!It is happening now!! Note that the flies and spiders were very welcoming!



Year 3 Retreat

Year 3 attended their first spiritual retreat today at the Saint Nehmetallah Centre in Appin. The day was filled with many rich activities around the theme, 'The road to Emmaus.' The students also participated in their first Eucharistic Adoration and are looking forward to many more in the future. The Rosary was also prayed and offered up for their families and for their own intentions. We ask the community of St Charbel's College to keep the Year 3 students in their prayers as they grow in faith and as they prepare to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Primary Enrichment

The Years 5 and 6 Literacy Learning Enrichment Group attended the "Seeking Shakespeare" Event at the State Library of NSW. Special thanks to Mrs Del-Favero for organising this wonderful learning experience.



Primary Arabic

مواضيع الفصل الرابع هي كما يلي:

صف الروضة: القصص الخيالية

الصف الأول: الطعام

الصف الثاني: السوق

الصف الثالث: أنا وأصحابي في وقت الفراغ

الصف الرابع: العالم من حولي- الحيوانات والنباتات

الصف الخامس: أنا ورفاقي

الصف السادس: العالم من حولي- حيث يدرس عن الأشجار وفوائدها وعن الحيوانات.

من المفيد مساعدة ولدك بالتحدث عن المواضيع التي سيتعلمها خلال هذا الفصل.

لا بد أن نرفع صلاتنا من أجل وطننا وأهلنا في لبنان:

نصرخ اليك يا رب أن لا تتخلى عن شعب لبنان في هذا الوقت. نطلب اليك يا رب ان تحافظ

على لبنان بعنايتك ولا تصرف وجهك عن البلد الذي وطأته قدمك الطاهرتين.



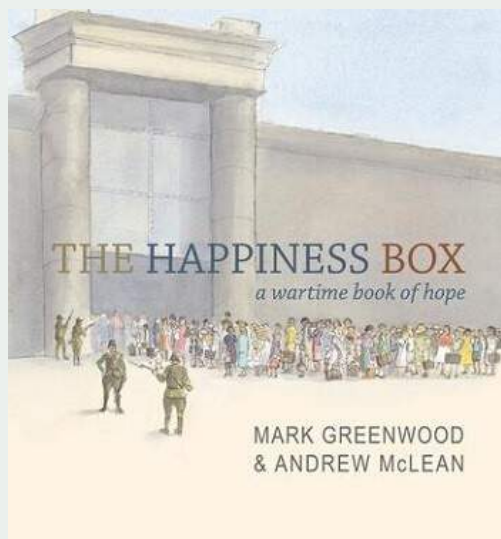
Library News

Welcome back to Term Four from the Library Staff. We hope you had a restful break and have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to read some of wonderful new books we have in the library. Ms Pinto's class 4H have created their own beautiful book called 4H's Happiness Box. Each student has created a beautiful artwork representing a time or place when they feel happy and peaceful.

The idea for this book came from a story we shared called *The Happiness Box* by Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean. This book tells the true story of Sergeant Griffin who was a prisoner of war in Changi Prison during the Second World War. Sergeant "Griff" decided he would create a book for children in a nearby prison camp for Christmas. This book was designed to give the children hope and contained the "secrets to happiness" such as kindness and friendship.

We hope you will come to the library and read both of these beautiful books soon.

Please remember to bring a library bag when you come for borrowing. Library bags help to keep our library books in good condition.





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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 18 October 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 enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Important Announcements

REMINDERS

- Students must arrive to school no later than 8:25am
- Students are not to leave school before 3:10pm and early leave must be with permission granted by Year or Stage Coordinators. Exceptional circumstances require a note from parents.
- Ensure correct uniforms are worn
- Boys to have regulation haircuts
- No coloured bands to be worn around necks or on wrists
- Years 3-12 students to have their diaries signed when required
- Parents to make appointments to speak to teachers.
- Playground supervision starts 8am and ends 3:30pm.
- If your son/daughter must leave early, you must write a note in their diary, which is to be signed by their relevant teachers/coordinators, and they are to present themselves to the front office at the time needed.

Upcoming Events

Fri 25 Year 11 Spirituality Day

NOV:

Fri 1 All Saints Day

Sat 2 All Souls Day

Mon 4 Year 7 Immunisation (2nd dose)

Sat 9 Year 3 Holy Communion

Tue 19 Kindy 2020 Information Evening

Mon 18-Fri 22 Primary Swimming Program

Wed 20 Year 12 Formal

Wed 20-Tue 26 Years 7-10 Exams

Fri 22 Lebanese Independence Day

Tue 26 Kindy 2020 Orientation

Year 7 2020 Orientation