

MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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On the occasion of the Lebanese Maronite Order's 324 year anniversary, the Most Reverend Abbot Naamtallah Hashem addressed the Lebanese Maronite Order when they were celebrating the feast of the establishment on the 10th of November at Saint Maroun's Monastery in Annaya.

Here is a brief summary of what he spoke about: "we are celebrating this year and enter the 325 year Jubilee. This is a remarkable milestone for the Order and this year is also marked by 100 years Anniversary of the Great Lebanon Foundation. This year will be dedicated to our stewardship Patron – "Blessed Estephan." We seize his message of relying on God who is always protecting us and our country Lebanon through increased prayer.

Before the current Lebanon establishment there was the Lebanese Maronite Order. The LMO accompanied and followed the Lebanese people to serve them in diaspora. Where her foundation and roots are in the East, they are extended to all the continents of the world.

The LMO carries Lebanon's mission and identity in particular through our Patron saints, St Maroun and mainly St Charbel who is known everywhere around the world. He is known as "the Lebanese Saint."

We have to work without fear, through love taking on responsibility as an individual like Jesus and St Charbel that has progressed our mission.

Current situations in Lebanon has left no security for anyone on any level, but this should let us emphasise our focus on our mission as Monks to continue to focus on our identity and our faith.

Brother Estephan lived a life of famine and intense prayer. This is what we can offer to our people and our country. Lebanon's crisis is because of the lack of trust and faith in the country's management. This is irreparable without bringing back hope and trust. We must all preserve our relationship with God and continue to maintain our trust in Him, for without God, there is no way for salvation.

It is our duty as Christians to do our best to save people through their faith and trust, and to always trust in God and in us, as monks and followers of our patrons, St Maroun, St Charbel and Blessed Estephan.

It is important to remember that St Charbel never tried to sort out issues but he worked on himself. He took responsibility and he changed himself through his own responsibility of his sanctity and his life. This is how he made a difference and has touched believers and non- believers worldwide.

Corruption and sanctity don't go together. We must fight against corruption as Blessed Estephan says, "God is seeing me." We must remember that we are working under God's eyes and through Him – let us spread this message to all through our faith and our actions.

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Our history as the Lebanese Maronite Order is coloured with persecution and blood and this continues in Lebanon today. But it has been during persecution that our Saints have appeared more than ever before. Through our prayers and trust, they will lead Lebanon to peace, and lead us as monks to continue to be faithful to our mission and to our people."

Our Most Rev. Abbot has invited us to live out our poverty and to share with our brothers and sisters who are in need like Blessed Estephan. He has also invited us to work particularly in laboring of the land, like Blessed Estephan and to encourage those around us to return to the fields of sweat, blood and tears and offer up this to our Lord to move away from politics, from materialism and to return to God in faith, hope and love. The more we give, the more we will be rewarded.

Luke 14:14 "...and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

We also congratulate Brother Hanna – Primary College Chaplain, who was ordained last night as Sub Deacon by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay. We pray that Brother Hanna will continue in our mission of faith.



Director of Primary

The K-6 students have been going to swimming lessons this week. These lessons are not aimed at teaching the children how to swim, because many weeks of swimming, if not months, would be required to do this. The aim is to introduce students to the basics of swimming so they will be safe around water.

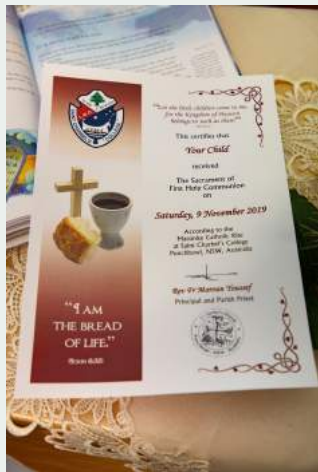
There has been hot weather about lately. During hot weather the College does everything that it can to ensure the students are safe and comfortable, including allowing them to drink water and refill their water bottles when needed. If the weather is unduly hot, then the children will be kept indoors at recess and lunch. In making the decision to keep children inside, staff will go out into the playground and see what the actual weather is like. While the outdoor heat might seem excessive to parents who come from cool air conditioned homes to collect their children, the students are sitting in classrooms all day which, despite air conditioning, can still become very hot and stifling in extreme heat. So sometimes it's necessary for the children to be outside for a short amount of time where at least they can get some fresh air and stretch their legs. In the event that the air is hazy due to bush fires, asthmatics will be kept indoors.

An invitation will be going home to parents this week regarding the end of year assembly on Wednesday 11 December, starting at 10 am in the multi-purpose hall. Parents are welcome to attend and can take their children home following the assembly. Otherwise students will finish at the usual time of 3.10 pm.



Coordinator of RE - Primary

On Saturday the 9th of November, our beloved Year 3 students received the most blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist for their very first time in a beautiful ceremony. The joy of seeing these little children's excitement ready to receive Jesus for their first time was truly uplifting. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven" belongs to such as these (Matthew 19:14). We ask Our Lord to help the Year 3 students to always approach the communion table with reverence and partake of this bread and drink this cup in remembrance of what Christ did on our behalf.



Coordinator of RE - Primary

On Sunday the 17th of November the Year 3 students celebrated a thanksgiving Mass with their parents and teachers. The students were reminded about their first encounter with Christ through the Eucharist and were asked to attend Mass every Sunday. As a community, let's continue to keep the year 3 students in our prayers.



Secondary Arabic Coordinator

صلاة في ذكرى المرحوم الطالب جان خوري

يا رَبِّ،

اليومِ ذكْرِي انتِقَالِ رَفِيقِنَا المَرْحُومِ جَانِ خُورِي، إِلَى الحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ. لَقَدْ عاشَ
بَيْنَنَا عَلَى هَذِهِ الأَرْضِ، سِنِينَ قَلِيلَةً، فَكانَ كالحَمَلِ الوَدِيعِ ، هادِئاً لا يَتَدَمَّرُ
ولا يَشْكُو، مُبْتَسِماً ومتواضِعاً ومُتَحَمِّلاً صَليبِ أوجاعِهِ بِكُلِّ إيمانٍ ورجاءٍ،
مُسْتَسْلِماً لِمَشِيئَتِكَ الإلهيَّةِ، ومُتَكِلاً عَلَى العذراءِ مَريمَ.

نُصَلِّي إِلَيْكَ يا اللهُ، نحن رفاقه في معهد مار شربل، وكُنَّا إيماناً بأنَّكَ ستَعْفِرُ لَهُ
زَلَّاتِهِ الدُنْيَوِيَّةِ، وبَدَلَ ألامِهِ الأَرْضِيَّةِ، كافِئَهُ واجعَلُهُ في مَلَكُوتِكَ السَّمَاوِي مع
الأبرارِ والصِّدِّيقِينَ، بِشِفاعَةِ أَمِنَا العذراءِ مَريمَ ومار شربل وجميعِ
القَدِّيسِينَ. آمين.

أرْقُدْ بِسَلامِ الرَّبِّ

***Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.***



Primary Arabic Coordinator

احتفل تلاميذ مدرسة مار شربل بذكرى عيد إستقلال لبنان. ذلك للتعبير عن حبهم لجذورهم وتعلقهم بالوطن.
نصلي بهذه المناسبة أن يعم السلام في ربوع الوطن الحبيب ويكون لبنان وطننا حرا مستقلا حيث يعيش شعبه بكرامة وعز.
أحب أن أشكر كل من تعب وساعد في التحضير لإنجاح هذا الاحتفال.



قدم تلاميذ القسم الابتدائي أستعراضا على أغنية تسلم يا عسكر لبنان - تدريب السيدة ماري سندروسي.



لبنان أرض القداسي، لبنان أرض شربل،
لبنان أرض رفقا و والجرديني، والكبوشي
وإسطفان نعمه، عم يطلب تعطيه نعمة
الخلاص، تفضل نعمه مقدسة أمين



كلمة مدير المدرسة: الأب مارون يوسف

Archbishop Student Leadership Forum

On Tuesday, 12 November, our School Captains and Vice Captains, Jonathan Hanna, Angela Aaraj, Heba Matar and Bradley Moussa, attended the Archbishop's Student Leadership Forum at St Mary's Cathedral College. It was an insightful and educational day for our College leaders who had the opportunity to network with Church leaders and other Catholic school student leaders, engaging in discussion about strengthening the role of youth within the Catholic Church.



Year 8 Excursion

Year 8 PDHPE students visited South Cronulla Beach on Friday to learn about water safety. Our students had some fun in the sun, whilst learning about the basic survival skills. Thank you to all teachers who attended on the day! - PDHPE staff





St Charbel's College Creative Arts Expo 2019

Venue: Multi Purpose Hall

Performances: Friday 29 November 2.00pm

Exhibition available for viewing

28, 29 November and 2 December 8.30-3.30 pm

Open on Awards Night 10 December

2020 Important Dates

Return to School Dates:

Years 1 - 12: Monday 3rd February

Kindy Commence: Tuesday 4th February **(Half Day)**

Wednesday 5th February: **(Kindy Half Day)**

Friday 7th February: High School Swimming Carnival

2020 Photo Days:

Monday 3rd February: Years 7 - 12

Tuesday 4th February: Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 5th February: Family and group photos

Tuesday 11th February: Catch up photo day

Kindy photo day

Family photos with Kindy students

Announcement

ICT Bootcamp is offered for any student who wishes to improve their ICT skills on Wednesdays at 8am in the Learning Hub.

Also, English homework club is now running in the Library on Thursday after sport from 2:30 to 3:10 pm.

Library News

Do you have a baby in your household? Reading is very important at any age and stage of your child's life. There is no need to wait until your child begins school to share the joy of reading. Babies enjoy listening to stories and songs and this helps develop their early literacy skills. Reading stories also stimulates your baby's imagination and is a wonderful opportunity to bond and share time together. Reading helps babies to get familiar with words, sounds and language. To learn more about the benefits of sharing books with babies please take a look at this information in both English and Arabic:

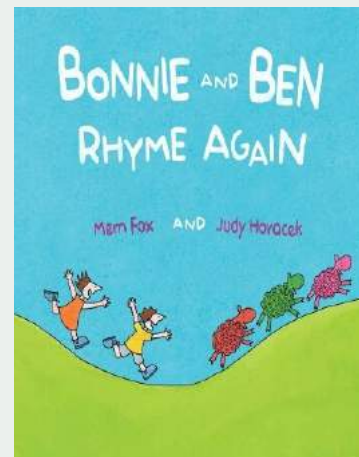
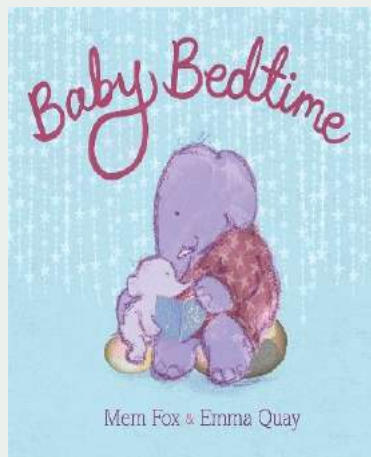
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Canterbury-Bankstown

Council provide free Rhyme-Time sessions for babies up to two years of age:

<https://www.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/community/library-knowledge-centres/programs-events-calendar/baby-rhyme-time>



- Please ensure you have your Student ID Card with you when you come to the library to borrow or photocopy.
- Junior Primary students please remember your library bag on borrowing days. Help us keep our books beautiful!
- Textbook lists for 2020 have been handed out. Yorke Educational will be at the College on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 from 8:30am – 12pm selling textbooks, filling orders & taking payment for orders. Do not send cash with your form. The Library will accept unpaid orders until Friday, 6 December 2019. No forms will be accepted after this date. Instead you can purchase on Wednesday, the 29th of January 2020 or order online.
- Please check your lockers before the end of this term and return any library books which may be hiding in there!
- Please return any Book Hire books which you are no longer using in class. Please remember other students need those books next year.

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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. 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.

Upcoming Events

Tue 26 Kindy 2020 Orientation
Year 7 2020 Orientation

Wed 27 Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Wed 27-Fri 29 Creative Arts Expo

Fri 6 Year 6 Graduation

Mon 9 Secondary Sports Awards
Ceremony

Tue 10 Whole School Mass
Secondary Awards Night

Wed 11 Last Day for Students
Years K-5 Awards Assembly