

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef



The last couple of weeks have been quite busy to say the least.

The College NAPLAN results have been received and we are very proud of the progress our students have made this year. Every child is encouraged to work to the best of their ability. We have seen significant improvement as compared to previous years, in particular in the areas of Numeracy and Writing. Our teachers are determined to work with our students towards even stronger results next year.

Special thanks to all those involved in the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. It was a lovely day where our parents participated in praying the Rosary with the students. Many thanks to our always helpful P & F Committee who prepared morning tea for our parents and students.

Our Year 2 students recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is always so pleasing to see our young students passionately welcome Jesus into their hearts. Many of our young students advised how free they felt and what a "tingling" feeling they received after confession. Matthew 18:3: "Truly I tell you," He said, "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.

As we continue with the Month of Mary, we pray for her intercession in all our needs.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August

- Fri 25 Account 3 Fees Payment Due
- Wed 30 Blessed Estephan Nehme's Feast Day

#### September

- Fri 1 Father's Day Mass & Morning Tea
- Mon 11 – 22 Year 11 Yearly Examinations
- Tues 19 Year 12 Graduation Mass & Ceremony
- Fri 22 Last Day of Term 3

#### October

- Mon 9 Staff Professional Development
- Tues 10 Term 4 Commences
- Fri 13 Year 3 Spirituality Day

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Dear Parents, it has been very busy over the last few weeks. We still have a very eventful next few weeks as we come towards the end of the term. Below I have included information for a NAPLAN School Readiness Assessment which will take place in week 9 of this term. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me at.

NAPLAN School Readiness Assessment

NAPLAN plans to start moving from pen and paper to online testing from next year. A final decision for NSW will be made after the upcoming NAPLAN Online Readiness Test which is scheduled to take place for quite a few schools nationally over the next few weeks.

NAPLAN online will have a wide range of benefits for our students and teachers, including reduced time between testing and reporting, and a tailored test design that targets questions to student ability and improves the precision of the assessment.

NESA, as the NSW NAPLAN Test Administration Authority and the three school sectors (Department of Education, Catholic Education Commission and Association of Independent Schools of NSW) are working together to coordinate the move to NAPLAN online for NSW schools.

To prepare for the move to online testing, NSW schools will participate in an online practice run, known as the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test. The readiness test is an assessment of a school's technical readiness to administer NAPLAN Online. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical issues they may have. **It will not assess student's achievement. At St Charbel's College, our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will complete the readiness test during assigned sessions in Week 9 of this term. Students are not required to plan or prepare for this test as the purpose is to see if our ICT system can cope with all students using the online environment at the same time.**

The readiness test is an opportunity to experience the online environment and the different question types that can be used in online testing. It is not a test of skills and knowledge. Parents of students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sent a hard copy of a fact sheet in the coming week.

For more information parents who are interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site>

God bless,

REC Primary - Mrs Mary Wells

St Charbel's Primary marked the feast of the Assumption of Mary with a special celebration of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. This was also to mark the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month in this Centenary Year of Fatima. All the Students from Grade Two to Six attended and took turns in leading the prayers. They were happy to see so many of their parents attend and join in the "bowing" procession of the icon of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There was also a spontaneous singing of the Ya Oomala by some of the mothers.

Congratulations to Grade 2 students who made their First Reconciliation after participating in a Mass prior to the sacrament. Many thanks to the grade teachers for all their efforts leading up to this event.

Our Grade 3 classes are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. We know that you can assist them by your prayers for students, teachers and families.



## DRAMA INCURSION – PERFORMANCE+WORKSHOP

Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Commedia dell'Arte.



On Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, our Year 9 and 10 Drama students were visited by professional actors who engaged them in a performance tailored specifically for a style of theatre called *Commedia Dell'Arte* which is a form of theatre that first originated in Italy in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The actors were generally known as 'street performers' and as the name suggests, performed comedic scenarios to groups of people in the streets of Italy. Its popularity grew around Europe and even famous writers like William Shakespeare were inspired by the storylines and characters that come from this style of theatre. A distinctive quality of this style of performance is the use of masks. The characters were specifically known for their over-exaggerated masks and their highly physical movements.

This *Commedia Dell'Arte* performance was a successful production aimed to introduce the world of *Commedia dell'Arte* to our Drama students. It consisted of a

spectacular presentation of eight classic *Commedia dell'Arte* stock characters who are characters that have inspired modern sitcoms, personalities such as Mr Burns from the Simpsons, Homer Simpson, Kramer from Seinfeld etc.

On the day, students viewed a 50-minute performance that introduced them to the stock characters and the history of *Commedia dell'Arte*. This was followed by a 50-minute intense workshop where the actor trainers taught our students the physicality of the characters and how to act using masks. It was a very enjoyable experience for our students who claimed it was a fun and interactive way of learning about *Commedia*.



On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, Year 11 students experienced an eye opening event. The 'Be Street Smart' excursion allowed both the students and the teachers to realise the impacts of unsafe driving. In an effective method, a visual scenario engaged the students and presented the ramifications and consequences of dangerous decisions and the effects it has on people.

The scenario presented three people's road injuries and the complications undergone by paramedics, police officers and firefighters to save the lives of these people. It explained the actions that we should take if we are witnesses to a crash as well as the implications the driver had in the event for it to have taken place. This excursion was a great opportunity for the students to interact in activities and to talk to people who have experienced hardships due to road accidents. Another concept expressed in this excursion was the idea of blood, tissue and organ donation, which catalysed the students to venture into saving lives. Our school offers students aged 16 and over to donate blood. One donation can save three lives!

Paloma Darjani - Year 11M



**Upcoming 'Careers Events'**

Please see me if any of the following are of interest to you.

- **UNSW Power of Engineering Day.** Tuesday 26 September, 9am – 4pm, UNSW Kensington Campus, High Street, Kensington, NSW. Interactive and hands-on workshops showcasing a variety of engineering disciplines for female students in Year 9 and 10. Inspirational and informative speakers from industry that the students can relate to and an opportunity to experience local engineering projects. <https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/all-events/power-of-engineering-day>
- **Find an Apprenticeship or Traineeship in NSW.** You can search for school based apprenticeships across a range of industries. <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/rtow/vto/vtoEnquiry.do?command=goToVTOSearch>
- **Choosing a career path.** Some people are worrying about getting into their dream course, but others don't even know what their dream is! This article has some tips for working out what you should do when you leave school. <http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/how-to-work-out-who-you-want-to-be-when-you-grow-up>
- **TAFE St George Info Session: Your Business Course for Career Development.** Wednesday 25 October, 6pm. Courses range from entry-level programs across many discipline areas right through Advanced Diplomas linked to degrees. Come and check out the facilities, chat with teachers, and ask questions about your course. <http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/information-session-your-business-course-career-development-6>
- **Australian Apprenticeships: My Gain Videos.** The next series of Australian Apprenticeship My Gain videos have been published on YouTube. These videos ask apprentices and trainees to respond briefly to set questions about their job and job hunting experiences. They are directed at young people contemplating career pathways and where to look for job opportunities. <https://www.youtube.com/user/AAPathways>
- **Skills and Thrills at the Western Sydney Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo.** Tuesday 29 August, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, and 5.15pm @ Penrith Panthers. The *FREE* show will help students and parents discover and understand the latest on jobs of the future, industry trends and how to connect their passions to a successful career outcome. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/skills-and-thrills-at-the-western-sydney-apprenticeship-traineeship-expo-tickets-36133059955>

**Students from Year 9 Textiles Technology have Textile Artworks entered into Operation Art and they are on display at the Armoury**



**OPERATION ART 2017**

Our school is exhibiting in Operation Art. Come and see it on display at the Armoury Gallery, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park

9 September - 29 October, open daily 10am-4pm, Free Entry

The banner features a colorful illustration of a person in a white lab coat holding a clipboard with 'Operation art' written on it. The background is filled with various abstract shapes and colors, including a large yellow number '8', a blue and pink abstract figure, and a red pencil.

A new **HOMWORK CLUB**  
in **MATHEMATICS**



will be running every **Tuesday & Thursday** 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: 8am-8:25am**  
**Mrs Zidros and Mr Wong**

**Third instalment for school fees is now due**  
Payments may be paid in cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or directly into our bank account.  
For all parents who are using the direct payment method into the school bank account to pay their school fees and charges, please ensure in 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





خلال هذا الفصل الدراسي، تعرف تلامذة الصف الثاني على سر الاعتراف الذي يعرف أيضاً بسر التوبة، أي المصالحة مع الله.

كان نهار الجمعة يوماً مميزاً حيث قام جميع الطلاب بالاعتراف امام الكاهن للمرة الأولى. وعلت أصوات الطلاب وهم يرتلون أمام المذبح المقدس ترتيلة "يا إنسان العتيق، دوب بقلب المصلوب" التي تعلموها مع المعلمتين نوال القزي و بارتا يمين.

ألف مبروك!!!!



إن هذا الفصل الدراسي حافل بالنشاطات. اشترك عدد كبير من الطلاب في مسابقة "ميراث في البال". نتمنى لهم النجاح.

طبعاً، فإنّ دروس اللغة العربية تجري كالمعتاد في المدرسة حيث كل صف يتعلم عن موضوع مشوق مختلف.

## Science Week 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Students were eager to wear their lab coats and put on their safety goggles in Saint Charbel's College annual Science Week! With this year's theme of sustainability, students set out to learn about the different industries of Australia while conducting fun experiments and participating in intriguing activities set up by Year 9, 10 and 11 Science students. Different industries and scientific topics were explored such as mining, tourism, the wine industry, building and hydroelectricity generation. Year 10 set up the various stalls along with Year 9's recycling activity, while Year 11 collected aluminium cans and created a magnificent wall display to assert the benefits of recycling. The guests ranged from exuberant Year 6's to the veteran Year 12 students – yet everybody equally shared the interest and participation. While stamping their passports, students were able to learn about Australia's industries, implementing sustainability while engaging or competing in creative activities. Ultimately, students did not leave the labs without glowing with energy! Each following day saw more and more students, each coming back to get a second or even third taste of the stalls. Overall, Science Week was a fantastic success for all those in St Charbel's College, and it is almost certain that students will be more environment-aware.

Elena Alagha - Year 10E



# Save lives together

A **heart**-felt thank you to the parents, students and staff who have **donated blood** so far – your **donation** is a very special and significant contribution to the lives of many fellow Australians. **Since 2014, we have made 86 donations, which has helped save 258 lives!**

Blood donations occur during Thursday sport, where a driver transports donors to the Liverpool Blood Donor Centre and back to school before 3:10pm.

*“Thank you for allowing me to enjoy an amazing experience today. Knowing that I have saved **3 lives** is incredible!” Mrs Dolly Zoghaib (parent)*

## Upcoming dates:

Thursday, 31 August at 12:45pm

Thursday, 14 September at 12:45pm

Please contact Mr Shalala on 9740 0999 or [cshalala@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cshalala@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

## Maronite Diocesan Assembly Survey

After more than 150 years of Maronite presence in Australia, the first Maronite Diocesan Assembly will be held from **Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2017**, in Sydney. To help prepare for this Assembly, under the theme: **“Strong in Faith, Growing in Love”**, all Maronites are invited to complete a short survey. The survey can be accessed online through [maronite.org.au](http://maronite.org.au) or you can collect a copy from your church. Please return the completed survey to any parish office by **15 September 2017**.

### إستطلاع الرأي للمجمع الأبرشي الماروني

بعد مرور أكثر من ١٥٠ سنة على وجود الموارنة في أستراليا، سوف يعقد ولأول مرة المجمع الأبرشي الماروني من الجمعة ٢٤ إلى الأحد ٢٦ تشرين الثاني ٢٠١٧ في سيدني. ولأجل انجاح هذا المجمع، تحت عنوان: **“نزداد في الإيمان... ننمو في المحبة”**، نرجو من جميع أبناء وبنات الكنيسة المارونية الإجابة على إستطلاع الرأي (survey) الموجود على مداخل الكنيسة أو المتوفر عبر الانترنت على [maronite.org.au](http://maronite.org.au) وإعادته إلى مكتب الرعية قبل ١٥ أيلول ٢٠١٧، وشكراً.





ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE  
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

## ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE

### Parents & Friends Association

#### **FATHER'S DAY MASS & MORNING TEA**

Please join the staff, students and P&F committee to celebrate Father's Day with your children on

**Friday, 1st September 2017** starting with  
**Mass at 8:45am** organised by the Primary  
School followed by

#### **Morning Tea**

in the Monastery Hall organised by  
the P&F Committee.



#### **Father's Day Stall**

Date: Thursday, 31st August 2017  
Stalls will be setup underneath the  
Library.

#### **Gifts selling from \$2 to \$20**

One day only. Items are limited to  
one per child for Kindy to Year 6.

For more information,  
please contact the College.



# 2017 TAP SHOWCASE

**COME ALONG & HEAR CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN'S  
BEST YOUNG VOCALISTS! A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY.**

**THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

BRYAN BROWN THEATRE, BANKSTOWN LIBRARY & KNOWLEDGE CENTRE  
CORNER RICKARD & CHAPEL ROADS, BANKSTOWN

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM SHOW

**ADULTS: \$15 U15YRS: \$5 (NO ALLOCATED SEATING)**

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**Family & Marriage Support: Dr Dima Akik 04 0629 6698**

<https://www.facebook.com/maronitecare/>



Dr Dima will be presenting some sessions to parents.

Everyone is welcome, parents and youth. The course is free. There is no need for any registration. The sessions include practical advice, interactive exercises and role-play.

The coming sessions are as follows:

- **Session III: *The Art of Winning Every Battle* ( Wed 30 Aug 2017)**
- **Session IV: *Why do Difficult People exist in Life?* (Tues 19 Sep 2017)**

For more details, please find attached the flyers for the next Arabic and English sessions.



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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](mailto: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:



Kids@Weldon

Before & After School Care Contact Details:

**Centre co-ordinator:** Vee Ibrahim

**Centre Number:** 0418 735 976

**Email:** [stcmcs@weldon.com.au](mailto:stcmcs@weldon.com.au)

Kids @ Weldon will also be conducting Vacation Care Programs these upcoming school holidays.