

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Welcome to Term 4 which is anticipated to be yet another very busy term. During the holidays we celebrated St Charbel's Annual BBQ in honour of our Patron Saint. It was a



very enjoyable evening and it was even more enriching seeing many familiar families of our College community celebrate the evening with us.

Also during the holidays, all classrooms within the College were installed with new blinds and upon our return to school Year 4 received their new desks and chairs. An ongoing project we are continuing to endeavour for improvements and wellbeing within our College for our students.

Our Year 12 students are currently sitting their HSC exams and we wish them well during this time and keep them in our prayers.

October 13 we celebrated Year 3 Spirituality in preparation for our students who will be soon celebrating their Holy Communion. On this day for Primary and on Tuesday for our Secondary, we also consecrated our College to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. During such a significant time in this present day where families and society are being tested, it is very important that we place our entire trust to Our Lady. Students were given blessed scapulars for their protection and devotion to Our Lady. It was very inspiring that our students and our families warmly welcomed this gesture in which I pray we remain faithful and entrust ourselves to her protection.

Please be mindful that being in Term 4 students should be fully aware of uniform, hair cuts, discipline and leave. I ask you all as parents to encourage your children to follow and respect the rules of the College as they are in the best interest of our students and this will in turn avoid any disappointment for any disciplinary action taken. Our devoted teachers work very hard alongside our students to assist them where possible, we ask that this is a mutual commitment by teachers, students and parents.

As we continue the month of October - devoted to the Rosary, may Our Lady bless each and every one of you.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

- Mon 16 HSC Examinations Commence (until Fri Nov 10)
- Tues 24 Year 12 (2018) Information Evening & Report Interviews
- Wed 25 P & F Primary Walkathon
- Fri 27 Year 11 Spirituality Day
- Sun 29 Sacrament of Holy Communion

### November

- Wed 1 All Saint's Day
- Thurs 2 All Soul's Day
- Mon 13 Kindergarten (2018) Information Evening
- Wed 15 Year 12 Formal
- Fri 17 P & F Primary Disco
- Mon 20 Year 8 Surfing Excursion
- Tues 21 Infants Swimming Program (until Fri Dec 1)
- Wed 22 Kindergarten (2018) Orientation Day
- Wed 22-24 Lebanon's Independence Day
- Tues 28 Creative Arts Exhibition (Fri 24 School Concert)
- Wed 29 Year 7 Vaccinations
- Wed 29 Primary Swimming Carnival

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Welcome back to Term 4. We started the term in the primary by handing out merit awards for Bronze, Gold, Silver and Platinum. Congratulations to those students, we are very proud of them.

This term we will focus on acknowledging good work and in addition to the merit awards teachers will present postcards to students who are working well. As a school we believe in encouraging our students to do their best. The postcards may acknowledge progress in subjects or general progress across the board.

We are delighted that Mr Jihad Dibb will be joining us at our main rewards event the end of Year Speech Night on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

Our school is now a White Ribbon School. Thanks to Ms Whittle, Mr Nakhle and Mrs Assaf for their work on this. We will be holding a special assembly on Friday 24 November to raise awareness of domestic violence, part of that assembly will include a prayer service for victims of domestic violence. Staff and students will be encouraged to wear white T Shirts as a symbol of support.

This term we have been given a wonderful opportunity to have St John Ambulance, who are committed to making first aid part of everyone's lives for a safer and more resilient community, visit.

First Aid Force is a mobile community education program providing an introduction to first aid for 11-16 year olds, by way of practical, scenario-based learning. The emphasis is on promoting first aid as a lifesaving skill and building a resilient community.

St John (NSW) has been provided with funding to bring its First Aid Force to three local high schools in the area and we are delighted to accept their offer. The van will locate on site for a day to teach valuable first aid skills to our students. There will be a series of lessons during the day which make full use of the first aid equipment. Students will experience procedures involving three first aid scenarios.



## YOU CAN DO IT WEBSITE FOR PARENTS ~

### ANNOUNCEMENT AND LOGIN STEPS

*This is a reminder to all parents that you now have access to the website:*

[www.youcandoitparents.com.au](http://www.youcandoitparents.com.au)


To access these valuable resources, please Login at: [www.youcandoitparents.com.au](http://www.youcandoitparents.com.au)

**Login Username:** stcharbels (all lowercase)

**Password:** Stcharbels#750 (case sensitive)

The resources can be found by clicking the **Resources** tab in the header.

You can also visit You Can Do It Parents Face Book page (<https://www.facebook.com/YouCanDoltParents>) by clicking the link on

the home page; 

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4! This term is gearing up to be an extremely hectic one. There are many events and activities taking place and so I ask that you make sure that your child's bag is checked for any notes given out each day.

Currently, we have the Year 3 children practising for Holy Communion. Please keep our Year 3 students in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this most important sacrament. Mirath in Mind has also taken place recently and the children were amazing. Our College as usual shines when we are in the limelight and this event was no exception. I wanted to sincerely thank Mrs Bayeh and the team for making this possible and such a wonderful success for the children.

Next week we have our annual walkathon. This is a brilliant event where a lot of fun is had by all. Our beautiful P&F mums always do a magnificent job on the day and I want to whole heartedly thank them for the time and effort they always put in to ensure the day is a success. Please make sure to respond to the notes that have already been given out about this.

On another note, I would like to request and put emphasis on the need to ensure your children's attendance this term is consistent. This is a short term and the teachers are very busily trying to get through all the necessary curriculum needs before the end of the year. There will be quite a few assessments to get through before student reports are compiled as well as work related to ensuring all curriculum outcomes are covered. The importance of ensuring consistent attendance in the Primary School is essential and vital to your child's learning.

Enjoy your next few weeks until the next newsletter!

God bless,

## Library News - Mrs Simone Cullinan

### Learning with ABC Splash!



One of the biggest challenges many of our students face when doing research for school assignments

is "too much information!" It is easy to get lost on the internet and choose sites that are inaccurate or not age-appropriate.

ABC Splash is a website which offers high-quality digital content from across the ABC and around the world. You simply type in the topic you are searching for and your year group and Splash will provide a range of suitable resources. There are also educational games to play and special news articles for students. This website is for Kindergarten through to Year 10 and is free.

<http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/home>

## WH&S Committee

### Emergency Procedures Practice - ALL STUDENTS (K-12)

As part of our emergency planning this term we have organised for all the school to participate in an emergency drill. This will involve:

1. **An assembly to remind students of the emergency procedures,**
2. **A practice emergency drill, and Staff training sessions (completed in the first week of term).**

### A new **HOMEWORK 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



Term 4 has been exciting so far for Years 3 and 4. Year 3 students are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion which will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. A wonderful day was held last Friday as they attended a retreat in the hall at school. The day was a great success with the children being involved in various activities, all aimed at preparing them for their special day. The students watched High School students role play the Road to Emmaus and then they had 5 activities which were : We are members of Jesus' family (Arabic), Blessed Imelda Lambertini activity, Chalice activity, Reconciliation/Reflection, Road to Emmaus activity. School provided lunch and then parents came in to assist with Rosary making which was a wonderful experience for parents and students to share. Our photos show some events which occurred on this very holy, memorable day.

Year 4 classes are hard at work preparing for assessments and finalising the Year 4 learning curriculum. Their Science unit covers weather, landforms and erosion and will finish with an excursion to Cronulla where the students will see first hand the effects the weather has on our environment. Year 4 also made a wonderful display for the playground display board where they wrote all the things they are grateful for on leaves of a grateful tree and flowers. The photo shows the grateful tree with the inspiring messages from the Year 4 students.

The end of the school year will be upon us quickly and there is still much to do. Term 4 got off to a good start!







وكثير منا سلك طريق عماوس، متسائلين  
أين هو الربّ ...  
هو يمشي بجانبنا في كل الوقت.

يوم الجمعة الماضي، كان موضوع الرياضة الروحية للصف الثالث "الطريق إلى عماوس". قام التلاميذ بنشاطات عديدة منها الاعتراف، القيام بأشغال يدوية و صنع المسابح.

وعندما سأل التلاميذ ما هو مغزى هذا النهار أجابوا:  
"كلنا ننتمي إلى عائلة واحدة"  
"المنافسة هي خبز الحياة"  
"نحب أن نغني ونرتل"

Weldon Children's Services is offering a before and after school care program at St Charbel's College which has 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 has 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.



لقد سررنا بعودة الطُّلاب إلى نشاطاتهم المدرسيّة بعد عطلة دامت أسبوعين، وبدأوا الفصل الرابع الذي فيه كثير من العمل والجديّة، بكل نشاط وحيويّة. أما في أواخر الفصل الثالث الماضي، فلقد قام طُلاب الصّف الثَّامن بزيارة تقليديّة لمزار سيّدة لورد في إرلوود، صلّوا هناك وابتاعوا بعض التذكارات ومن ثمّ انتقلوا إلى مطعم طوني للعائلات حيث تناولوا طعام الغداء وقاموا بمباراة من التراث اللبناني في الرّقص والغناء وقد فاز في مجال الرّقص الطالبتان سيلينا محفوض وسيلين نجم وفي مجال الغناء فاز الطّالب أنطوني عون، وجميعهم حصلوا على بطاقة دعوةٍ لعشاء مجّاني مع عائلاتهم، تقدمة الشاف طوني عاصي. ومن جهة ثانية قام بعض من طُلاب الجامعة الوطنيّة الأستراليّة في كامبرا الذين يدرسون اللغة العربيّة، بزيارة معهد مار شربل برفقة أستاذتهم الأنسة ليلي قوتلي، إذ جالوا في أرجاء المعهد ثم اشتركوا مع تلامذة الصّف الثامن في حصّة اللغة العربيّة التي درّستها السيّدة جمال كيروز، فكانت تجربة فريدة وناجحة وقد أبدى الزائرون شكرهم للمعهد على الحفاوة التي استقبلوا بها وقد وّجّهت الأنسة قوتلي دعوة لطلابنا لزيارة جامعتهم في كامبرا. نتمنّى أن يُتوجّ طلابنا الفصل الأخير لهذه السّنة بالنشاطات المثمّرة والنتائج المرصّية.





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



### 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.

#### إستطلاع الرأي للمجمع الأبرشي الماروني

بعد مرور أكثر من ١٥٠ سنة على وجود الموارنة في أستراليا، سوف يعقد لأول 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) وشكراً .

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