

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

In the past few weeks we have been very blessed to be able to celebrate feast days as a College community. It always gives me such pride and a sense of accomplishment when I am witnessing the amazing spirituality amongst our staff and students at the College.

In the month of August we celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, the first Australian Saint and a Saint who we revere in our Maronite community. Recently, we also celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, a most important feast day on the Maronite calendar. The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation -- one of the most important feasts of the Church year. The Assumption is a source of great hope for us, for it points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate Mary's fidelity and obedience to God's will. The celebration of the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven is a time when we remember Mary and how, at the end of her earthly life, she was taken up, into heavenly glory. God granted her this special privilege because of her fullness of grace and this truly is a gift of grace to us. Mary's Assumption into heaven can only be understood in the light of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Indeed, her assumption is only possible because she shared the triumph of her Son over sin and death. We celebrated a solemn mass dedicated to Our Lady on Tuesday 15th August and I am pleased to report that the students were reverent and prayerful during this special celebration.

On another note, I wish to personally invite all fathers of our College community to make time to attend our celebratory Father's Day mass on Tuesday 28th August. This a most special occasion where we come together to give thanks for our father's as well as recognise the most important role they play in their children's life. Afterwards, a traditional Lebanese breakfast morning tea has been organised by our hardworking P&F Committee members. I can assure you that it will be a most beautiful banquet, so please make time to come and join us in prayer and then share with us in this tremendous feast.

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things,  
From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone,  
From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God. St John Paul II"



Every year, National Science Week brings together a wide variety of events and topics in the celebration of Science. National Science Week 2018 asked our Year 10M students to develop exhibitions that would allow them to be 'game changers & change makers.' Their ideas were intuitive, inventive and most importantly engaging for our Year 6 students, as well as our Secondary students.

The exhibitions were on display from Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August until Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August during lunch. There was a vast interest displayed by both staff and students, who interacted with the exhibitions and simultaneously learnt the "Science" behind each display.

The Secondary Science Department is very proud of the 10M students, and thank them for all their hard work in preparing for National Science Week 2018 as they truly encouraged the College to ignite their imagination.



## Year 10 Incurion—Wheelchair Basketball

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, the Year 10 students had the privilege of attending the Wheelchair Basketball Program which helped us gain a better understanding of the challenging obstacles you face if you are disabled, and it allowed us to step in their shoes and view it from their perspective. At the beginning, we were given a special talk, linking to our PDH topic of 'Road Safety'. We were advised about alcohol and drug use, speeding, communicating while driving and obeying road and traffic signs. This helped achieve a further perception of road safety and the dangers that come with it. This program was very enjoyable and fun but need I say, it was challenging trying to bounce a ball and steer a wheelchair at the same time. After attending this program, we've realised to appreciate those who are disabled and recognise that you can do anything no matter what the circumstance.



## Student Account—Year 10 PASS Excursion

On Monday the 13th of August 2018, the two year 10 PASS classes along with our teachers had the privilege of visiting ANZ Stadium, Homebush Athletics Track as well as the Homebush Aquatic Centre. Not only did we visit, however we were lucky enough to be escorted by two lovely ladies who worked there. With the help and assistance of the ladies, we were informed about the history of the three venues and also the impact they made on sport in Australia. We were given the opportunity to tour around ANZ Stadium and to enter the change rooms, the commentator boxes, the recovery pool, the pre-game preparation room and were given the chance to be in the spotlight and run out of the locker rooms onto the field like the players would usually do on game night. We were made aware of the way that things work on game night and the ins and out of the sporting venues. Fortunately enough we had plenty of time to dive in and cool down at the Aquatic Centre. Overall, the day was a huge success, we learnt heaps, we had heaps of fun and we can assure you by the end of the day our teachers were exhausted too.

By: Christina Elazzi



Kindy students recently celebrated 100 days in Kindergarten. The students looked wonderful in their costumes designed to make them look 100 years old. Thank you to parents for supporting the day – and to the grandparents who let their grandchildren borrow their walking sticks, pearls and even hair curlers!

Year 2 students celebrated their First Sacrament of Reconciliation last Friday. It was a lovely ceremony and the students are to be commended on the respect they showed and their behaviour as they rose to the occasion.

Congratulations to all the staff who helped prepare Year 2 for their important day!

This week the Primary School celebrated Book Week. Students took part in exciting activities and dressed up according to this year's theme: Find My Treasure. Book Week is not only about parades and costumes but about celebrating reading and the fun that it can be.



On Tuesday 28 August the school will be having Mufti Day to raise money for the farmers and the Drought Relief appeal. Students will dress as farmers and donate a gold coin, or whatever families would like to donate. The money raised will go to: <https://www.buyabale.com.au/> Students are currently taking part in a Poetry Recitation competition. They have been choosing their poems and working hard to memorise them. The class finals will be held this week with two students from each class, who recite their poem the best, going through to the Stage finals next week. It's been wonderful seeing the students excited about poetry and rising to the challenge of having to learn something off by heart.



There have been two changes to the playground recently: instead of two separate play areas (Infants and Primary) students can now choose the playground area that they play in. So far this has been a big success with students enjoying the freedom of choosing where to play. It also means that staff have more choice in 'moving students on' to a different playground area where needed.

The second change has concerned the issue of litter: as an incentive to keep their playground tidy, there are now Sports House bins in both playground areas. Students are encouraged to place rubbish in their House bin and at the end of lunch the bin with the most rubbish earns 20 points for that House.

Last week the school trialled students eating lunch in their classrooms for five minutes before moving to the playground. This enabled staff to check that students had their lunch and were eating it. It also helped reduce the litter in the playground.

Of serious concern is the wide spread use of social media among Primary students. In most cases, the students are under age and should not be using the sites. The age restrictions are as follows: Facebook +13 yrs, Instagram +13 yrs, Snap Chat +13 yrs and Fortnite M rating: +15 yrs. These sites have age restrictions for a reason so it's important that they are adhered to. Students on social media are of concern to the school because the negative influences are carrying over into the classroom and playground. Issues include the use of rude language and arguments that start on social media after hours then being continued at school. This is completely unacceptable and parents are asked to monitor their children's use of social media and ban them from sites where they are under age.

Rude language and aggressive behaviour is not accepted at St Charbel's and there will be consequences if students are found to be using either at school. I also ask that parents do not encourage their children to take matters into their own hands if provoked at lunchtime. Children need to learn to deal with situations by going to a teacher, talking things through, working out if they did anything to cause the incident etc. Teaching children to respond aggressively to an incident does not help and often makes matters worse.

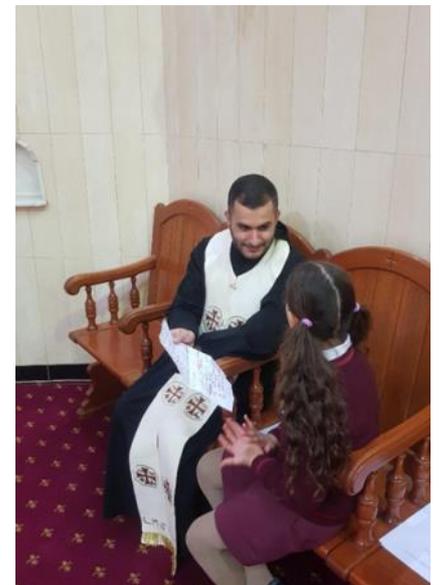
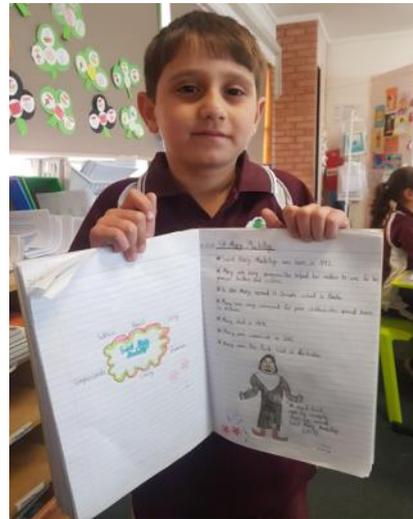
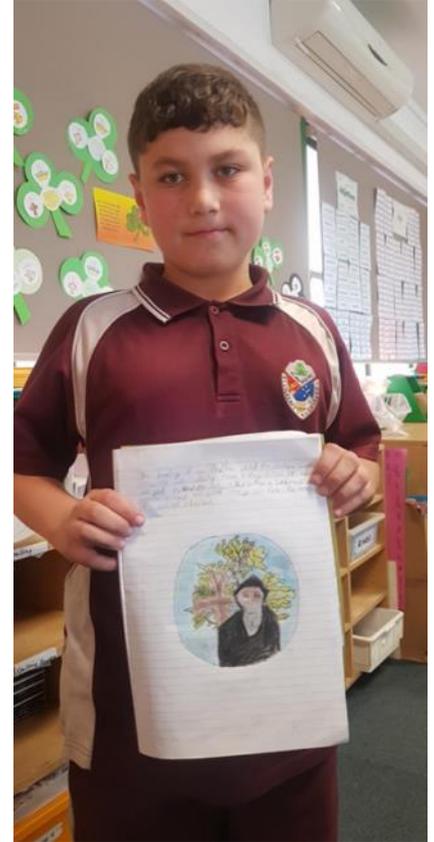


As well, please do not tell older siblings to get involved in incidents concerning their younger siblings. Firstly, children never tell the complete story and they may not be as innocent as the parents or older sibling believe.

Secondly, the child is not learning how to deal with uncomfortable situations. Thirdly, the perceived aggressor is likely to have even bigger siblings or friends that they will then want to get involved. Finally, put yourself in the other parent's position: you would be very upset if your child was confronted by an older student.

Term 3 is off to a great start, Primary students have been busy learning and celebrating a number of Feast Days. They have learned about Our Patron, Saint Charbel, Mary Mackillop also known as St Mary of the Cross and also about the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Our Lady. The children have all been extra busy creating a number of artworks and learning how to be spiritually closer to God.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, Year 2 received their First Reconciliation in front of their family and friends. They learned that, “It is never too late to say sorry and ask for God’s mercy and forgiveness.”



ها إن الأسبوع الخامس قد حلّ، فهناك الكثير من التحضيرات التي بدأنا بها في القسم الابتدائي، مثل نشاطات وتمارين "ميراث في البال". اشترك عدد كبير من طلاب صفّي الخامس والسادس في مباراة منها مباريات الكولاج والكتابة والتمثيل والدبكة. وهناك الكثير من المواضيع المشوقة التي يتعلمها طلابنا في صفوف اللغة العربية وهي:

في صفّ الروضة يتعلم الطلاب عن المزرعة.

في الصفّ الأول يتعلم الطلاب عن حيوانات الغابة.

في الصفّ الثاني يتعلم الطلاب عن جسم الإنسان و الحواس الخمسة.

في الصفّ الثالث يتعلم الطلاب عن العائلة.

في الصفّ الرابع يتعلم الطلاب عن "الوقت من حولي" وعن الفصول الأربعة.

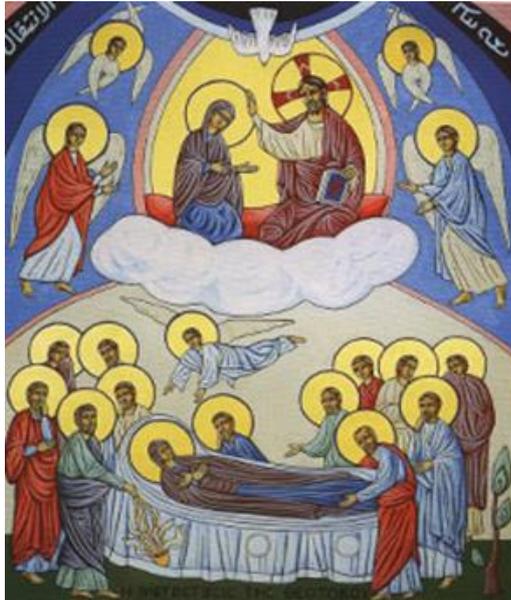
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وفي الصفّ السادس يتعلم الطلاب عن الفصول الأربعة والطبيعة.

فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: "تُعْظِمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِإِلَهِ مُخْلِصِي، لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضُعِ أُمَّتِي. فَهَذَا مُنْذُ الْآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعَ الْأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَإِسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَهُ." (لوقا: الفصل الأول)

يا أم الكنيسة، ساعدينا لكي نعيش شركة المحبة فيما بيننا، ونشهد للقيم الإنسانية والمسيحية في حياتنا العائلية والاجتماعية ونعمل على تعزيزها في مجتمعنا.

كل عيد وأنتم بخير!



This term has been a busy one so far! On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August we sent a group of students to Henley Park in Enfield to represent the school at the Primary Soccer Gala Day. It was a fun and beautiful day where the students got to play some friendly games of soccer against students from other schools. Well done to the students on their behaviour and attitude, I was very proud of them! Thank you to Miss Partridge, Mrs Kazzi, and Mr Vassallo for their assistance on the day.

Another event we had the following week on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August was the Inner West Athletics Carnival.

Students who went to this carnival topped their age group in the events at our Primary Athletics Carnival. They all did their best and had a great day! A congratulations to Joseph Noujaim and Chloe Seif who made it to the 100m final for their age groups, however, just missed out on qualifying for the Mackillop team. Once again, the St

Charbel's students went to the carnival with a great attitude and willingness to do their best, we are very proud of their efforts. A big thank you to Mr Love and Miss Jackson for their assistance on the day!

Lastly, this is just a reminder about the Kikoff Program. It is a fantastic program for the students to develop skills in soccer, not just with a focus on who can score the most goals, but how to work in a team and respect one another. These are skills that can be used in everything they do. It caters for any skill level, whether that is beginner or advanced. If you have any questions or would like to know more information you can speak to Miss Zalloua and a link to their website can be found on the college site.



This term, Year 3 students are learning about Earth and Space. They were fortunate enough to attend science workshops in Week 3 which allowed them to participate in many engaging hands-on experiments. Here's what some of our students had to say.

*"It was cool because we got to touch different science things!" (Chanel)*

*"The presenter was great and she taught us new things about the planets." (Liana)*

*"The science activities were creative and interesting." (Najib)*

*"We got a chance to do activities we hadn't done before." (Alana)*

*"It was fun and I learnt a lot!" (Anthony)*



## REMINDER

**Please ensure the photography  
and  
video permission form is  
returned to the school ASAP!**

**facebook**

The College is ensuring that many events and messages are being advertised through our Facebook page. Please take the time to check us out. Additionally, there are times pictures of students are used. If you do not wish for your child's picture to be used please inform the College by emailing your request to [info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

*All parents are invited to send any details on pictures of their*

**Morning Supervision**

Access to the College grounds will be centralised through the 'Kiss and Go' and Monastery gate from 8am only. There will be **NO** supervision for any students prior to 8am, for their own safety and wellbeing. Also please be mindful that it is dangerous to use the driveways to U-turn.

**School Fees**

The final instalment for school fees is due by 31-August-2018. 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.

**Ethnic School Classes**

Ethnic School Classes are available for students. Classes are held every Friday 4.30 – 6.30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August:**

Mon 20-Fri 24	Book Week
Tue 28	P&F Father's Day Mass & Morning Tea
Thurs 30	Blessed Estephan Nehme Feast Day
Fri 30	Father's Day Stall
	SCC Athletics Carnival
	Father & Son Evening

**September:**

Mon 3	CBSA Athletics Carnival
Fri 14	Years 5 & 6 Spirituality Day
Mon 10-Fri 21	Year 11 Exams
Tues 25	Year 12 Graduation Mass & Ceremony
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>





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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 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 7am until 6pm

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:](#)



Before & After School Care Contact Details:

**Centre co-ordinator:** Mary Azzi

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