

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Welcome back to another busy but eventful Term 4.

St Charbel's College was fortunate to participate successfully in Mirath in Mind. Mirath in Mind is an Arabic organisation that promotes the cultural legacies of the arts, heritage and culture of the Arab and Lebanese world in Australia. Students from various schools are given the opportunity to come together to showcase their talents in various areas of the creative arts. Last week our students in both Primary and Secondary School participated in this annual event and we are happy to report that once again the amazing talents of the students at St Charbel's College were recognised with several awards.

I would like to give recognition to the tireless hard work of our Arabic Departments in both Primary and Secondary led by Mrs Nada Kazzi and Mrs Carol Meoli. The teachers and staff diligently put in many hours of preparation into the students to produce this fine result. I wish to personally thank Mrs Najat El Bayeh for her perseverance and diligence in coordinating the performances as well as ensuring that all students were well prepared for such an outstanding presentation. Additionally, a very special thanks goes to Mrs Laure Chahine and her dedication and hard work in assisting the teachers and students with this event.

On another note, I wish to also congratulate Eliane Chidiac and Charlie Azzi both from Year 11 on their nomination to receive the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award. This award was developed to foster and encourage an interest in science among Year 11 secondary school students, with the aim of promoting careers in science as a viable and interesting career path. Both Eliane and Charlie were nominated by their teachers for their tenacity and commitment in the science classroom. The students have been invited to tour the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute for the opportunity to see all the remarkable work researchers do on a daily basis, as well as grasp a deeper understanding of how rewarding a career in medical research can be.

Lastly, next week the P&F Committee and parent volunteers have organised a Commonwealth Games event for the Primary School children. We wish to sincerely thank them for their work and effort in not only organising this event but also for their innovative approach in ensuring the children have a wonderful day filled with fun and excitement. I encourage parents to make themselves available to assist on the day.





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About the MARONITE ACADEMY

The Maronite Academy is an initiative undertaken by the Maronite Foundation, aimed at introducing young Lebanese immigrants around the world to their country of origin, Lebanon. It's goals are to strengthen the relationship between Lebanese residents and the diaspora and to improve the image of Lebanon in the new generation's mind to incite pride in their Lebanese roots.

Every year, extensive online courses are given about the Maronite Heritage and the History of Lebanon. Selected candidates from all over the world win an educational two-week trip to Lebanon, all expenses covered by the Maronite Foundation.

During their stay in Lebanon, the Academy lucky winners get to bond with their roots and learn more about their country of origin through specialized seminars given by prominent figures and various site visits across Lebanon.

Goals of MARONITE ACADEMY

- To re-connect the ties between the Maronites in Lebanon and their fellow Maronite diaspora across the globe
- To strengthen the Maronite Heritage and legal citizenship affiliation to the land of Cedars
- To promote Lebanon as the spiritual motherland of Maronites worldwide

History

For the seventh consecutive year, the Maronite Foundation will hold from August 3 till August 18, 2019, the Maronite Academy, a non-profit initiative, which seeks to get the youth of Lebanese immigrants acquainted with the land of their ancestors, their motherland, Lebanon.

MARONITE FOUNDATION

PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE MARONITE ACADEMY INITIATIVE, 7th ANNUAL SESSION

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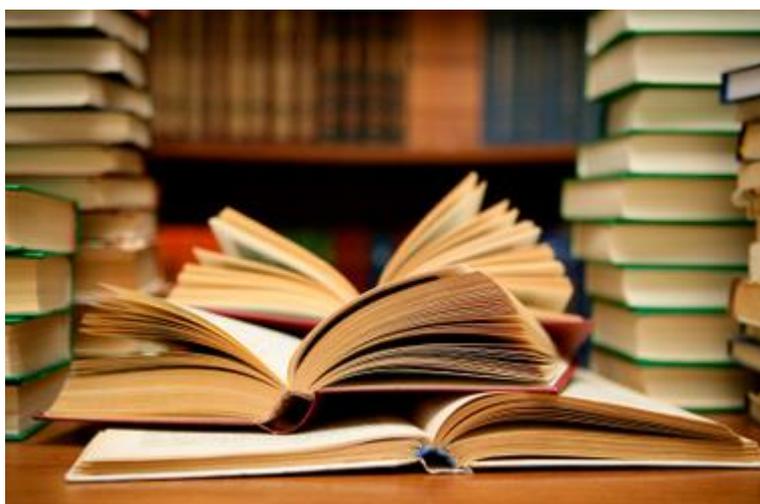


Term 4 heralds the commencement of the HSC for 2018 and it has been pleasing to see how assured and prepared students are. Reports from the Presiding Officer are that Year 12 are using their examination time effectively and the students are leaving the examinations confident that they have performed well. We wish them well with the remainder of their exams.

On Wednesday 25th October, Year 11 students and parents met with teachers to discuss student performance in the Preliminary courses and strategies to increase engagement and improve results going forward. Students also attended an HSC workshop where they were provided with information from NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) explaining the rules and procedures for the 2019 HSC, as well as information regarding moderation and scaling for the HSC. Parents who wish to know more about the NSW syllabus, grading and the HSC should visit the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) parent guide at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/parents/parent-guide>

In early 2019 the College will be running a seminar for parents to explain how they can assist their students with effective study habits and examination preparation.



Acting Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator—Mrs Jennifer Fletcher

I have the pleasure of serving as the Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator for two terms while Mrs. Panteli steps in for Mrs. Chedid who is on maternity leave. Year 8 has experienced a year of growth in many areas. In Term 4 during our Pastoral Care sessions, we will continue to build social skills and self-reflection. Our sessions will cover topics such as Cyberbullying, identifying character strengths, and developing strategies to deal with heightened emotions. In Mass, we eagerly await the Advent Season and the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The students have an opportunity to continue Christ's mission of charity through donating non-perishable food for our Christmas Hamper Appeal. Year 8 will have an Exam Block during Week 6. We encourage parents to assist in implementing a study schedule now to help their children achieve to their potential. I wish all our Year 8 families a wonderful Christmas Season and safe summer holidays.

Acting Careers and VET Coordinator—Mrs Andrea Panteli

Welcome to Term 4! Whilst Mrs Chedid is on maternity leave, I will be the relieving Careers/Vet Coordinator at St Charbel's College. I am excited to be working with the students and gaining an insight into their future career goals. As a result, there are many activities that have been planned for this term. Upcoming events include the University of Technology Law Day for a select Year 11 group, which will enable students to participate in Law lectures at UTS as well as interactive workshops at the campus. Following this, is the Energise: Believe, Lead and Success program organised by the University of Wollongong and The St George Illawarra Club for a select group of high achieving Year 10 students, which will enable them to gain valuable leadership, resilience and self-belief skills as well as prepare them for university life. Other short courses include: The Make Up Artist Academy Course and the Coffee Making Courses that will be open to Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students enhancing the skills of students and preparing them for the workforce. Finally, the Master Builders Association as well as Suttons Chullora will be coming out to St Charbel's College to discuss apprenticeship and trainee opportunities.

In the meantime, all students are invited to make an appointment to see me via email. At the initial meeting, students will undertake a personality test which will then provide career recommendations for them. Then, we will investigate various career options as well as scholarship opportunities and early entry requirements. This is a great opportunity to explore the many options available to our students. I look forward to meeting you all soon.



Every year, the Arab Bank, generous supporters of the Arts, invite select students to participate in a special art workshop based on a current exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.

This year four of our enthusiastic artists, Marylyn Alagha, Elena Alagha, Chloe Hatem and Diana Taouk were selected to create interesting artworks based on the Modernist Masters collection from the Hermitage.

Our artists engaged actively on all levels, absorbing the rich information from the lecture presented to them and experimented with wild clashing colours to create various modernist landscapes.

We were delighted that the talents of our students were recognised when the gallery panel selected Marylyn Alagha and Elena Alagha as first place recipients and Diana Taouk as second place recipient.

Congratulations to our St Charbel's College students!

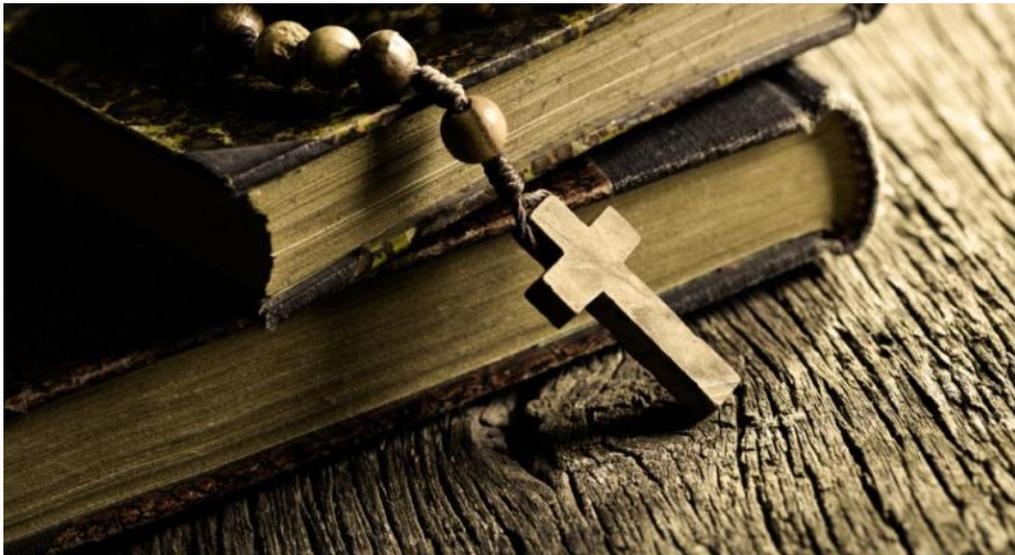


Congratulations to the students who participated in the "Mirath In Mind" Gala Day at Bankstown last Friday, representing St Charbel's College. A number of students in Years 5 and 6 competed against local Arabic bilingual schools and did a fantastic job! It was wonderful seeing the students have the opportunity to express their love for their Lebanese heritage!

The dedication and hard work of the students and St Charbel's staff helped make the day a success. In particular, Mrs Bayeh needs to be commended for her passion and hard work which made the College's participation and success possible.

First Holy Communion is fast approaching and Mrs Alam, Mrs Mansour and the Year 3 staff have been working very hard to ensure that the students are prepared for their big day. Year 3 students took part in a Spirituality Day on Friday, which was a big success and should stand out in the students' memories for a long time. The family Mass for Holy Communicants is on Sunday 28 October so this will be a lovely occasion for the First Communicants to share with their families.

On Wednesday 31 October the P & F have organised a Mini Commonwealth Games for K-6 students at Roberts Park. The students will be competing in teams comprised of Years K-2 and Years 3-6 students who will represent countries that are in the Commonwealth. Students were told the country that they will be representing at last week's assembly and excitement is starting to build. This week they have been colouring in the flag of the country that they will be representing so they can wave it on competition day. A reminder that they can wear a top featuring their country's colours on the day, along with their sports uniform shorts and running shoes.





CONGRATULATIONS FOR ANOTHER AMAZING PERFORMANCE! SAINT CHARBEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018 WINNERS.

Students from Grades Five and Six participated in "Mirath In Mind Gala Day" and represented our school on Friday 19 November in Bankstown. They competed against other Arabic bilingual schools.

The primary students represented the College and participated in different categories. They participated in multimedia projects, visual art project about an Arabic artist, theatrical performance and group folkloric dance (Dabkeh). Performances were beautiful and dazzling and no one could wipe the smiles from the students faces.

The College won awards in different categories:

Theatrical Scene: Second place- Students of Year 5 & 6

Visual Art: First place- Jessica Khalifa

High distinction- Joyce Boutros

Multimedia: Second place: Matthew Kotob.

Third place: Alexia Melhem

High Distinction: Joseph Sarkis

The dedication and hard work of the staff at the College helped make the day successful. Especially Mrs Bayeh who took charge of preparing and choreographing the student's performances and Mrs Laure Chahine for helping with the flowers and costumes.

Also, I would like commend the Year Five and Six students for the beautiful performance, the work and dedication they put and the enthusiasm they showed to express their love for their Lebanese heritage.



سنة جديدة لميراث في البال تحت عنوان مهرجانات. ميراث في البال تفتح المجالات للمدارس وطلابها لتعرف على الفن والفلكلور العربي واللبناني من خلال إشتراك في مباريات ونشاطات عديدة منها المشهد المسرحي والدبكة، الرسم والكولاج والـ"multimedia".
وكالعادة، اشتركت مدرسة مار شربل وقدم طلاب الصفي السادس والخامس عمل فني رائع جدا نهار الجمعة الواقع في ١٩ تشرين الأول على مسرح بانكستاون في يوم " Gala Day ". وكان المشهد المسرحي بعنوان "عيد العزابي" للسيدة فيروز والأخوين رحباني.
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الكولاج: المرتبة الأولى- حسيكا خليفة

شهادة امتياز- غريس بطرس

Multimedia : المركز الثاني: ماثيو قطب

المركز الثالث: ألكسيا ملحم

شهادة امتياز: جوزيف سركيس

وأن ما جعل هذا اليوم ناجحا هومثابرة وتغان السيدة نجاة البايح التي حضرت العمل الفني الجميل وساعدت الطلاب على تعلم الأغاني والرقص والدبكة على خشبة المسرح. وكذلك، عزم ومثابرة الطلاب ومشاركتهم وحبهم للتراث اللبناني.

وأحب أن أشكر السيدة لور شاهين على المساعدة التي قدمتها لإنجاح هذا الحدث. وسأترك هذه الصور تعبر عن حدث هذا اليوم.



On Friday 19th of October, Year 3 had their Spiritual Retreat. The theme of the day was, 'The Road to Emmaus.' The day began with year 3 spending some time in prayer with the Monks of Saint Charbel. They also had an opportunity to attend Reconciliation and be immersed in a variety of prayers/ Maronite hymns.

During the middle session, they were divided into groups where they took part in a number of activities around the day's theme.

In the afternoon, the parents were invited to Eucharistic Adoration. The students felt Jesus' presence and prayed whole heartedly asking Him to be with them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

We wish the Year 3 students all the best as they receive Jesus for the first time. Please keep them in your daily prayers.



Library (K-12): Mrs Christine Golz/Mrs Simone Cullinan

The library has had a very busy start to Term Four. Many thanks to Mrs Golz for her hard work in ensuring that the new Year Twelve will have their textbooks for the HSC courses and for cataloguing all of the new resources which have come into the library. Our students are very lucky to have such a wonderful collection of resources to use. Also thanks to Mrs Wakim and Ms Yammouni for processing the many new resources which have arrived.

This month our older Primary students have been listening to the story of The Peasant Prince by Li Cunxin. This book tells the story of a poor boy who becomes a famous ballet dancer. It is a touching rags to riches tale which has been made into a film. In the story Li and his father make a kite and tie paper wishes to it. Our students have been creating their own paper wishes which we will attach to a kite. Their wishes reflect the caring nature of our school community and truly reflect our motto 'To Him Be Glory.'

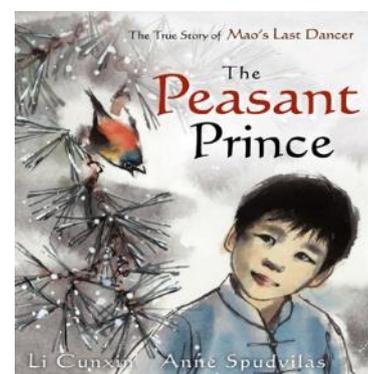
Here are some of the wishes:

I wish for sickness to end.

I wish that the whole world will have peace forever.

I wish for war to end.

I wish for Jesus to heal the sick.



Primary Sports Coordinator—Ms Catherine Zalloua

I hope everyone had a relaxing break because Term 4 is going to be a busy one! This term we have had 2 students compete in the Oz Tag Australian Junior Championships at Coffs Harbour. Ajay Chidiac from Year 3 and Annabelle Ghajar from Year 5 were selected, among other students, from the NSW Junior State Cup which was held at the beginning of the year to represent Sydney over the weekend at the tournament. They competed in back to back games from Friday to Sunday. They should be incredibly proud of this achievement as we are. Well done Ajay and Anabelle!

The Interim swimming program is this term in weeks 5 and 6. A note will be going home soon about it along with a swimming protocol outlining what is to be expected from the students and a BluFit swimming survey for you to fill out about your child's current swimming ability. The following week in Week 7 is the primary swimming carnival for Years 3-6. We hope the weather changes so we can enjoy these upcoming events!





St Charbel's P&F Committee is very excited about our upcoming Commonwealth Games on Wednesday 31st October 2018. It is going to be an exciting day for the students with fun activities planned as well as spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The students will be supplied with an apple, water and a sausage sizzle lunch. Please make sure your child wears their sports shorts, shoes and hat on the day along with a t-shirt that reflects their designated country's colours. The students will also be required to bring their own water bottle and recess. Please also ensure you put sunscreen on your child in the morning as the weather forecast is warm. The permission slip and payment must be returned to the school in order for your children to attend on the day.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on Fridays from 2.30-3.30pm. We currently have some great quality uniforms available and we welcome you to come in and have a look. If you have recently sorted through your children's uniforms and have some items that are no longer needed or do not fit please drop them in to the front office or uniform shop for us to collect. We are always looking for good quality items to add to our stock.

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th November in the school library at 7.30pm. We encourage you all to attend and support our school through the P&F.

The St. Charbel's P&F Committee's Annual General Meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7.30pm.



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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

All parents are invited to send any details or pictures of their children's exceptional honours in activities like: arts, music, sports, and so on!

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

Please ensure all overdue and final school fees are finalised ASAP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

Wed 31 P&F Mini Commonwealth Games

November:

Thur 1 All Saints Day
 Fri 2 All Souls Day
 Sun 4 Year 3 Holy Communion
 Mon 5 Year 7 Vaccinations (2nd)
 Years 10 & 11 Vaccinations
 Nov 12-23 K-6 Swimming Program
 Tues 13 Kindy Orientation & Information Day
 Wed 14 Year 12 Formal
 Tue 20 Kindy Orientation & Morning Tea
 Wed 21-Fri 23 Arts & Culture Expo
 Thur 22 Lebanese Independence Day
 Wed 28 Primary Swimming Carnival
 Fri 30 Year 6 Graduation Mass





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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:

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- The hours of operation will be as follows:
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