

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 12

Term 3, Week 10, 2017

Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

As the final days of Term 3 draw to a close, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by so many of our students, staff and parents in our College community. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated this week on 14 September. This is a very significant event in the Maronite Calendar as the liturgy of the cross is a triumphant liturgy. In order to follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross. Now more than ever during these troublesome times in the world and where we are faced with the challenge of our children and their children's future, we have the chance to "Say No" to same sex marriage as it will reap many detrimental effects on our future generations and we need to bare our cross together as one community and stand in favour to protect the rights of our churches' teachings, as willed by God in the Bible, ie. a unique relationship between a man and a woman.

"O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus"

Our Year 12 students celebrated their graduation as they concluded 13 years of school. We are very proud of all our students and we will endeavour to keep them in our prayers as they prepare for their examinations of the Higher School Certificate. We wish them all the success that the future holds for them and pray that St Charbel will be their guide and protector in their life's journey.

I wish everybody a safe, enjoyable and blessed holiday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

Mon 9	Staff Professional Development
Tues 10	Term 4 Commences
Fri 13	Year 3 Spirituality Day
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
	Creative Arts Exhibition (Fri 24 School Concert)
Tues 28	Year 7 Vaccinations
Wed 29	Primary Swimming Carnival

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 www.facebook.com/StCharbelCollege



We have a wonderful website resource which is just for parents. Please access it to discover the great range of articles which give some information regarding the pastoral curriculum **You Can Do It**. Hopefully you received the parent booklets sent out at the end of last term with reports.

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:

You Can Do It! Parents



You Can Do It!
Parents

www.youcandoitparents.com.au

To access these valuable resources, please Login at: 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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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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is remarkable how quickly the term has come to an end; we have already finished Term 3. Looking back over the past 10 weeks I can honestly say that the children this term have had some amazing experiences. Apart from being immersed in the day to day curriculum we have had some great excursions and sports gala days where the children were involved and had a marvellous time. I wanted to bring to your attention the following items as we enter into the last term.

Sport, Term 4

The children will be taking part in the swimming program next term starting from Week 6. Please make sure to read all the notes that will be sent out closer to this event.

Food

We once again request of all parents that no food is sent into school to celebrate children's birthdays or other events. The reason for this is because many children have either food allergies or intolerance to certain foods. As a College we need to make sure that the safety of the children remains paramount in all that we do, so we ask all of our parents to be very mindful of this request.

Holidays

With the Term 3 holidays nearly upon us I wanted to remind parents to ensure that the children are kept busy for at least 30 minutes of each day with some sort of school work. Reading with your child for part of that time would be ideal. Reading a good book on a consistent basis can make a big difference to your child's reading ability, so please take the time to encourage reading with your children.

Finally, I wanted to remind all of our families that next term the children will be wearing the summer uniform. I wish to also remind about hats, please make sure your child is coming to school with their school hat as we are coming into the warmer months. Additionally, I encourage all of our families to make the time to come to the annual St. Charbel's Barbecue which takes place on Saturday 7th October from 5.30pm.

I hope everyone has a most enjoyable and relaxing 2 week holiday as we prepare to come back to a very busy Term 4.

God bless,

Director of Curriculum (7-12) - Mrs Karen Jubb

On Tuesday, we farewelled our Year 12 Class of 2017 at their Graduation, and welcomed our new College Leaders and 2018 HSC cohort! The day was a beautiful celebration of our community and it was wonderful to see so many parents, relatives and ex-students join in the festivities.

The main academic event of the day was the evening ceremony, where the College came together to congratulate those students who were nominated for major awards as well as those who achieved first place in their courses.

The following students have demonstrated commitment to their community, their families and their studies and should be commended.

St Sebastian Sportsman Award: Equal – Georges Azzi + Samer Kazzi

St Sebastian Sports woman award: Michelle Saba

Caltex Best All-Rounder Award: Melissa Nassour

St Charbel's School Spirit & Religious Life Award: Elias Assaf

St John Maroun Leadership Award: Charbella Ayoub

Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award: Charbella Ayoub

Superior's Best All-Rounder Award: Selene Azzi

Principal's Award for Outstanding Commitment: Thomas Bassil

First Place in:

Claritta Chalita: Extension History

Jayden Nowfal: Business Services

Christopher Azzi: Studies of Religion 1

Alex Khoury: Industrial Technology – Furniture & Timber products

Anna Ayoub: Catholic Studies

Annalise Moussa: Senior Science

Celine Ayoub: CAFS

Charbel El Kazzi: Mathematics 2 unit

Charbella Ayoub: Textiles & Design

Christopher Azzi: IPT

Jacynta Tarraf Shalala: Music 1

Selene Azzi: Visual Arts

Maryanne El-Chidiac: General Mathematics 1

Samer Kazzi: Society & Culture

Mariam El-Azzi: Food Technology and PDHPE

Thomas Bassil: Ancient History, Modern History and Legal Studies

Charlie Chidiac: Biology, Chemistry and General Mathematics 2

Daniel El Azzi: Advanced English, Extension 1 English and Extension 2 English

George Mina: Business Studies, Economics and Studies of Religion 2

Jamie Rahme: Mathematics Ext 1, Mathematics Ext 2, Standard English and Physics





On Wednesday 13th September Kindergarten attended Golden Ridge Animal Farm. We had an amazing day and saw many animals that we have been learning about during the term, including goats, pigs, cows, horses and even alpacas! We participated in fun activities like feeding and patting the goats, milking a cow and having the opportunity to handle the baby animals. We all had a turn of holding ducklings, chicks and rabbits! Farmer Keegan showed us around the farm and taught us lots of new facts that we did not know - did you know that a baby rabbit is called a kitten?! On the way back Kindergarten was very tired, and a lot of us fell asleep on the bus!



Well done to Kindergarten for a fantastic day, and for following all instructions by their teachers!



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 3 has been a wonderfully busy Term. Great learning has taken place in Year 5 and Year 6.

Book Week had us Escaping Everywhere- to Hogwarts, the land of Oz, Japan and Panema. Book Week showcased the passion and creativity of our students as they all became their favourite book characters.

Year 5 have been out and about visiting the Sydney Observatory and looking to the stars for their science unit. They took part in a study of the skies of the Southern Hemisphere while in the planetarium and got to look at the spots on the sun through the telescope.



Year 6 have been studying Japan for Geography and were lucky enough to have members from the Japanese Consulate in Sydney visit our school. They learnt about many aspects of Japanese life and culture both traditional and modern day. Mrs Cullinan became a model and was dressed in a beautiful Japanese Kimono.

Wishing you all a restful holiday break.



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فهي قوة الله.

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اقتربت نهاية الفصل الثالث، قام القسم الابتدائي
بنشاطات واعمال كثيرة.

يوم الجمعة، اقيم قداس بمناسبة عيد الصليب
وقدم الصف الأول القداس.

نهار الأربعاء الماضي، وصل تلاميذ الروضة إلى المدرسة
ووجوههم مشعة بالفرح والبسمة. لقد قاموا برحلة إلى المزرعة
حيث تعرفوا على الحيوانات وأطعموا الخراف والماعز بأيديهم وحلبوا
البقرة. كان نهارهم جميلا ورجعوا معهم الكثير من الأخبار عن
تجربتهم في المزرعة.

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

- 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

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

During Term 3 we have been involved in CBSA boys Aussie Rules, whereby we had a fantastic young team who went through the season undefeated under the guidance of Mr. Mudlair. Unfortunately, the boys didn't play their best game of the season in the semi-final and lost to a strong Cathedral team. Congratulations boys.

We also had three girls teams participating in SCC basketball and two girls teams in SCC soccer. As always we have strong teams, who play with good commitment but unfortunately for all five teams we missed out narrowly on making the semi-finals. Better luck next year.



On a better note our senior boys futsal team went to the NSW all school state championship. Unfortunately the boys lost in the semi-finals for the 2nd time in three years but still put on a mighty fine effort to come 3rd in a 'State Championships' with over 150 schools. However, they were able to make amends in the recent CBSA 5-a-side tournament by winning comfortably 7-2. It was an impressive win and the boys deserve a big round of applause. It was also their last competitive match as a team who has been together for the best part of 5 years. So the win caps off a fine run in football competitions, they will be missed!

Finally, big congratulations to Christina El Azzi in Year 9 on achieving a 'black belt' in Taekwondo. An exceptional effort from such a fine young lady, so we know not to mess with Christina.

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 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 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 وشكراً .

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- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

St Charbel's College Chess Classes, 2017

Fridays 1:25PM - 2:05PM

Term 4

Cost: \$72

13th October - 1st December

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

enter the code **EM1N6X56SL** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)		
<i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
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Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]



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