

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

The Honorable Senator Simon Birmingham Federal Minister of Education & Training along with Mr David Coleman MP, Federal Member for Banks visited St Charbel's College on Monday, 30 October. This visit was an honor for the College as Hon Senator Birmingham along with his team visited the classes, met with students and discussed the future of education today. The positive feedback from Senator Birmingham and his team that St Charbel's is working in the right direction, investing quality training for our teachers and programs for our students is priceless. Our aim is for the future for these children, to be recognised in such a manner and credited should make each and every one of us proud. Thank you to all our teachers and students for their ongoing commitment and especially for the intercession of St Charbel in our daily lives.



We recently celebrated a walkathon & pizza day in the primary where fortunately as always our P & F Committee led by Mrs Annie El Kazzi coordinated the day despite the heat to be as always a success and an enjoyable time for all the children. Thanks to the P&F for all that you tirelessly do for the College, your work and commitment is never unnoticed.

The most joyous event of the College year, where seventy four of our Year 3 students recently celebrated the sacrament of their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 29 October. It was a joyous ceremony where our students received the body of Christ for the very first time. Thank you to our parents who instil their trust in our College in order for your children to learn their sacraments and be ready to receive Jesus. May you continue to teach your children the importance of Jesus in their life and be their guidance. Thank you also to our staff, teaching and non teaching who assisted in making this day special for our children, also to Mrs Laure Chahine who assisted in the set up on the day.

As Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven" belongs to such as these.* (Matthew 19:14).

As we begin November let us remember that this month is dedicated to the saints and the faithfully departed. May the intercession of our saints lead all souls to heaven and the faithfully departed rest in peace.



At St. Charbel's College we understand the need to provide our students with learning opportunities in every aspect of their schooling life. We particularly value the importance of providing play areas that aid a child's learning, particularly through sensory play. **Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates a child's senses: touch, smell, taste, movement, balance, sight and hearing.** Sensory activities facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore. The sensory activities allow children to refine their thresholds for different sensory information helping their brain to create stronger connections to process and respond to sensory information.

The Benefits of Sensory Play

1. Sensory play can improve language skills – playing with different types of textures and objects helps children build new ways of talking about the world
2. Sensory play helps fine motor skills – this type of play assists a child to coordinate small muscle groups
3. Sensory play is calming – Sensory play helps students regulate internal discomfort, whether that discomfort is boredom, restlessness or some other type of agitation

It is for these reasons and more that we are happy to announce the improvement of our school playground!

We aim to begin integrating sensory based playground enhancements over the course of the Christmas holiday break in preparation for the 2018 academic year. Some of our plans include the following:

Artificial grass to the lower playground area around the fountain

Play areas that include tires, wooden stumps and a twister game

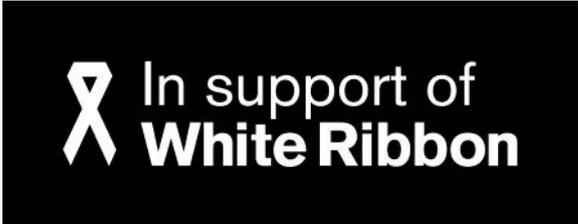
Wooden bench seating around the existing trees

Contemporary wall art

As you can appreciate, this type of enhancement is very costly. The College is making a commitment to fund the project along with the Parents and Friends committee, who have kindly agreed to utilise the money raised at the upcoming school fete to help fund the project. At this point I would like to thank the P & F who have so fervently encouraged the enhancement to our playground for the benefit of our students and their learning.

Assistant Principal Pastoral Care (K-12) - Mrs Bernadette Hems

Our school is proud to be an official White Ribbon School. This year White Ribbon Day is on Saturday 25 November. We will honour the day on Friday, 24 November. We intend to encourage our students and staff to wear a white T shirt on that day as a symbol of our stand against domestic violence. Our school will focus on caring for others and in being peace makers. We intend to collect contributions on the day and proceeds will go to families in distress. Many thanks to the White Ribbon team for their work in promoting this very important cause.



In support of
White Ribbon

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

This week ends the Higher School Certificate examination period for our students, with the final examination - Retail services - on Tuesday 7th November. Our Year 12 cohort have sat 33 different examinations over 17 days, and have represented the College and themselves admirably. Reports from the Presiding Officer have been extremely positive and we wait eagerly for the HSC Examination results in mid-December.

Students in Years 7-11 are completing final assessments over the next few weeks and we encourage them to be organised and well-prepared to ensure they achieve their personal best in all tasks. **Year 10 are scheduled for an exam block during weeks 6 and 7 and have received an email with the guidelines and schedule – they should be spending time each evening studying for these exams.** Students will be rewarded for their academic achievements at the Speech Night and awards presentations in week 9.

It is timely to remind parents that we have already conducted two parent interview days in 2017 and that we no longer hold formal parent interviews in Term 4. If there are any urgent academic or pastoral matters that need to be addressed, parents will be contacted by the relevant coordinator or faculty head. Students' reports will be posted to parents in week 9. If you have changed address, please notify the administration office as soon as possible.

Dear Parents,

We are half way through the term already, this has happened very quickly. I wish to bring to your attention a few things as we approach the last few weeks.

Disco - The P&F have organised a Disco for the children to take place on Friday, 17 November. There will be many activities organised with a variety of food on offer. I encourage families to make the time to attend as I am sure there will be a lot of fun to be had by all.

Swimming Program - Please ensure that you are familiar with the swimming program dates for your child. This is a compulsory program for all of the children. It provides an important provision for the children to learn to swim and ensures their safety in and around water. Some information has been sent out with the children to outline protocols, please ensure you are familiar with this.

Attendance - I wish to stress the importance of consistent school attendance for your child, most especially during this time of the term where teachers are completing a range of assessments to ensure that the learning has been consolidated. Additionally, student reports are currently being organised and completed and your child's attendance ensures that all curriculum outcomes have been covered through the teaching and learning programs.

On another note, I wish to thank the P&F for their amazing work and assistance with the Walkathon. The children had an amazing day where they thoroughly enjoyed the activity organised. We also had a magnificent sausage sizzle to top off a really fun event.

Finally, I wish to sincerely congratulate our Year 3 children on their celebration of the Holy Communion sacrament. It was a most beautiful day where our St. Charbel's College community came together united as one family. As usual it was a magnificent occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all. God bless.

Library News - Ms Christine Golz and Mrs Simone Cullinan

The Digital Library of Canterbury-Bankstown

Have you discovered your local public library? Your local library provides access to a wonderful range of resources and services, including free homework help. In the city of Canterbury-Bankstown there are 10 libraries. You can find their locations here:

<https://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/community/library-knowledge-centres/locations-memberships/local-library-information>

Libraries today are not just about books. They also have an amazing collection of digital resources which can be accessed from home for free with your library card. The eLibrary provides students with reliable online resources from K-12.

Students can access the Britannica Encyclopedia Online, State Library Resources, journal articles and online data bases, just to name a few! You can search the eLibrary here:

<https://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/community/library-knowledge-centres/eresources>

I would encourage all students at the College to take advantage of the free digital resource collection and join their local library. All public libraries provide an eLibrary service, no matter where you live.



Textbook lists for next year have been distributed to years 6 to 11. Please return any orders for textbooks to the library WITHOUT MONEY by Friday, 1st of December 2017.

A representative of Yorke Educational Centre will be at the school on Tuesday, 30th of January 2018, from 8.30am until 12pm, selling textbooks, filling orders and taking payment for orders.

Do not send cash with your order. The Library will accept unpaid orders until Friday, 1st of December 2017. No forms will be accepted after this date. Instead either order online or purchase on the 30th of January 2018.

A **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

LOST PROPERTY

There is a box of lost property located in the high school with many articles of clothing with no names on them. In particular there are many sports jackets and jumpers. There are also many water bottles, pencil cases and textbooks. If your child has lost any items please ask them to check the lost property box located outside of Mrs. Jubb's office. They will be donated to the P&F Uniform Shop if they have not been collected by the end of the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Mon 13	Kindergarten (2018) Information Evening Year 10 Examination (until Friday 17 Nov)
Wed 15	Year 12 Formal
Fri 17	P & F Primary Disco Year 8 Surfing Excursion
Mon 20	Infants Swimming Program (until Friday 1 Dec)
Tues 21	Kindergarten (2018) Orientation Day
Wed 22	Lebanon Independence Day
Wed 22-24	Creative Arts Exhibition (Fri 24 School Concert)
Tues 28	Year 7 Vaccinations
Wed 29	Primary Swimming Carnival

December

Fri 1	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 4	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Tues 5	K-11 End of Year Mass
Wed 6	Secondary School Speech Night
Thurs 7	Secondary School Sports Award Ceremony Primary Semester 2 Awards Ceremony
Fri 8	Last Day of Term 4

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.

Congratulations to our amazing performers from the Year 6 and Year 5 classes.

Groups of students from Year 5 and 6 represented Saint Charbel's College, Friday the 19th of October 2017, at the "Gala Day" in Bankstown for Mirath in Mind. They performed against other numerous bilingual (Arabic) schools from NSW. Our primary students took part in various categories, namely drawing or multimedia projects, duet singing, theatrical performance and group folkloric dance (Dabkeh).

The College won awards in different categories:

Theatrical Scene - "Sahrat Hobb": First place (Group from Year 5 & 6)

Group Dabkeh - Hadouni Haddouni: First place (Group from Year 5 & 6)

Duet singing - Fourth place (Grace Azzi Year 6 & Charbel Dagher Year 5)

Drawing- Excellent Achievement (Grace Shalala Year 5)

Multimedia- Excellent Achievements (Mariam Harb & Jad Haidar Year 5)

I would like to thank everyone who made this day memorable and successful in particular Mrs Najat Bayeh who prepared the students day after day and the parents along with the teachers who encouraged their children to participate in the activities.

I am pleased to announce that our students were brilliant, amazing and their performances are to be commended. The smiles on their faces showed how much they enjoy to be part of such event. I will let the photos below speak for themselves about the enjoyment and the talent of our precious students.

تهانينا لطلاب مدرسة مار شربل على أدائهم الجميل!
يوم الجمعة ١٩ تشرين الأول ٢٠١٧، مثلت معهد مار شربل، مجموعات من طلاب الصف الخامس والسادس في "Gala Day" لـ "ميراث في البال" في بانكستاون. وقد قام الطلاب بمباراة تجاه مدارس أخرى متعددة من نيو ساوث ويلز. شارك طلابنا في فئات مختلفة منها الرسم، Multimedia، والغناء، والتمثيل - لوحة مسرحية، والرقص الفولكلوري (الدبكة). فاز الطلاب على جوائز من فئات مختلفة:

المشهد المسرحي - سهرة حب: المركز الأول

الدبكة - هدوني هدوني: المركز الأول

الغناء الثنائي - المركز الرابع

الرسم - شهادة امتياز

Multimedia - شهادة امتياز

أود أن أشكر كل من جعل هذا اليوم ناجحاً وخاصة السيدة نجاة البايح التي أعدت الطلاب يوماً بعد يوم، وساعدتهم على الغناء المتوازن والإداء الجميل على خشبة المسرح. كما وأشكر الطلاب على عزمهم ومثابرتهم ومشاركتهم وحبهم للتراث اللبناني وعملهم الدؤوب لإنجاح هذا المشروع الكبير.

يسرني أن أعلن أن أداء طلابنا كان رائعاً. فالابتسامات ظهرت على وجوههم لأنهم كانوا فرحين و فخورين بأن يكونوا جزءاً من هذا الحدث. سأترك هذه الصور تتحدث عن مواهب طلابنا.



إستلام جائزة الرسم- غريس شلالا.



إستلام الجائزة الأولى للوحة مسرحية- سهرة حب. مجموعة طلاب من الصف الخامس والسادس



إستلام جائزة الغناء الثنائي – غريس قزي و شربل داغر.



إستلام الجائزة الأولى للرقص الفلكلوري- الدبكة. مجموعة طلاب من الصف الخامس والسادس



إستلام جائزة Multimedia – جاد حيدر و مريم حرب.

يا يسوع جاين، ل عندك جاين

يوم الأحد الماضي الواقع في ٢٩ تشرين الأول ٢٠١٧، بأصوات عالية، دخل طلاب الصف الثالث إلى الكنيسة وبقلوبهم البيضاء النقية، أخذوا القربانة الأولى وهم يرنمون "يا يسوع جاين". ألف مبروك.





في العشرين من الشهر الماضي، أقامت لجنة " ميراث في البال " يومها السنوي "The Gala Day" في نادي بانكستاون الرياضي

حيث قدّم كثير من المدارس المشتركة عروضاتهم على مسرح النادي . وقد تميّز هذا النهار بالأعمال الفنية من تراث في الرقص والغناء والتّمثيل ومن أعمال ثقافية كالرّسم و آل "Multimedia". و حصيلة هذا النهار كانت مراتب أولى لطلابنا في كثير من الأعمال:

ففي أسئلة الفيلم السينمائي حازت إفلين خليفة على المرتبة الأولى في الصّف التاسع وحاز أندرو عبّود على المرتبة الأولى في الصّف السابع وعلى المرتبة الثالثة ساشا نجيم.

وفي المسرح الغنائي حلّت فرقة الذبّكة في المرتبة الأولى و هُنّ:

روانا صعب، أماندا سلاك، أنجلين أنطون، سيلين إسكندر، كلوي بستاني، كريستينا ترس، دانيا لا شليطا، إيلينا ألاغا، ماري لين ألاغا، نتاشا نورا، بادوفا صوما ورببكا ساندروسي.

أمّا في فئة ال Multimedia فقد حلّت روانا صعب في المرتبة الأولى

وفي فئة الرّسم حلّت إيلينا ألاغا في المرتبة الأولى وروانا صعب في المرتبة الثالثة

وفي فئة الغناء الثّنائي فاز في المرتبة الثّالثة أنطونيا وشربل شاهين.

تهانينا القلبية لجميع طلابنا الذين اشتركوا بميراث في البال 2017 ونتمنّى لهم النّجاح الدائم كما نشكر السيّدة لور شاهين التي أعطت كثيراً من وقتها في تدريب فرقة الذبّكة والسيّدة جمال كيروز التي أشرفت على هذا العمل.





On Thursday the 2nd of November the Year 11 cohort, had the pleasure of attending a very engaging presentation by the White Stone team and Subdeacon Joseph Maatouk. The presentation covered the key topic "party drugs", their psychological impacts, long term and short term effects, and the impacts on an individual's bio-psychosocial make up. Year 11 asked many questions and were grateful for the experience and knowledge gained.

Secondary Sport Coordinator - Mr Frederick Zalloua

Term 3 Sport has started off in fantastic fashion. As always in the high school students get an extensive range of sports to experience. An example of this is Year 10 grade sport. This term Year 10 boys have a great opportunity to build strength and confidence through Parkour. This type of activity allows students to be more in tune with their bodies strengths and weaknesses whilst allowing them to push the limits in a super facility with great coaches.

In representative sports both boys and girls are competing in touch football and volleyball, so far so go with Junior and Intermediate girls undefeated and Senior boys touch also undefeated. We wish all teams continued success.

Finally, I wish to highlight the importance of making sure that all students come prepared to sport paying particular attention to the hot weather conditions, hence I encourage all students to bring water bottles, wear a hat and apply sunscreen.

Creative Arts/TAS Faculty - Mrs Maryrose Maatouk

The Creative Arts / TAS Faculty is proud to present the annual 2017 Exhibition and Performances. Parents and Friends are invited to attend the Opening Evening on Wednesday 22nd November in the Multipurpose Hall. The evening will be an exhibition viewing of student works with refreshments prepared and served by our own Food Technology students. A select number of Music students will perform acoustically while you view the wonderful array of works from Visual Arts, Textiles, Woodwork and Technology classes on display. The Performances including Music, Drama and a Fashion Parade will be held on Thursday 23rd November from 9:10-10:50 in the Multipurpose hall. The exhibition will remain open till Friday during school hours for your viewing. Keep an eye out for the invitation which will be going home with students shortly.

Last Friday 27th October students from Visual Art and Photography braved the elements and visited the beautiful shores of Bondi and Clovelly beach to view "Sculpture by the Sea". Students and teachers enjoyed the fantastic, large sculptures that lined the shores to appreciate and gain inspiration for their own Art making.

The HSC major projects in all Creative Arts/ TAS subjects have now been marked and returned to the school. We ask all students to collect these after the Creative Arts exhibition.



Year 9 Report - Miss Manelle Michael



As you may know, October is the month of the Rosary, but it is also Mental Health Awareness month. As such, the Year 9 PC team thought it would be a great idea to have all Year 9 students make their very own Rosary Beads from scratch, to remind them that not only is the Rosary a powerful weapon against evil and beautiful form of prayer and devotion to Our Lady, but also a very meaningful way to revitalise our mental health and wellbeing. Mrs Ann Hassarati, our resident expert on Rosary-making, was kind enough to offer her time to assist in instructing the students, and Fr Maroun gladly blessed their beautiful beads at the end of Mass on Tuesday. It was a lovely session that the students greatly enjoyed. I encourage them to use their Rosaries to inspire greater prayer at home with the whole family.

Year 7 Report—Mr Charlie Shalala

Late last term we celebrated *RUOK?* Day with thought-provoking and interactive activities that helped develop our children's skills in supporting a friend.

This was followed up in October with a Pastoral Care session where students shared what they enjoy doing when they are not in a good *headspace*. <https://www.headspace.org.au/>

Examples included: praying, exercise, talking to a friend, playing handball, listening to music and hanging out with family.

We then played a range of board games, UNO and Trouble among other favourites – another awesome way to help you feel better.

Our children had lots of fun interacting with their peers and teachers!

The next Pastoral Care session, which is in Week 5, will be an opportunity for students to work on upcoming assignments and exams under the guidance of their teachers.

Year 11 Economics RBA Excursion - Miss Manelle Michael

On Wednesday, 18 October, 2017, the current Year 11 Economics class attended an excursion to the Reserve Bank of Australia in Martin Place, Sydney. The class listened to a lecture by a senior economist at the RBA whose current role is to analyse changes in markets in China, and report back to Australian policy makers about the possible effects of these changes on Australia's economy. The students also learnt about the various security features that our currency has, and how our currency is produced and distributed throughout the economy. I was very proud of the way our students conducted themselves during the presentation, and how they carried themselves and represented the College in public. I look forward to seeing great things from our future SCC economists!



We are so proud of our Year 6 students.

At the end of last term Anthony Jaja in 6L received an award as part of Bankstown Council's Young Leader Award. Anthony was recognised for his inspirational leadership and his tireless service to our school community. Anthony lives out the motto of Saint Mary Mackillop, never see a need without doing something about it. Congratulations Anthony.

Congratulations to Joshua Tamer in Year 6L who received the Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises those students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did. Joshua was nominated for the award by his teachers and Mrs Harb. He attended the award ceremony with Mrs Hems which was held in NSW Parliament House where he received his certificate from Gabi Hollows and The Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister of Education. We are very proud of Joshua for this achievement.

Our Chess classes this year have been a great success. We have over 20 students from Years 1 to 6 attending these classes each week. Many of our chess champions have earned awards and medals for their achievements. Our students have shown enjoyment, great skill and development in their chess strategies. Chess will be running again next year so keep a look out for more information in Week 1 next term.

This year Stage 3 participated in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge and we are happy to report that 61 students from Years 5 and 6 completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. That is a record for our school. It is great to see so many students being enthusiastic about reading.

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 students who have worked hard to complete their applications for SRC 2018. They are now working hard on their speeches and will soon be invited to attend an interview to share their goals and hopes for our student leadership team. We look forward to meeting with each of the candidates and electing our new SRC for 2018.

Ministers Visit—Ms Giuseppina Badrous

As many of you are aware, we are currently involved in a 4-year action plan referred to as LNAP 2 to improve our students' Literacy and Numeracy skills in K-2. As part of this action plan David Coleman MP, Federal Member for Banks, and the Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham, visited St Charbel's College on Monday 30th October.

After a brief presentation explaining how the Government funding is being used to improve teacher capacity, improve student learning in Literacy and Numeracy, provide assessment, early response to learning intervention and build teacher expertise, our visitors engaged with representatives of our student leadership teams both Primary and High school. The Ministers were delighted by the thoughtful, passionate and insightful responses of our SRC.

Following light refreshments, our guests visited our primary school where they observed an explicit teaching lesson in KA by Miss Yvette Attard. Kindergarten was amazing and showcased their improved phonics and writing skills.

We thank the Hon. Simon Birmingham and the Hon. David Coleman MP for visiting us and for their positive feedback regarding our school's commitment to learning.



Stage 1 Coordinator - Mrs Jessica Zeitouni

In Term 4 Year 2 have been enjoying their Science unit *All Mixed Up!* Students have been learning about materials that don't mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. Through hands-on investigations, students have been exploring how changing the quantities of materials in a mixture can alter its properties and uses. To enhance their experience Year 2 collaborated with Year 8 to complete the slime making experiment in the High School science labs. This was a fantastic experience for the Year 2 children as they were able to not only complete the experiment with a Year 8 student but also use an array of materials and instruments that they would not have had the chance to use in the Year 2 classroom. Thank you to the Science Coordinator, Ms Therese Roumanous, the Year 8 Science teachers and the Year 8 students for their warm hospitality in allowing us to collaborate with them.



Early Stage 1 Coordinator - Miss Yvette Attard

Term 4 is well underway and is flying by so quick. It is almost time to send our sensible and mature Kindies to Year 1! They are definitely proving to be ready for the change, having settled back in to routine quickly and with ease.

During Week 3 Kindergarten enjoyed participating in the annual St Charbel's College Walkathon. It was great to see so many students excited to join in. Instead of walking to Robert's Park, Kindy completed some laps of the primary and high school playground. Afterwards we enjoyed a sausage sizzle!

Housekeeping:

Coming up we have the swimming program in Weeks 7 and 8. It is a good idea to start teaching children how to dress independently. This includes tying shoe laces! During Term 3, all three Kindergarten classes will be holding a Mass or Paraliturg. All parents are invited to attend.

KA- Week 4

KH- Week 5

KG- Week 6

Please ensure that your child has a school hat in their bag, especially as it is really starting to heat up now!



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