

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 3

Term 1, March 2018

Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

We are soon approaching the end of another busy term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community, leadership, staff, parents and students for their hard work and commitment to St Charbel's College. Our College is blessed to have the mutual commitment of all working together at home and at school to offer and receive quality education and leadership.

The College recently welcomed Rev Fr Professor Hady Mahfouz, Second Assistant General to Superior General of the Lebanese Maronite Order at a whole school assembly. Fr Mahfouz is visiting Sydney to participate in Holy Week and assist with the Aged Care project. His visit is of great significance during this Easter season as "The Lord's most powerful message" is mercy! It is through the roots of traditions of our predecessors in the Lebanese Maronite Order, of our parents and grandparents that our aging generation will be given the mercy of our future generation, who stand before us and we gratefully acknowledge who by being a Lebanese, of our faith, value the role that the Lebanese Maronite Order plays in strengthening our faith across the continents to hold tradition, to respect and love their parents and show compassion as Christians. We pray that Fr Mahfouz's stay with us will be rewarding in every way.

I would also like to invite all the families to partake in the Holy Week prayers and the Easter Triduum at our parish where, as Christians, we celebrate the saving work God has accomplished in Christ. On these days, we fix our eyes on the Holy Mystery of His cross and we fill our hearts and ears with the words of His Gospel. This year, St Charbel's parish is holding the Good Friday liturgy at 10.30am in Arabic and 3.30pm in English.

Let us remember God's love and compassion revealed on the Cross. At Easter, we rejoice for the light of resurrection pierces the darkness of death, revealing that death does not have the last word. As Maronite Catholics, we are defined by the Resurrection, by life and by hope in Jesus Christ.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. May our Lord Jesus Christ, redeemer and risen Saviour bless you and your families.

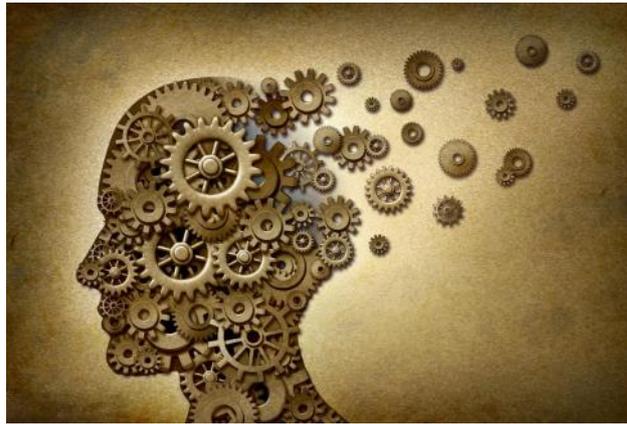


RELIGION NEWS – PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Philosophy club... wow! Where do we even start? Each week, Jacinta Sassine would come in on a Tuesday lunch to deepen and expand our philosophical minds. Our first meeting was an introduction to Philosophy and its different branches, such as Metaphysics, Logic and Ethics. We also looked at different philosophers, particularly in Ancient Greece. Plato's allegory of the cave was complicated, but very interesting. We then moved on to Aristotle's theory of matter and form and his definition of the hierarchy of souls. Saint Thomas Aquinas built upon Aristotle's theories which underpin Christian understanding of the soul. That's all we got up to, but we can't wait for our next meeting and when we look at different branches of philosophy. A big thanks to Jacinta Sassine for making the time to come every Tuesday to deepen our knowledge and cultivate our love of learning. A special thanks to Mrs Mansour for making this club

possible. We encourage all those with a love of philosophy or an interest in learning about it to join!

Cleah Ayoub and Jad Boutros, Year 10



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

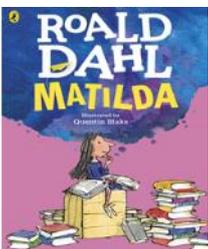
At St Charbel's College Library we aim to foster a lifelong love of reading in our students. We ask our College parents and carers to work in partnership with us in this endeavour.

One of the best ways to encourage your children to read at home is to share a book together. Our Infant students choose books to take home to share with an adult and have it read to them.

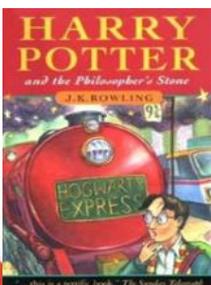
Current research suggests there are benefits for children if we continue to read to them, even when they know how to read themselves. You can read more about the benefits of reading to older children here:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/read-aloud-to-children/>

Here are two suggestions for wonderful read aloud books to share with older children (middle primary and above). Happy Reading!



Matilda by Roald Dahl. This is a very funny story about a clever little girl who and her rather horrible family! You will all laugh out loud as Matilda navigates her way through an unkind world and triumphs at the end.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Many of us have seen the films but the books are so much better! Owls, wizards, and strange train stations are all part of the fun

Year 12 students took part in different activities that may assist them in managing their anxiety level. The aim of this workshop was to assist the students with strategies to manage and cope with the anxiety especially with half yearly examinations scheduled in Week 10 and 11.

We had 4 stations:

- Colouring in
- Christian meditation
- Sporting activity: basketball
- “Lean on one another and share your problem” discussion session.

Each station was led by a teacher and each group had to rotate every 10 minutes between stations.

A huge thank you for the teachers who went far and beyond expectations to make this PC session **Joyful** to year 12.

At the end of PC students appeared to be **Joyful** and very **calm**!!



Daniel Azzi and Rebecca Moubarak were invited to attend the School Leaders Awards 2018 which was held today at Belmore Boy's High School.

It is with pleasure that the College announces that both these students received a leadership award, presented by Tony Burke and Jihad Dib.



The Year 12 Community and Family Studies class along with Miss George, joined the Maronites on Mission organisation to get an insight in the life of a homeless person.

One of the areas of study in CAFS is 'Groups in Content', where we study the issue of homelessness in depth and try to understand their inequities. On the 8th of March we had the opportunity to go out and see what the homeless experience and had the chance to also offer our help. We stopped at two places. One outside Woolloomooloo police station and the other in Martin Place. We helped Maronites on a Mission by unpacking the food boxes, put our gloves on and distributed the food while the homeless people lined up waiting. Every student had a different section to serve. It was a great experience to see the look on the homeless people's faces and see the joy and happiness when giving out the food. Feeding the homeless people and experiencing it makes you realise that you have to be grateful and thankful for what you have also changes your perspective on the world. I would definitely want to experience this again and ask others to come along so they can experience the joy of giving to the less fortunate. In my future visits, I would love to hear the stories homeless people have to share.

Vanessa R Bechara Year 12 CAFS student



The Creative arts/TAS students and teachers are well and truly involved in their first projects for the year. The year 12 students have begun their Music, Visual Art, Industrial Technology and Textiles projects. We look forward to some very creative and quality outcomes. Around the classes you can hear Music students strum guitars, Art students pottering away making their clay pots, Textiles students sewing their active wear or textile arts and Drama students working on character development. Year 7 Technology students are exploring coding to produce solutions to problems or design interiors of rooms and fabulous looking bags. Our Food Technology students have begun developing their culinary skills, the Photographers in year 9 have produced a "key hole" camera to understand the basics of Photography. These are just some of the many wonderful activities underway in the Creative Art/TAS rooms.

We have had a number of excursions this term. Year 11 and 12 Textiles students visited the Stitches and Craft show on the 9th March where they studied 2017 student major projects and attended a seminar led by a HSC marker. Students were able to gain great insight into the requirements of a high quality project and portfolio. Year 11 and 12 Industrial Technology students attended a HSC seminar and exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum where they were also able to gain insight into high quality major projects in Timber and furniture products. Year 12 Visual Art students attended a seminar and the Art Express exhibition at Hazelhurst gallery earlier in the term. Year 12 Food Technology visited Pure gelato in Croydon Park to understand the processes involved in Food Manufacture.

The "luck of the Irish" was with St Charbel's and one of our 2017, year 12 Visual Art students whose work was entered and exhibited in The Clancy prize for Religious Art. The Exhibition was opened on Friday 16 March at ACU in Strathfield. The beautiful work of Selene Azzi was chosen for the School of Education Award. The news is even more exciting as the University has expressed interest in purchasing the work for display at the Uni. We are very proud of Selene and her work produced under the guidance of her art teacher Ms Huggett. Selene's older sister Stephanie also won a Clancy prize award in 2008. Ms Huggett, Ms Williams and myself had a lovely evening admiring the extraordinary work of young artists from Catholic schools around Sydney.

Included are a photograph of Seline Azzi's work and a screen shot of year 7 Technology Coding.



شعيني مباركة للجميع

أحد الشعانين هو ذكرى اليوم الذي دخل فيه يسوع أورشليم على حمار، وهناك استقبله أهلها وفرشوا الأرض بثيابهم وحمل الأطفال أغصان الزيتون تعبيراً عن الفرح بوصول الملك. يوم الأربعاء الماضي، وضع طلاب صفوف الروضة على رؤوسهم أغصان النخل وهم يهتفون "هوشعنا هوشعنا". وقد سمعت اصواتهم يغنون أغنية "اليوم عيد اليوم فرح، اليوم عيد الشعيني" مستقبليين يسوع في قلوبهم.



تراتيل الآلام تسمع عاليًا في المدرسة. "يا شعبي وصحبي"

اخذ يسوع خبزاً وشكر وكسر وناول تلاميذه قائلاً: هذا هو جسدي، وكذلك بعد العشاء، اخذ الكأس وقال: خذوا اشربوا منه كلكم، هذا هو دمي، دم العهد الجديد، الذي يهرق من اجلكم وفي هذه الذكرى قدم تلاميذ الصف الثالث قصة العشاء السري. تهانينا على الإداء الرائع!

Primary School RE Coordinator—Mrs Mary Wells

Our students are growing in Faith. Evidence of this is everywhere. We pray together and learn to recognise our steps along the way.

During the Season of Great Lent we have looked at our weaknesses and tried to overcome them-learning to cooperate with others in work and play. Students and their families have been very generous with Project Compassion. Let us all make an extra effort in this last week of Lent and Holy Week.

Mini Liturgies have been held as we lead up to the Holy time of Jesus Passion. Students from all grades have participated in telling the Gospel recounts of what happened. Much gratitude is owed to the teachers who prepared the student for their roles.

Our feast day celebrations this term have included Wearing Green for St Patrick and making a St Joseph's altar to collect the food for the poor. As usual, our families were very generous and many food parcels were collected for the Maronite on Mission.



Newsletter Reading Room News—Ms Sue Durham

The Reading Room has been the hive of activity all term and the results are now becoming obvious as we see the fluency levels of the children attending lessons there increasing.

There are Reading Intervention lessons with Ms Durham. Speaking from experience over many years, it is extremely rewarding to see the children becoming confident readers and watching their self esteem grow. The children who come to Ms Durham are fortunate to have Mrs Moana Tawk give up her time to come in to listen to them read and to help build their Literacy skills. Our photo shows Mrs Tawk working with Simon during his reading time. I think both enjoy the lessons!

Year 3 children benefit from group reading with Mrs Soueif and Mrs Abraham and sitting in the same room as these lessons take place is amazing as it is so obvious that the teachers are very dedicated and the children enjoy their learning experience in these great programs. Look at the photos to see how much learning, as well as fun, takes place in the Reading Room!



St Charbel's Kikoff Football Program

I'm happy to announce that St. Charbel's College has joined forces with Kikoff Canterbury. Kikoff has 4 state of the art football facilities across Sydney including one at Lakemba. Kikoff has more kids football programs than anyone else at the best prices.

We are extremely happy that we will be able to offer Kikoff's Soccer Programs to our St. Charbel's College community. Initially we will be focussing on Kindergarten through to Year 9 students.

Kikoff Football Coaching Program has the aim to "Become THE leading youth development structure, igniting a passion for football and improving and progressing as many individuals as possible to a future involved in the game". Kikoff provides an enjoyable, supportive and encouraging environment for players, coaches and families.

Kikoff encourages the development of character, self-confidence and the skills to enable each player to fulfil their potential as an athlete, team player and leader all under the guidance of highly qualified and professional coaches.

So if you are interested mark down the following dates.

Free Open Day on Friday 6th April from 4pm-6pm at the Canterbury Centre. During this session the children will get to experience the Kikoff way.

The **School Holiday Program** during the second week of the break between **April 23rd – 27th not including April 25th (ANZAC Day)**. This program normally costs \$250 but Kikoff are offering us 20% discount off the early bird price of \$199, so it will cost \$160.

For more information please see Ms Catherine Zalloua or Mr Frederick Zalloua.



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!

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 onto info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au

**Singing brings out
the best in your
child!**



The **Australian Youth Choir** benefits boys and girls from 7 years of age upwards to discover their vocal talent, learn to sing, develop their musicianship and performance skills, and make new friends.

Singing in a choir stimulates the mind and imagination, with research showing it has a profound effect on a child's general learning of literacy and numeracy as well as health and wellbeing.

Our programme consists of weekly rehearsals in school term, workshops and 2 concerts a year.



Call us **1300 761 039**

Or visit our website www.niypaa.com.au
to talk about joining now

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.

2019 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2019 are currently open. We invite prospective families to visit the College administration office to collect an enrolment pack. Please be aware that the enrolment application deadline is Thursday *April 12*.

Coles Sports for Schools

Please send all of your Coles Sports for Schools to the front office for collection. The deadline for this is *April 3rd*. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

Ethnic School Classes

Ethnic School Classes are available for students and adults.

Classes are held every Friday 4.30 – 6.30pm and enrolments are now open!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Thurs 29

Holy Thursday
Staff Spirituality Day

Fri 30

Good Friday

April

Mon 2

Easter Monday

Wed 4

Parent Teacher Interim Interviews

Fri 6

Year 10 Spirituality Day

Tue 3-Fri 13

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Mon 9

Primary Athletics Carnival

Tues 10

College Open Tour Day (Bookings Only)

Thurs 12

2019 Enrolment Applications Deadline

Fri 13

Last Day of Term 1

Mon 16-Fri 27

School Holidays

Wed 25

Anzac Day

Mon 30

Term 2 Commences

Anzac Day Ceremony

May

Tues 1

External Allwell Testing

Mon 7-Fri 11

2019 Kindergarten Interviews

Thurs 3

Mother's Day Stalls

Wed 9

Mother's Day Stalls

Year 12 Report Interviews

Fri 11

Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea

Sun 13

Mother's Day

Mon 14-Fri 25

Healthy Harold

Tues 15-Thu 17

NAPLAN tests

Sun 20

Pentecost Sunday

Wed 23

Year 10 Allwell Testing



Kids@Weldon



Kids@Weldon



Kids@Weldon

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

- 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 have enrolment packages and information about our programs.

[Kids @ Weldon:](#)



Before & After School Care Contact Details:

Centre co-ordinator: Souraya Maatouk

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au