

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

In our first newsletter for Term 2, I would like to warmly welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everybody an abundant term. I would particularly like to thank our students and staff for their participation and cooperation on our first day back, in which we commemorated Anzac Day. The success of such an important event involves the commitment and team effort of all staff, teaching, non-teaching as well as students who thankfully came together to make this a very special day to commemorate Anzac Day as a College and Community.

We at St Charbel's College seek to instil in our students a pride in not only their Lebanese and Maronite heritage, but also their Australian roots and I was very humbled and proud of our students.

May is dedicated to the month of Mary, the Mother of God, our eternal mother. St Charbel's College is very grateful for the kindness and generosity of our mother's in particular the Parent's & Friends Committee who have devoted their time to organising the Mother's Day stalls and hosting the Mother's Day morning tea.

I would like to wish each and every one of our mothers, those present and in spirit a very blessed & Happy Mother's Day. May you be the image of Mother Mary to your children and those around you.

*"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can love her more than Jesus did." Saint Maximilian Kolbe*



*“On ANZAC Day, above all days, we remember those Australian men and women who died or suffered in the great tragedy of war.*

*On the morning of April 25th, 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli, and it was then and in the violent campaign which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was forged. The elements of that tradition have inspired and offered an enduring example to later generations of Australians.*

*Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who died or were injured in their service to this country. They enrich our nation’s history. Their hope was for the freedom of mankind and we remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship.*

*Not only do we honour the memory of those Australians who have fallen in battle; we share the sorrow of those who have mourned them and of all who have been the victims of armed conflict.”*

**On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April our school commemorated ANZAC Day with a very respectful and informative service. We were honoured to have in our presence three World War Two veterans who wore their medals with pride. The assembly was provided with music by two bag pipe players as well as a bugle player. The guest speaker Terry Corcoran, President of Bankstown RSL sub-branch gave a very informative speech on the significance of poppies, rosemary, dawn services, ANZAC Day marchers and ANZAC biscuits. An ANZAC commemoration plaque was unveiled at the Memorial Square by Father Superior Louis Ferkh and Father Maroun Youssef. Our students made significant contributions to the commemoration service with the Year9/10 Elective History students preparing the PowerPoint presentations. Liam El Azzi gave an emotional presentation on Private Victor Mahboub , a fallen Lebanese-Australian soldier who served in World War Two. Heba Matar led “The Ode” and Pamela Kazzi read the famous war poem “In Flanders Field”. The Master of Ceremonies Daniel Azzi and Rebecca Moubarak performed admirably and our sound and visual students also did a superb job. Finally I would like to congratulate our Primary School students who contributed to the Wall of Remembrance by making over 800 poppies.**

*“On this day we remember with sympathy those Australians who have suffered as prisoners of war, and those who, because of war, have had their lives shortened or handicapped.*

*We recall staunch friends and allies, and especially those of the first ANZAC Day.*

*May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.”*



## *Resilience in Action: Kate Fitzsimons' powerful talk with Year 10-12.*

Tuesday 8 May: *"Kate used such a tragedy to provide us with life-long tools in obtaining the skill of perseverance - ways of bouncing back from life's difficulties. This included skills such as one taking control of their emotions, to face them front on in order to be able to shift places of fears and darkness into places of light and gratitude. Lara Sarkis, Year 12.*



*"We were able to learn an important and necessary life lesson after hearing Kate's inspiring story."* **Peter Abou Saleh, Year 11.**

*"Kate approached the situation by stating, "You can't change what you refuse to confront." She therefore initiated the 'Nicole Fitzsimons Foundation' in willingness to "save as many others from encountering her sister's tragic fate." Through the foundation, Kate has raised awareness to over 30,000 students in Australia as to why safety should never be compromised whilst traveling overseas."* **Jennifer Harb, Year 11.**



*"This very valuable presentation allowed the students to be able to understand that there are positive possibilities hidden in every unfair, unkind and unpredictable situation, giving all a sense of empowerment and further trust in the Lord."* **Lara Sarkis, Year 12.**



*"The presentation allowed us to reflect on and question our efforts to improve our response in times of hardship. Kate's touching and relatable anecdote regarding the unfortunate death of her sister was a good catalyst of resilience and thus resonated with us."* **James Harb, Year 11 SRC.**

To find out more, visit [www.katefitzsimons.com](http://www.katefitzsimons.com)

### **YEAR 12 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Year 12 students and Maronites on Mission "serving Christ through serving others".

We continue to live the message of **JOY**.

*"Thank you for the amazing opportunity to experience feeding those who are homeless. "...A life changing experience..." "...heart-warming"; "...Seeing the gratitude of the men, women and children as well as seeing Jesus Christ in each and every one of them."* **Andrew Darwich**



Mark Khodair, Maram Kanaan, Andrew Darwich, Jennifer Boutros, Jordan Saade

*"I felt immense joy in providing them with what they could not afford."* **Mark Khodair**



*"Through serving them, I felt that I was serving God. "I am so grateful for this opportunity and would definitely love to do this again sometime soon, and more often in the future."* **Mark Khodair**



*“Volunteering for the Maronites on Mission food run has been very confronting yet satisfying, and has put my life into perspective. Seeing the homeless people lined up to be served by us has showed me how they are grateful for what very little they have compared to us.” Jennifer Boutros*



## REC Primary - Mrs Mary Wells

St Charbel's enters the second term with the month of May celebrations. During May the Church honours Mary, mother of God the Son. It is of particular importance this May as we round off the centenary of the apparitions of Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, which is also, most appropriately, Mother's Day.

We will be honouring Mary in a variety of ways. Grades may do a playground rosary where each grade is assigned a decade and all pray together. There is a National/ International event occurring on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, but also at other times around the world. This is Oz Rosary. A full explanation is available at these links:

Here is a promo link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h923BsvKQnw>

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/aussies-to-pray-rosary-on-beaches-and-mountain-tops/>

Throughout the month a noon bell is being rung and classes join in the Angelus Prayer from their rooms using a presentation on their Interactive Boards.

Of course there is our annual event of the Mother's day Mass which is a dedicated Mass for Mary and the Ascension.

Grade Two Students are preparing for the First Reconciliation which will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

Students need to take part in the preparation in order to receive the Sacrament. Those who miss the

preparation will need to join the Parish lessons in the fu-

ture.



Welcome back to term 2, I hope you're well rested and ready for a productive term. Year 3 will sit their NAPLAN test from 15 - 17 May 2018. We will be working to prepare our students for these tests. I would like to welcome Charlotte Soueif and Rima Tahhan to our Year 4 team, they are taking over from Jana who is due to have a baby. This term Year 3 will be learning the Dabke as a part of their Creative Arts program. We are already having a great time mastering this skill as we dance across the primary playground.

Lunch clubs are in full swing with Ms Bell holding a board game club for years 3-6 on Mondays and Mrs Kazzi holding a book club on Tuesday's for years 3-6.



Year 4's adventure commenced with an excursion this term. The students were intrigued to learn about the diverse history and culture of the Aboriginal people of the Sydney region with an Aboriginal guide in the heart of the city. Uncovering the Royal Botanic Garden's rich Aboriginal heritage by exploring plant uses, culture and artefacts. Year 4 were blessed with great weather to ensure that they had a memorable day.



## Primary Sport Coordinator - Miss Catherine Zalloua

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April the primary school had their Athletics Carnival. After last year's wash out, we were all praying for great weather and we definitely received that! It was a hot day, but that didn't stop the

students putting in 110%. The students had a great day, running, cheering and throwing to earn points for their house colours. A big thank you goes to the High school students and teachers who assisted on the day, their assistance made the day run smoothly and successfully. Another thank you goes to the primary students. I am very proud of their efforts and behaviour on the day, they were fantastic. Congratulations to Blue for coming in first on the day!

On another note, last term a soccer program was introduced to the students – KIKOFF. 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 in the primary, or Mr Zalloua in the high school.



## Careers and VET Coordinator—Mrs Dianna Chedid

On Tuesday 8th May, a group of year 10 boys attended the St Yon Try a Trade day. It was a helpful day where we got to hear about the different TAFE courses that St Yon has to offer and to actually try them out with small activities from some trades. The activities we were able to do were taking a tyre off a car from the automotive trade, trying some food from the hospitality trade, learning how to bricklay from the construction trade and many more. An interesting activity was from the electrical trade where we had to try connect wires to make the light bulb light up. Each station had a teacher that teaches each course and told us everything that we needed to know about the course like the qualification, duration and work placement hours. Overall it was a fun and interesting day and helped us decide if we wanted to study in the trade industry next year. Thank you to Mrs Chedid and Miss Michael for organizing and joining us on the day.

Joe Ters Year 10E



Welcome back to Term Two from the Library Staff. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and found lots of time to relax and read.

We began this term with a special ANZAC Day commemoration to remember the loss, suffering and sacrifice as a result of Australia's involvement in war. Many beautiful Australian picture books have been created around the theme of ANZAC Day and these have been on display in our library.

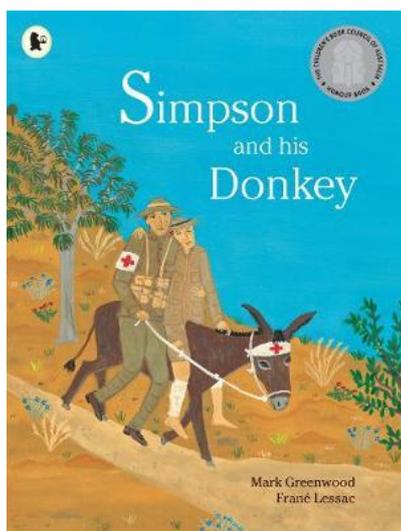
6L came to the library to be read the book Simpson and his Donkey by Mark Greenwood. Here are some reflections from Jozianne Khalife after listening to the story:

"The book was about a man in war who found a donkey and used it to take water and food to all the Australian soldiers at war. He had many donkeys, but his favourite one was Duffy. He rode 12 to 15 trips a day. He rescued over 300 men during his 24 days of service before he died. This story was really emotional. I loved it so much!!"

You can read more about John Simpson on the Australian War Memorial Site. This is a wonderful resource for all our students to explore:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/simpson>

Our primary students have also been colouring poppy wreaths with words we recite on ANZAC Day-Lest We Forget.



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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 onto [info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

SAINT CHARBEL'S YOUTH ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



W E E K L Y

# SYRIAC

CLASSES

THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SAINT CHARBEL'S COLLEGE  
SCHOOL LIBRARY



TO RSVP CONTACT:  
Claudia Kazzi 0458806210



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- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

## St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) Chess Classes, 2018 Fridays 1:25PM - 2:05PM

**Term 2**

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**4th May - 29th Jun**

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

enter the code **8V6IORL75L** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.*

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

*For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

*To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment*

<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$45</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]	
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$76</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	



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### 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.

### 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!

The second instalment for school fees is due on 25 May 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

### Coles Sports for Schools

Please send any outstanding Coles Sports for Schools coupons to the front office for collection. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

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 Yr 12 Report Interviews

### June

Fri 1	P & F Disco
Mon 4	Yr 10 & 11 Vaccination
Tues 5	Yr 10 Allwell Testing (Absences)
<b>Mon 11</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
Fri 15	High School Athletics Carnival
Tues 26	Yr 6 Allwell Internal Testing
Wed 27	Subject Selection Evening Yr 8 & 10
Thu 28—Sun 1 Jul	Careers Expo
Fri 29	Awards Ceremony Last Day of Term 2



Kids@Weldon



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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
- 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:

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**Centre Number:** 0418 735 976

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