

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 6

Term 2, May 2018

Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Recently we celebrated the Birth of the Church on Pentecost. It is a celebration of a new beginning for all whether it is for the celebration of the new church, a celebration for renewal of spirit within oneself and/or a celebration of the Holy Spirit giving God's wisdom to the disciples. May the Holy Spirit continually bless and guide your families.

The NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were held from the 15th to the 17th of May. NAPLAN tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Our students were adequately prepared by their teachers for those tests through their curriculum programs. NAPLAN tests won't define a student's worth or value. Our teachers celebrate student growth and reflect on areas where we can do better, we hope that the results will reflect this.

A friendly reminder that although many of our families will be applying for extended leave to travel to Lebanon or other countries, the College will only accommodate for 10 days of approved leave. This is for the best interest of our students and their learning capacity. We appreciate and encourage families to teach their children Maronite Identity in Lebanon but our foremost interest is and always will be the education of our students. Therefore the responsibility will solely fall on yourselves as a parent if extended days are taken or if your child fails any assessment, it may also hinder your child's enrolment. We would much prefer that you take any extra allocated time during your child's school holidays.

As we continue the month of May, may the intercession of our Blessed Mother be upon each and every one of you and your families.



Notice:

Last day of Term 2 is Friday 29 June.
Students will be dismissed at 11am.





MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA

أيها الموازنة الأعزّاء،

جئتُ بكتابي هذا، في زمن القيامة، لأطلب من الربّ يسوع أن يكون عَضْداً لكم بمسيرة إيمانكم وعملكم في كنيسة. وإنني لسعيدٌ لأعلن لكم، بأن سيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه قد انْتُخِبَ نَحَارَ الجمعة الواقع فيه ٤ أيار ٢٠١٨ عضواً في اللجنة الدائمة لمجلس المطارنة الكاثوليك الأوستراليين وهو أول مطران من الكنائس الشرقية ينتخب لهذا المنصب في أستراليا.



إنّ هذا المجلس يعملُ بروحٍ جمعية، لِيُتَبَقَّ العمل الرسوليّ في الكنيسة الكاثوليكية في أستراليا، وليعطي التوجيهات اللازمة لمواجهة التحدّيات الراعوية والاجتماعية. إنّ الكنائس الشرقية في أستراليا، هي جزءٌ لا يتجزأ من مجلس المطارنة الكاثوليك الأوستراليين، ومُتَقَلِّبهم في المجلس يشمل: الموارنة، الأوكرانيين الكاثوليك، الملكيين، الكلدان، السريان والمالبار، وسائر الأخوة الكاثوليك. نبتهج بهذا الخبر، لأنّ راعينا سوف يَصْطَلَعُ بدورٍ فعّالٍ، وذلك لمصلحة كُُلِّ الكاثوليك في أستراليا. نُصَلِّي للربّ، لكي يُسَدِّدَ حُطَى مطراننا، وَتُحَيِّثَهُ لحصوله على هذا المنصب لخدمة الكنيسة. وبالطبع إنّ أيّ تقدير يحصل عليه المطران هو تقدير أيضاً لشعبه الذي ساهمَ مساهمةً عظيمةً بهذا التعيين بسبب تعلقه وأمانته للكنيسة.

هذا التعيين هو أيضاً لَشَرَفٍ عظيمٍ لكل الكنائس الشرقية، لأنّه علامة على نمو الاعتراف بقيم تقاليدنا الشرقيّة، التي تُزهِرُ في أرض أستراليا.

وإننا نُصَلِّي لكي تُواصِلَ الكنائس الشرقيّة مع مطارنتها، وإكليروسها، وعلمانيها، إزدهارها الروحي في أستراليا.

وأخيراً أتقدّم بالشكر من كُُلِّ المطارنة الكاثوليك في أستراليا لهذا التكريم لأبرشيّتنا ولشعبنا. وأغتنم هذه الفرصة لأهنيء رئيس أساقفة برزبن مارك كولريدج على انتخابه رئيساً للمجلس الكاثوليكي الأوسترالي، ولرئيس أساقفة سيدني أنطوني فيشر على انتخابه نائباً للرئيس.

لِنُصَلِّي معاً لتكونَ فترة خدمة هذا المجلس مثمرة بالتعاون بين كُُلِّ الأوستراليين الكاثوليك مهما كان إلتئامهم أو خلفياتهم أو تقليدهم الليتورجي.

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MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA



Dear Maronites,

I write to you in this Holy Season of Resurrection asking the risen Lord to strengthen our faith in him and in the mission of his Church. I am pleased to announce that His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay was, on Friday 4 May 2018, made the first Eastern Catholic bishop ever to be elected to the Permanent Committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). The ACBC works in the spirit of collegiality to bring national coordination to the general mission of the Catholic Church in Australia and provide directives to face our pastoral and social challenges. The Eastern Catholic Churches form an integral part of the ACBC and their representation includes the Maronites, the Ukrainian Catholic, Melkite, Chaldean, Syriac, Malabarese and other Catholic brethren.

We rejoice in this news whereby our bishop will be taking an active role for the benefit of all Catholics in Australia. We pray the Lord to guide His Excellency. We congratulate him in receiving this honour to serve the Church in this capacity. Of course, any honour to the bishop, is also an honour to his flock, and the fervour and fidelity of you the Maronite people must have greatly contributed to his appointment.

This is also an honour to all the Eastern Catholics and their leaders, for this is also a sign of the growing recognition of the value of our Eastern traditions, which are blossoming in this land. May all the Eastern Catholics, their bishops, their religious and their faithful, continue to thrive in Australia.

Finally, I also thank the Catholic bishops of Australia for this honour to our Eparchy and our people. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane on being elected president of the ACBC and Archbishop Anthony Fisher on being elected as vice president.

Let us all pray for many years of fruitful cooperation between all Australian Catholics, whatever their origin, background and liturgical tradition.

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Marcelino Youssef,
Vicar General

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Archbishop's Student Leader Function—Student Account: Rebecca Moubarak

St Charbel's College was extremely fortunate to be able to send 2 students who represented the school to the Archbishop's Student Leader Function. Year 12 students Rebecca Moubarak and Jennifer Boutros found the event both rewarding and spiritually uplifting. Rebecca gives a fitting account of this occasion below.

On Tuesday, the 15th of May I had the privilege of attending a luncheon hosted by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, which involved the gathering of Catholic school leaders across Sydney.

I very much appreciated the event as an opportunity to engage with the youth of our wider community who in their final year of schooling, express concerns and interests that many HSC students can relate to. Most importantly, concerns were raised regarding the future of the wider community in terms of the direction of our faith in what seems to be an increasingly secular world.

I had the opportunity to represent my table in asking the Archbishop one question based on what we had discussed as a group:

My question was:

"In our final year of schooling as we come to choose our paths in life, whether they lie in university or not, how can we ensure that whatever it is that we choose, our Catholic morals and values remain and flourish amidst an increasingly secular society which constantly challenges us?"

To which he replied:

"Your faith no longer belongs to just your parents, or your school or parish - as youth you must make your faith your own. You need to know and live your faith. To make it your own is so important in retaining it amidst the paths you choose"

This got me thinking about the path I'll choose, if I ever get around to choosing it that is. I realised that even when I do choose my path, chances are it won't be shaped as I imagined and that the only way I'll make it through the journey ahead, will be with my faith by my side.

Overall, I am very honoured to have opportunities such as these as School Captain and look forward to those to come.

Kind Regards,

Captain of Communications

Year 12 Student Account—Celine Saidi

Early this term, Mr. Werrden Khoury (Woody) gave a talk to the Year 12 cohort about his experiences while travelling through the slums of Kenya. He described the horrific living conditions of the people of Nairobi and their struggles in providing food and life necessities for their families. The most important thing I gathered from this talk is that "you can't know poverty till you smell the poverty". This powerful statement and other shared experiences assisted me in understanding the standards of the people living in the slums, and how grateful we are to have everything we need and more in the developed world.



Beat the Cold War Initiative

According to Homelessness Australia, there are currently **105,237** people in Australia who are homeless. Like every year, the St Charbel's community has come together to help fight the war against the cold. As of Thursday May 24th, our

College community has donated; 80 beanies, 77 scarves, 572 sanitary pads, 317 pairs of socks, 43 pairs of underwear, 133 blankets, 269 blocks of soap, 72 deodorant cans, 49 pairs of gloves, 119 tubes of toothpaste, 136 toothbrushes and 3 sleeping bags. Our school is proud to announce that we have already assisted over 100 homeless people with donations being made to 'Heaven on Earth', an organisation that is situated in the Youth Centre at Our Lady of Lebanon

Co-Cathedral and 'Maronites on Mission'. Donations will continue to be accepted up until June 20th 2018. Thank you for your continued support with this initiative.



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

Our children spend a lot of their leisure time online. Here are some sites to share with your children to help ensure that their time online is safe, engaging, educational and fun.

ABC Education: This is a free resource for parents, teachers and children with plenty of educational games and videos which make learning fun. This is a great research tool for our High School students as well.

<http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>

Kids Listen: This is a free radio program designed for young children. There are plenty of songs and stories to keep children entertained and to develop their imaginations.

<http://radio.abc.net.au/stations/kidslisten/live?play=true>

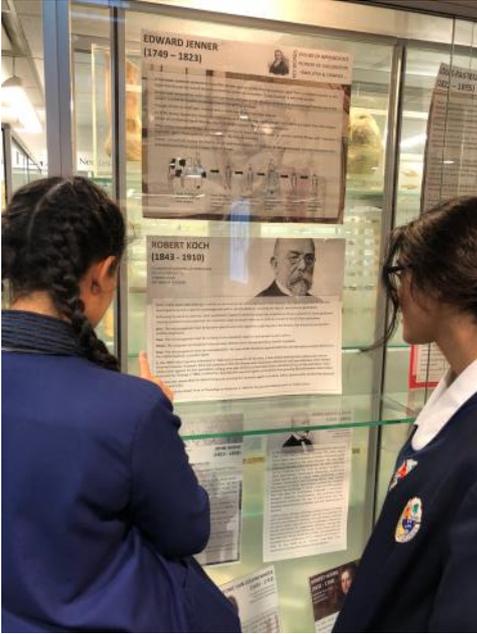
The International Children's Digital Library: This website contains age-appropriate books in a number of languages including English and Arabic. It is a wonderful resource for parents to use to sit and read with their children. I have included the link to the Arabic books for younger readers.

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ids=84&langid=309&pnum=1&cnum=1&text=&lang=English&ilang=English>



KIDS Listen

Year 12 Biology, Senior Science and PDHPE students attended the Museum of Disease in UNSW on Friday the 18th of May. Besides the students bonding with each other and their teachers, the day was very informative and effective for the students' studies of the human body as the interactive activities linked directly to their course outcomes, allowing them to learn content in an engaging way. Additionally, the students worked in a collaborative manner and many enlightening discussions took place as they developed an understanding of the types, causes and impacts of disease and grasped solutions and possible directions for the future of Science. Spending a day on the university campus also led to the realisation that this is where the students will be this time next year!



Year 11 PDHPE Fitness Testing—Mrs Booth

On Friday the 18th of May Year 11 PDHPE students participated in a number of different fitness tests designed to measure their Skill and Health related components of fitness. Students enjoyed the day comparing their results to norms of their age group. Mr Nakhla and I look forward to reading their reports on how they can improve these fitness testing results.



Extension 1 English Teacher—Mrs Jennifer Fletcher

On Sunday, May 27, HSC Extension 1 English students Paloma Darjani, Janelle Zakhia and I attended the English Teachers Association Extension 1 Student Day at Newington College. The day was enlightening for our study of Romanticism, including tips from a past high achiever and a senior HSC Marker, as well as four hours of lectures on our topic. We were so engrossed in our study that we forgot to take pictures but the day was invaluable and we were grateful to participate in such a well-targeted event that will improve our learning and our written responses.

On the 22nd of May, Years 8 and 9 had an incursion about underage drinking where those from the Smashed Project came and performed for us. The performance was about young teenagers who drank illegally due to peer pressure and to look 'cool'. This eventually led to one of the teenagers permanently injuring herself as she tried to stop a fight between the other two teenagers- who were drunk. We were shown the physical and emotional consequences of drinking and we learnt about the fines you can get if you drink underage or if you get caught using a fake identification to buy alcohol. We also had the chance to interact with the actors and change around the scenes to find a way to prevent the entire situation from happening. I definitely think that this performance was important to us all as we learnt about the long-term and short-term harms of drinking alcohol, the importance of not giving in to peer pressure and the ways to avoid situations that may cause potential harm. Overall, this play was truly eye-opening and undoubtedly taught us students about underage drinking.



REMINDER

**Please ensure the photography
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video permission form is
returned to the school ASAP!**

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

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!



LOCAL SAFETY FORUMS

Roselands Ward

Council, in partnership with local Police, is running a series of Local Safety Forums to discuss current crime statistics; provide residents with an opportunity to share concerns; and workshop suggestions for improvement.

The next forum will be held for residents who live in the Roselands Ward, including the suburbs of:

- Balmore;
- Beverly Hills;
- Kingsgrove;
- Lakemba;
- Narwee;
- Riverwood;
- Roselands; and
- Wiley Park.

When: Monday 18 June

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Lakemba Senior Citizens Centre, corner The Boulevard and Croydon Street, Lakemba

RVSP: For catering purposes, register your attendance by Thursday 14 June at cb.city/localsafetyforums or 9789 9594

For more information, call Council's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Officer on **9707 9471**, or visit cb.city/localsafetyforums



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- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

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

Term 2

Cost: \$76.50

4th May - 29th Jun

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

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

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]
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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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.

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.

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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

June:

- Fri 1 P&F Disco
- Mon 4 Year 10 & 11 Vaccination
- Tues 5 Year 10 Allwell Testing (Absences)
- Mon 11 Queen's Birthday**
- Fri 15 High School Athletics Carnival
- Tues 19 Allwell External Testing
- Tues 26 Year 6 Allwell External Testing
- Wed 27 Subject Selection Evening Year 8 & 10
- Thu 28-Sun 1st July Careers Expo
- Fri 29 Awards Ceremony
- Last day of term 2**

July:

- Sun 1 Careers Expo
- Mon 2-Fri 20 School Holidays
- Sun 15 St Charbel's Feast Day
- Mon 23 K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tues 24 Students Commence (Term 3)**
- Fri 27 Patron's Day





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

- The hours of operation will be as follows:
- Before School Care: 6:30am until 8:20am (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 7am until 6pm

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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