

MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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Spring is here and so are warmer days ahead. As nature recaptures its colours and warmth, we give thanks to the Lord for His creation and for giving us the gift of wisdom to enjoy the beauty around us.

It is unfortunate though that expected brighter days have been tarnished by aggressive parent communication to students and staff. Although this is not relevant to all our dear parents and families, it is relevant to a few. Such a manner will not be tolerated within the College and it has been made very clear in previous correspondence to you via email and again it is included in today's newsletter. Please note that school is a place of learning and for our students to feel happy and safe.

Our qualified teachers are wonderful in their work and what they do with our students on a daily basis. In order for our College to remain positive it requires a mutually respectful relationship between yourselves and the College. Unfortunately actions of not adhering to the College policies may result in your child's suspension or termination of their enrolment at our College. It is imperative that we all work together for the best interest of our children.

You have entrusted your children to St Charbel, and we will endeavour to proceed with the ethos of the College and our beloved Saint. Again we kindly ask that you lead by example in a Christian manner to your children.

We recently celebrated Father's Day with a Primary school mass and we gratefully acknowledge the P&F for the morning tea they provided for our wonderful Fathers. I pray that this day was enjoyed and cherished by all and we remember dearly all our Fathers for all their tireless support to their children and families. May we always pray that our fathers will be an example of St Joseph, foster father of our Lord Jesus.

During the month of September, we will celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (Sep 8) and the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sep 14). We are reminded that the Cross is the sign of our salvation with which our Saviour triumphed over the sin of the world. And we earnestly look up to the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, who accepted God's will in her life and stood by the cross watching her son die for us, to lead us to Jesus so we understand the true price that was paid for our salvation.

"O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen."

Director of Primary

Book Week activities concluded with Stage 2 students re-designing the cover of Book Week's shortlisted picture books and taking part in a trivia quiz. Stage 3 students completed activities based on 'Alice in Wonderland' and enjoyed a pantomime based on the story, presented by Stage 3 staff. The students all enjoyed their Book Week activities. Thank you to parents for supporting the Primary School in making St Charbel's College playground safer. It is now easier for staff to identify if there is a stranger or danger in the playground. The teachers appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.



At times, students have days at school where things happen that are upsetting. There has been a tendency lately for parents to expect teachers to drop everything and look into incidents immediately. Please appreciate that teachers take these incidents seriously, but they often teach all day, and have duties during recess or lunch. Thus finding answers quickly, or being able to meet with parents at a time that they request, may not be feasible. Please allow time for processes to be followed and respect teachers' busy schedules.



A big thank you to the P&F who worked hard running the Father's Day stall for the students last week and for organising a beautiful morning tea following the Father's Day Mass on Friday! The Primary School is very grateful for all your support and dedication!



Secondary Student Life

Year 12 at the "Life to the Full" conference. Guest speaker was the inspiring Jonathan Doyle, who talked about mental health... FFA - "Feelings follow action..." Keep fighting, make a change through your actions and your feelings will become more hope-filled.



The Year 8 students were given the opportunity to meet with Head of Departments to discuss subject selection. It was a very beneficial session as it allowed Year 8 students to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the process. Year 10 students were also invited to share their own experiences and provided their fellow Year 8 students with some tips that may assist them in selecting their subjects.



Secondary TAS Updates

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”
— Plato

Last Friday, August 30, our Year 12 Music students accompanied by Mrs Jackson took us on a musical journey around the World, through an array of genres and eras in time. The eight amazingly talented students performed three to four pieces each, showcasing their HSC majors and versatility in musical styles. Congratulations on the brilliant performances.

August has been a busy month with the Industrial Technology students completing their major projects and portfolios. This year students have truly excelled in the design and production of the woodwork projects which were beautifully finished. The projects varied in size and complexity and ranged from shaker cabinets to detailed jewellery boxes and designer shelving.

Textiles and Design students handed in their major projects. This year the class was made up of eight students, six of which had never studied Textiles in stage 5. Students worked tirelessly to produce stunning pieces ranging from Textile Arts and wedding dresses to delicately decorated ball gowns inspired by famous designers and artists.

Visual Art students have created a fabulous range of Artworks this year. Among the projects is are exquisite and detailed drawings, an amazing video and prints. Congratulations to all the teachers and students involved in the major projects.

The Arab Bank invited our students to be part of the Sydney Youth Orchestra's final rehearsal in Sydney. A small group of year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students were treated to a performance along with question and answer session from the lead Conductor.

This week students from year 10 Photography were out and about in Sydney observing the landscape and capturing it in Photography.

Thank you to all the teachers and students in the Creative Arts/ TAS faculty for their inspiring work so far.



Market Day Success

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to Market Day. The six businesses were able to raise just over \$7500 in profit with all proceeds going to Maronites on Mission. Special thanks to Mr McConville, Mrs Kalpakoulas, Mrs Panteli and Mr Taouk for their assistance in the smooth running of the day and assistance in the lead up to the event! Thanks also to all the parents who contributed - your hard work is much appreciated!



Discovering your Vocation through our Maronite Spirituality

On the feast of Blessed Estephan, the Year of Maronite Spirituality was celebrated by our Year 9 – 10 students who asked the question: “Where is God calling me to love and serve Him?”



Maronite Spirituality and Vocations Day was truly eye opening. It was lovely to meet other Maronite's and join with them in the gift of prayer and education.

We heard from different speakers; a priest, a nun and a married couple. They spoke to us about different vocations that we can pursue, to glorify God.

Any Christian vocation will always glorify God. Joining the priesthood or religious life can help bring people back to God. By getting married and having children, God is glorified by raising children in the right path and teaching them to love God.

A highlight was the Mass at the end of the day. It was a beautiful finish to a memorable day.

All in all, it was a nice relaxing day to learn about our vocations and Maronite values.

- Rebecca Achmar 10S

“We enjoyed the positive, spiritual experience of the day”.

We learnt that a “vocation” is the way a person chooses to live out their Christian life, their calling from God, their chosen path or career. As St Bede, the Venerable said “Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.” In the final hour of the day, all the Years 9 and 10 students participated in a reflective Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay. Students - including myself - were offered roles within the mass. I helped with the offertory by carrying the bread and wine up the altar to the priest, and so did seven other people.

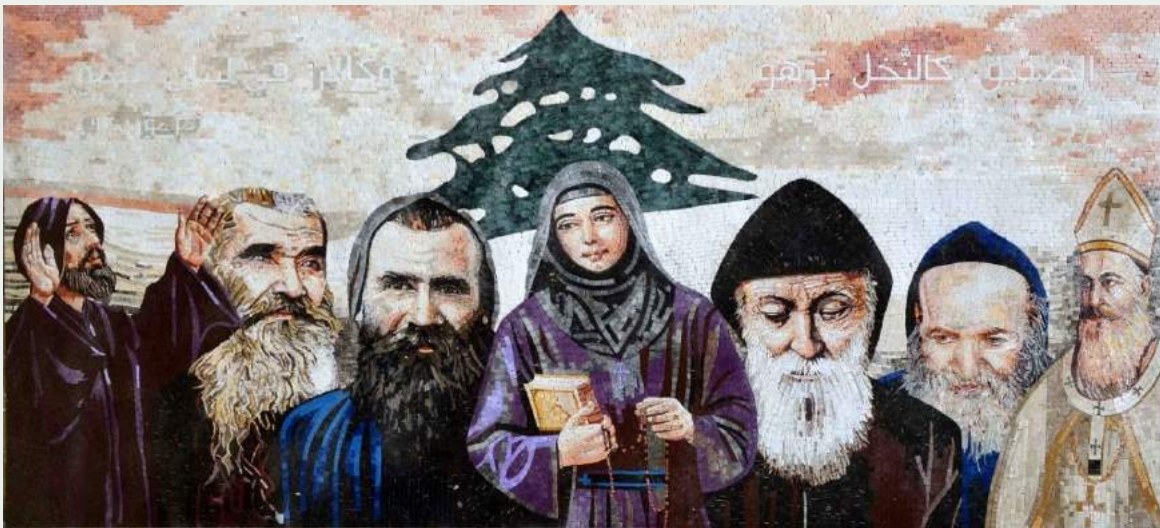
- Trinity Chalita 9S



“The Parable of the Maronite Family with 7 Children” with Monsignor Shora Maree who engaged students with an interactive presentation on the vocation of Holy Orders.



Heavenly Father, Your harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. We pray that more families will nourish the foundations for young people to answer Your Call to the Priesthood, Religious life, and Married Life following in the footsteps of Christ under the protection of our Blessed Mother and all the saints. We pray to you O Lord. Lord have mercy. Amen.



Recently, the Year 9 students welcomed a special guest in Br Elia who eloquently spoke about the life and virtues of Blessed Estephan Nehme.



Thank you Br Elia for generously making yourself available and presenting a very engaging talk on a little known saint from Lebanon.

Blessed Estephan, pray for us.



Year 3 Excursion

Last Tuesday, the Year 3 students attended an excursion to Brasserie Bread in Banksmeadow. Throughout the day students learnt about the bread making process and made a pizza bread and cinnamon scroll. It was such a fun and rewarding day. Students and teachers left with full tummies and a smile on their face.

Student testimonials:

I loved adding the tomato sauce with my fingers - Jayden

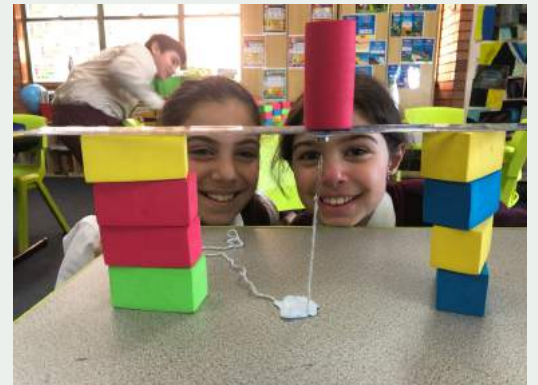
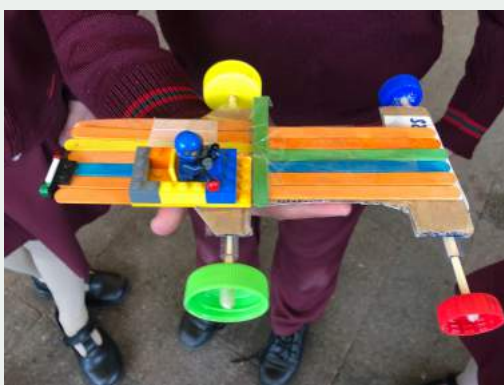
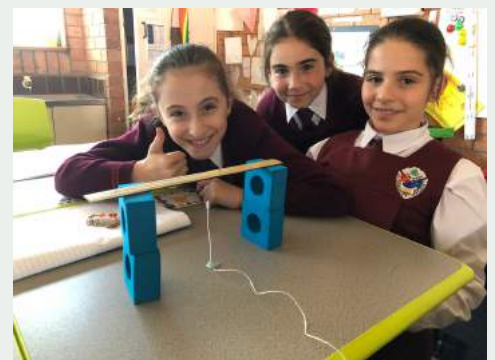
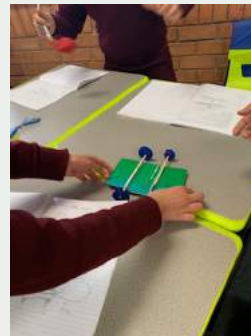
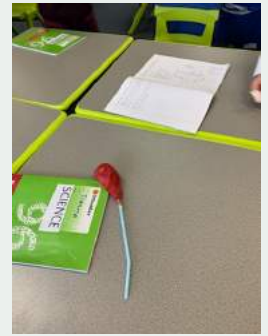
I wasn't expecting to hit the dough and it was fun - Jamie

I enjoyed when the baker splashed us with the flour - Anthony H



Year 4 Excursion

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching and the students in Year 4 are coming to the conclusion of an extremely exciting and hands on Science unit. This term, our learning has focused around the different types of forces, including magnetic force, air resistance, solar power, light reflection and refraction to name a few. As part of our studies, students have had the chance to complete a number of different science experiments to test their learning and see these different forces in action. Some of the more notable experiments have included playing with solar powered cars, building balloon powered cars, and creating parachutes, which we let go from the top of the Primary school building! The students have thoroughly enjoyed this unit of work, with many even using their learning to recreate some of the experiments at home.



Primary Sport

On Tuesday 6th August, a group of 35 students accompanied by Mr Love and Mrs Tahhan represented the school at the Inner West Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day and the students did a great job. They are to be truly commended on their efforts.

Also, the Football Pathways Academy are once again running a holiday program for the St Charbel's students during the school holidays. It will be held in the Multi Purpose Hall from 30 September - 3 October. The Holiday camps are fun and engaging while incorporating elements such as sportsmanship and skill development. They are a fantastic way for the students to keep active and have a great time with some friends. Some activities that will be explored include Soccer, Basketball, Team Building Exercise and Dodgeball. Please see the flyer below for more information!



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Library News

Each September we encourage our students to Spring into Reading!

Here are a five easy ways you can support the reading life of your child:

1. Ask your child what book they are reading.
2. Listen to your child read aloud.
3. Read to your child for ten minutes each day.
4. Have your children tell you a story.
5. Make reading and books part of your family fun time.

In September we also celebrate the birth of one of our favourite authors Roald Dahl. Mr Dahl was born on the 13th and would be 103 if he was still alive today!

In August, our Library Assistant Mrs Wakim made a special pilgrimage to the Qadisha Valley in Lebanon to visit Father Dario Escobar in Our Lady of Hawqa Monastery. Father Dario is a Maronite Monk from Colombia who has been living as a hermit in the Valley for over 17 years. Mrs Wakim said meeting Father Dario was a blessing and she feels proud to call the Village of Hawqa her home. Thank you Mrs Wakim for sharing this beautiful experience with us.



Important Announcements

REMINDERS

- Students must arrive to school no later than 8:25am
- Students are not to leave school before 3:10pm and early leave must be with permission granted by Year or Stage Coordinators. Exceptional circumstances require a note from parents.
- Ensure correct uniforms are worn
- Boys to have regulation haircuts
- No coloured bands to be worn around necks or on wrists
- Years 3-12 students to have their diaries signed when required
- Parents to make appointments to speak to teachers.
- Playground supervision starts 8am and ends 3:30pm.

Upcoming Events

Mon 9 Years 2&4 Absentees Test

Fri 13 Year 5 Spirituality Day

Sat 14 Exaltation of the Cross

Mon 16-Fri 27 Year 11 Exams

Tues 24 Year 12 Graduation Mass &
Ceremony

Fri 27 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Mon Sept 30 - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Fri Oct 11

Before and After School Care - 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 (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:

Centre co-ordinator: Mary Azzi

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au