

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 8

Term 2, June 2019

Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

It is a surprise to believe we have arrived at the end of Term 2. A term filled with many wonderful learning experiences and community building opportunities.

As we reach the end of the semester we are provided with another opportunity to reflect on the work our students and staff have been doing in and outside the classroom. Of course student reports will give an indication of where they are at academically, but more importantly we need to consider what we can do to improve our results.

You may find that you children have achieved good results, or you may be disappointed with their results. Whatever the results, you need to set a plan to find room for improvement. Careful planning and a clear aim are a basis to ongoing development. When we set our goals and make plans to achieve more in life, we feel good and we feel that we have direction in what we want to achieve. However, we need to keep in mind that goals and plans are useless if we are not willing to act and set these plans in motion. Dispiritedness is at the heart of most failures. Often the only thing most of us need to do to improve is to get active and do things properly without distractions and without wondering what others think or are doing. I

encourage all students to get on with their work. I also encourage all our parents to make the time to meet with your child's teacher on Monday 22 July – Parent Teacher interviews to reflect on the achievements of your child.

During Term 3 we will focus on our core business of teaching and learning and our student's academic achievements. I pray that we will all help our students discover their passions, gifts and talents and guide them towards a lifelong faith path.

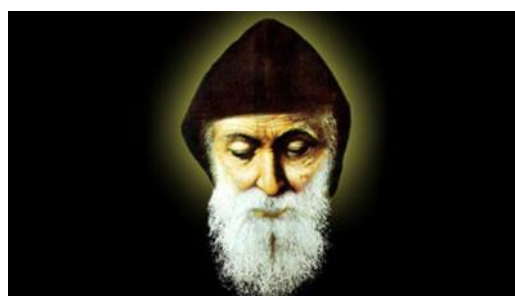
I encourage all our students with the help of their parents to reflect upon our goals for Term 3, to think about the opportunity to consolidate the positive areas while improving in areas for development for the rest of the year.

I am very grateful to all the staff, parents and students who were involved in Jump Rope for Heart in which over \$10,000 was raised. A special thanks to Ms. Catherine Zalloua for organizing this.

On Sunday 21st July we will celebrate the Feast of St Charbel, our Patron Saint. The official mass will be celebrated by Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay at 11.15am. On Saturday, 20th July after 5.30pm mass, traditional harissi will be available. All families and friends are warmly invited to join us and to be part of these wonderful celebrations to honour and ask for our beloved Saint Charbel's intercession.

I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful and safe holiday. I pray that you will all return refreshed and healthy ready for Semester 2 in which the College will celebrate Patron's day on the Friday, 26th July where our students and staff will honour St Charbel with a school mass followed by fun filled activities to be had by all.

“From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.. this branch will bear fruit and become a noble cedar. (Ezekiel 17:22-26).



SECONDARY MUSIC

Our talented secondary choir enjoying the amazing opportunity to perform at the Lebanon V Fiji Rugby game. Thank you to Mrs Jackson for her time and dedication.



PASTORAL CARE IN SECONDARY

It has been an active Semester of learning and growing for our students – on a spiritual, physical, intellectual, social and emotional level. Enjoy a refreshing holiday and we look forward to working together again in Semester 2!

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:10







PASTORAL CARE IN SECONDARY





Persevere & Grow



ودّع الصف الثامن في اللغة العربية، الفصل الدراسي الثاني، بالقيام بنشاط مطبخي. فتوزّعوا مجموعات مجموعات يُحضرون الأطعمة على اختلاف أنواعها. فمنهم من حضر اللحم مع المعكرونة ومنهم من حضر فطائر النوتيلاً وسلطة الفاكهة والبعض الآخر قام بتحضير قالب الحلوى. ومن جهة ثانية، فقد استلم الطلاب نتائج امتحانات نصف السنة ففرجوا من الأهالي الإطّلاع عليها. وبمناسبة نهاية الفصل الدراسي يتمنى أساتذة اللغة العربية في القسم الثانوي عطلة هادئة وهنيئة لجميع الطّلاب ولأهاليهم الكرام.



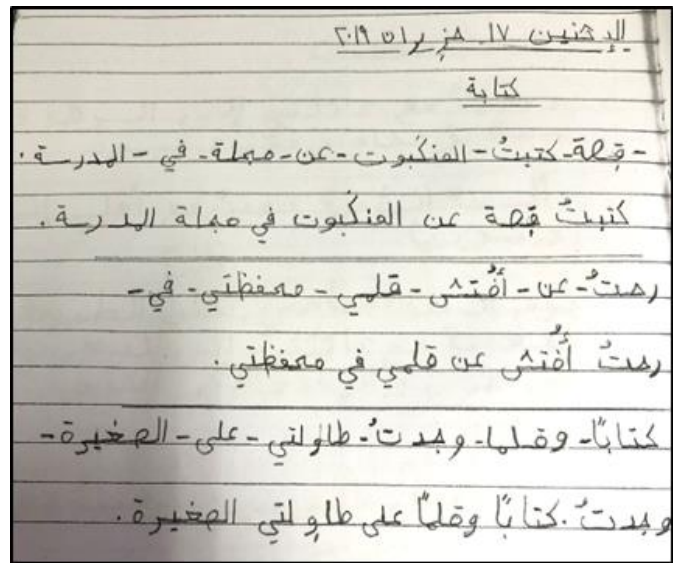
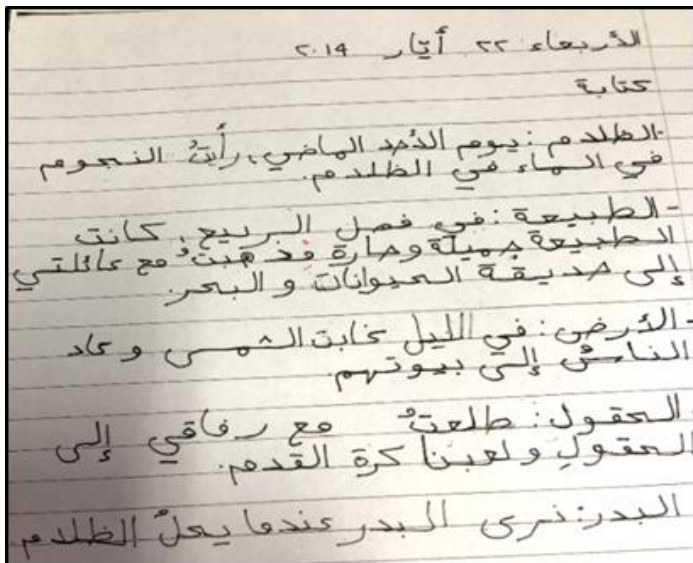
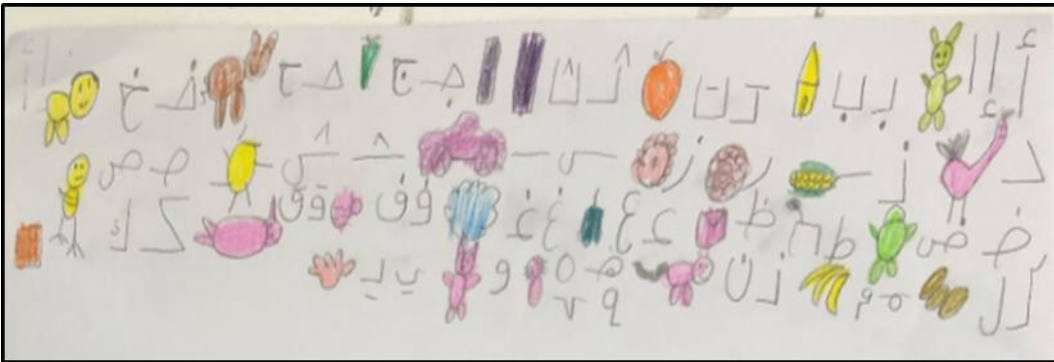
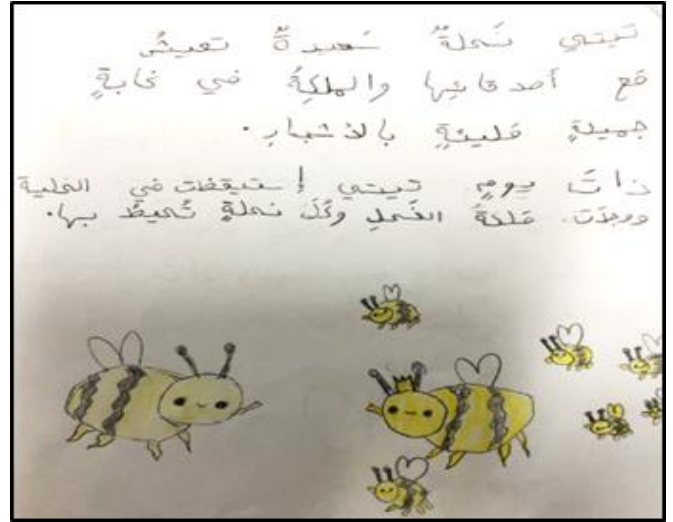
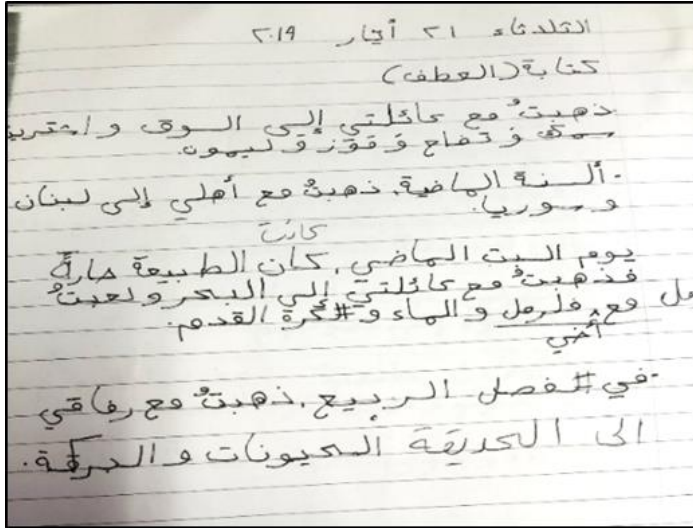
Along with other students, I volunteered to visit the elderly at the nursing home to lighten up their day, representing the communal and loving nature of St Charbel's College. I found this opportunity to be intensely rewarding as I developed a memorable connection with one woman in particular. In addition to her bubbly and infectious personality, I found the experience to be even more enjoyable when she taught I us how to play a game of cards. I appreciated the inevitable words of advice she provided, as during the short hour that we visited, I found that she enabled me to open my eyes in order to view any obstacles I may encounter in life, with a positive and joyful outlook. Overall, I truly enjoyed this trip to the nursing home with classmates as I cherished my new-founded relationship, as well as our provision of joy to the residents through our engagement in fun and interactive activities.

Chanelle Hazim



كان الفصل الثاني مليئاً بالأنشطة والعمل المثمر. كتب تلاميذ الصفوف الابتدائية عن مواضيع عدّة، واحتوت على معرفة كتابة الأحرف والجمل والقصص.

من القسم الإبتدائي، نتمنى للجميع فرصة مدرسيّة سعيدة.



SECONDARY SPORT

Congratulations to our Years 8-12 Hip Hop Girls Dance group, FIRST PLACE WINNERS at the SCC Dance Competition! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to our Junior Jazz Girls Dance Group who placed 3rd at the SCC Dance Competition. Great job ladies!



Beat the Cold War Update!

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have collected 5,925 items for the **Beat the Cold War** initiative. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support throughout this term!

A special thank you to Mr Taouk who kindly offered the food tech prep kitchen as a place of storage throughout the term.

Thank you to all teachers who attended and assisted students in knitting scarves for the homeless.

Also.. a massive **THANK YOU** to Mrs Kalpakoulas for her support as the Year 10 Coordinator.

Socks	178
Milk	97
Undies	18
Sugar	126
Soap	394
Scarves	152
Gloves	68
Beanies	201
Blankets	245
Deodorant	29
Pads	887
Tea bags	2636
Hot chocolate/ coffee sachets	35
Tooth brush	419
Tooth paste	418
Milo	3
Towels	15
Sleeping bags	4



The Public Speaking competition grand final was held this week. Congratulations to all the grand finalists and students who took part in all the finals! I would like to thank the staff and parents for their support of this initiative. It was heartening to see all the work that went into the students' speeches and to hear the range of topics that they are passionate about.

Jump Rope for Heart was held last week and the students raised over \$10 000. This is a fantastic effort and it was great to see the students having a wonderful time skipping and improving their skills. Congratulations to Mrs Zalloua for organising the program!

Year 6 returned safely from their overnight excursion to Canberra. The students were well behaved and great ambassadors for St Charbel's College. The excursion provided many unique learning opportunities for the students. Thank you to Mrs Leas for organising the trip, and to the Year 6 staff and teachers who accompanied the students and worked tirelessly over the two days!

A few reminders and requests:

Punctuality: many students are arriving late to school. While I understand sometimes delays are unavoidable, it is often the same students arriving late every day, including on Fridays when students are late for Mass. It is a legal requirement that children are at school every day and are punctual.

Uniform: please check your children's uniforms over the holidays to ensure they have all the items needed because inspections will be taking place next term. The aim is to have students take more pride in their school uniform. Inspections will include making sure the students are only wearing their sports uniform on the days they have sport. Uniform requirements are outlined in the school diaries and second hand items are available in the Second Hand Uniform shop run by the P&F. The only leniency shown will be regarding shoes, however, when buying your children new school or sports shoes, please ensure they comply with the school's uniform code.

Lost clothing: items of clothing are left lying in the playground every day. If there are no names on the items then they cannot be returned to their owner. Currently unclaimed items are in a bin outside the staff room. Since the pile is growing daily, next term unclaimed items will only be kept for one week before being given to the Second Hand Uniform shop to sell. To ensure this does not happen to your child's belongings, make sure their name is on their clothing, so items can be returned to them if mislaid.

Hands-off policy: due to the number of incidents in the playground this term, the school is strictly enforcing the hands-off policy, particularly with Years 5 and 6 students in regards to kicking or punching. Please remind your children that they are not to put their hands on another student, regardless of the circumstances.

Homework: no traditional homework will be set in the school holidays: children need the time to relax, unwind and mentally refresh. If you like your children to be kept busy then they can write stories, play board games, use Lego, draw etc. These activities all help build children's concentration and fine motor skills. All children should be reading every day during the holidays. This in itself is invaluable regarding children learning.

Coming events: there are many exciting events coming in Term 3: celebrations for 100 days of Kindy, Book Week (there will be a change this year with no dress up parade, instead there will shared reading activities) and a K-6 STEM afternoon. Details will be sent home next term.



Jump Rope for Heart

I would just like to say thank you for all your support and enthusiasm this year towards the Jump Rope for Heart program. We achieved our goal! Together with the online funds, we raised over \$10000!

The students will receive their prizes next term.

Well done to 2G who raised the most amount - \$2,581.47. They will be able to have an extra sport lesson next term as a thank you.

Two students will be recognized for their efforts in raising money – Anthony Younes (\$1,106.41) and Joseph Rizkallah (\$1,028.18). Thank you for your efforts!





Jump Rope for Heart 2019

Welcome!

Thanks for taking action to help your child be physically active, healthy and learn some awesome skipping skills! At the same time, they'll be giving back to the community by raising money to help fight heart disease.

To make fundraising fun and easy, you can create your own secure webpage at jumprope.org.au

Sign up to share your child's progress and let the funds roll in. Your child can earn virtual badges along the way and your page will highlight the prizes up for grabs.

Happy skipping!

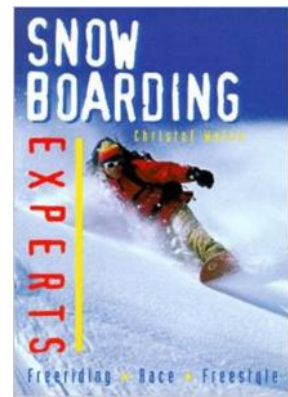
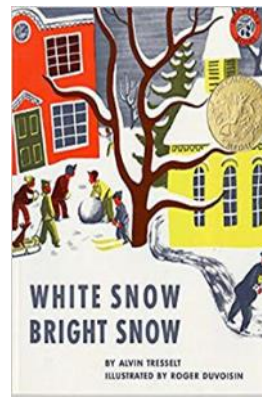


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jumprope.org.au

Winter Reading Challenge

Winter is a wonderful time to stay indoors. Take our [Winter Reading Challenge](#) and enjoy all the benefits of spending time with a good book. Wishing everyone a safe and happy winter holiday.

Read in your pyjamas	Read a book to your siblings	Read a book before bedtime	Read with your family	Read a non-fiction book	Read a book that became a movie	Read about a winter sport
Read a recipe book	Read a book by torch light	Read to a pet or stuffed animal	Read to someone older than you	Read with your scarf and gloves on	Read a picture book about winter	Read a book in your warm bed



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL FEES

The second instalment for school fees is due on 24-May-2019. Payments may be paid in cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or directly into the College's bank account.

For all parents who are using the direct payment method into the College account, please ensure when 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 Bank
 account details are: BSB: 032-068; A/C 57-1383

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for another year! Please collect stickers and return to the College or at Chullora & Bankstown Woolworths.
 Happy Collecting!



Important dates to remember:

Monday 22 July - K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 23 July – Pupil Free Day

Term 3 Commences Wednesday 24 July

Please advise any changes to student or parent contact details and/or medical conditions etc to the Administration office or to info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au to ensure all student and parent data is correct.



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) is held on Fridays from 1:25pm to 2:05pm, starting on 3 May 2019.

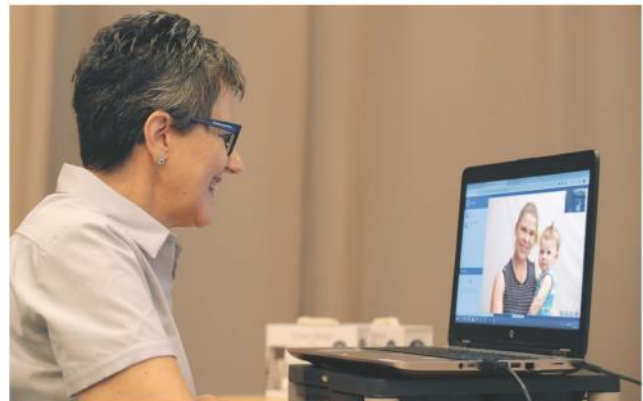
Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Families across NSW can now access parenting support

Digital delivery
breaking down
barriers to access!



Internet - Parent Child Interaction Therapy

- Aggression, tantrums, whinging and disobedience can be normal in the toddler years, but sometimes they can be ongoing and stressful for parents
- Karitane's world class Toddler Clinic is now supporting families across NSW using live web links
- FREE evidence-based treatment by expert clinicians from our Toddler Clinic delivered to you in your home
- Up to 70% improvement scores (very much improved/ much improved)

More information: www.karitane.com.au/internet-parent-child-interaction-therapy or (02) 9794 2364

“
He's a completely different child, just so much calmer. We have a much closer relationship now.

”

Virtual Home Visits

- Families can now access parenting support from an experienced Child and Family Health Nurse from the comfort of their homes
- Individual consultations (a full Parenting Centre experience) via a live web link to families across NSW
- These consultations are designed to support the struggles and concerns faced by many new parents including sleep and settling, feeding, establishing routines, toddler behaviour and perinatal depression and anxiety

More information: www.karitane.com.au/virtual-home-visits

“
Living in rural NSW access to services is limited. The virtual home visit was life changing and my son is finally sleeping through the night.”

Referrals are made online by child & family health nurses, GPs or health/ community professionals

www.karitane.com.au/referral



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:

Centre co-ordinator: Mary Azzi

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au



ST Charbel's After School Care

BEFORE Kids@Weldon AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Kids@Weldon is a not for profit organisation providing a safe and secure after school program on the school grounds in the multi-purpose hall.



What we provide is:
 Homework Tutoring from 4-5.30pm every Monday & Wednesday
 Professional sports trainers every Thursday afternoon
 Nutritious afternoon tea
 Qualified and caring educators
 Fun Activities
 Affordable fees - Child Care Subsidies apply



OPERATING HOURS:
 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
 Monday-Friday ASC (3:10pm - 6:30PM)
 For more information about our program, please
 contact Mary Azzi on **0418735976** or send us an enquiry
 via email on stcmcs@weldon.com.au



CALENDAR

UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

June:

Fri 28 Last Day of Term 2
 Semester 1 Assembly K-6

July:

Mon 1-Fri 19 School Holidays

Sun 21 St Charbel's Feast Day
Mon 22 Parent Teacher Interviews K-12

Tue 23 Pupil Free Day - Staff Development Day

Fri 26 Patron's Day
Wed 31 Subject Selection Evening Years 8 and 10

