

MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Issue 12 Term 3, September 2019

As a challenging term comes to an end, we once again we have a good deal for which to be thankful for.

We congratulate and farewell our 2019 Year 12 cohort as they conclude their formal studies and begin the final stage of their preparation for the Higher School Certificate. In the short time that I have had to get to know these young adults, I have been impressed with what they offer, both as a group and as individuals. They are a credit to the College, their families and themselves and if they achieve in their lives with the same effort as they have at St Charbel's College, then I look forward to seeing great things from them. We wish them every blessing on their journey.

We also celebrated our Year 12 graduation ceremony to which I would like to thank all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, who made this event possible and thank in particular our College Captains, Tony Saidi, Jennifer Harb and the Student Representative Council for being fine leaders amongst their Year 12 cohort.

Our Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students have received their NAPLAN results and they show continued improvement across their Year groups. There were some very good achievements above the State averages in a large number of areas. Congratulations to all our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and their teachers for their application and achievements.

Prayer for our Year 12 Students:

Let us pray for our Year 12s as they begin the HSC exams. God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this time. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

I wish you all a very safe and blessed holiday.

Please note: Term 3 concludes Friday 27th September, 2019 and Term 4 commences Tuesday 15th October 2019.



Director of Primary

The end of the term has come quickly. Students have been working hard and taking part in exciting learning activities such as STEM activities last week. These activities included: Build a Pirate Ship challenge, a Shelter Building challenge and an Earthquake Challenge. Students relished the opportunity to take part in the challenges and had great fun with the hands-on tasks. A special thank you to Years 1 and 2 parents who generously donated the items the students needed to complete the challenges!



Parents would be aware that a new uniform is being introduced into the school. A reminder that there is a two year transition period for students to move to the new uniform, with Stage 3 2020 students able to complete Primary School in their current uniform. Parents of Stage 3 2020 students who need a new uniform, as they have outgrown or worn out their current uniform, may not be sure whether to purchase the new or current uniform. This is up to parents. The current uniform will be sold at a reduced price at Saoumas and in the P&F uniform shop, so it will be more economical to buy the current one. However, parents might like to wait to see the new uniform, get prices and the due dates for stock in your child's size, so you can make an informed decision. New uniform samples should be available for parents to see in a few weeks.



I hope parents and their families enjoy the holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back next term!



God's Blessings.



Year 12

Our Year 12 cohort enjoyed a lovely day out together with their classmates and teachers. A great day of sunshine, laughter and food. What a great Year 12 group they are!



Our Year 12 students were farewelled by the Secondary students with a guard of honour, in our traditional Lebanese ways! We wish them the best of luck with their studies for their upcoming HSC exams!



Secondary Student Life

The Year 8 students reflected on the season of the Holy Cross and our Maronite Catholic values during their PC session.



Secondary Student Life

The St Charbel's College community played a big role in the annual 24 Hour Football Marathon 'Kicking Goals for Sick Kids.' The event was a great success, raising awareness of the needs of Sick Kids and raised over \$130,000 which will directly impact Westmead Children's Hospital. Thank you to the ex-students and all staff who attended and assisted on the day. Thank you also to Mr Zalloua and Mr Shalala for organising the school's participation on the day.



Secondary PDHPE

Now is the time to equip young people with the tools and knowledge they need to stay safe on the road. Year 10 PDHPE attended a RYDA excursion on Monday 16th September 2019. RYDA focuses on cognition development, building and increasing social competency, resilience and motivating low risk behaviour. Facilitators work with students to develop and practise personalised strategies and life skills which will help them respond positively to challenges on the road, both as drivers and highly influential passengers. Students of year 10 found this excursion very informative and beneficial.



Secondary Arabic



" في الفصل الثالث من هذه السّنة، في اللغة العربيّة، تَعَلَّمنا عن السّياحة والسّفر. قرأنا كُتَيْباً سِياحِيّاً، وكتبنا عن رحلة قُمنّا بها مع تلاميذ صَفِّنا. وكذلك صَمَّمنا بطاقة بريديّة ندعو فيها أصدقاءنا لزيارة بلدنا، ونُخبرهم فيها عن برنامج سِياحيّ أعدناه لهم.

لقد استمتعتنا وتعلّمنا الكثير من الكلمات والمفردات الجديدة، وتعرّفنا على بعض المُدن والآثار العربيّة بما فيها الصّحراء. وأيضاً تطرّقنا إلى تعليمات السّلامة في الطّائرة. كان فصلاً مَليئاً بالنشاطات المُتعدّدة، المُفيدّة والمُفرحة."

ميريم حرب - الصّف الثامن M



الصّف السابع يتمرن على البرنامج العربي (Alefbata)

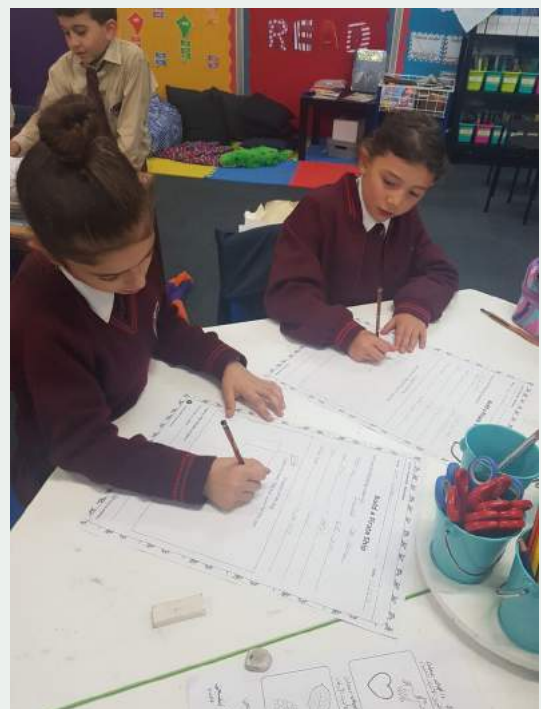


وهنا يُصتَمون بطاقة دعوة في اللغة العربيّة لمناسبة أعياد ميلادهم

ومع اقتراب نهاية هذا الفصل، نتمنى للجميع عطلة هادئة ومُريحة. كما أننا نُذكّر بأن امتحانات الشهادة الثانوية العليا قد أصبحت على الأبواب. لذلك نرجو من الأهالي توفير المناخ المُلائم للدرس لأبنائهم، ومساعدتهم عند الحاجة. وإن شاء الله يكون النّجاح حليف الطلاب أجمعين.

Primary STEM Activities

Year 2 students worked really hard to build a pirate ship that floated for at least 20 seconds, had a mast and flag and was able to carry some treasure (a 50 cent coin). All students designed and built their ship using a limited amount of recycled materials and a great imagination! Some mastered the challenge and others sunk but over all we all had a great time working together!



Primary Student Life

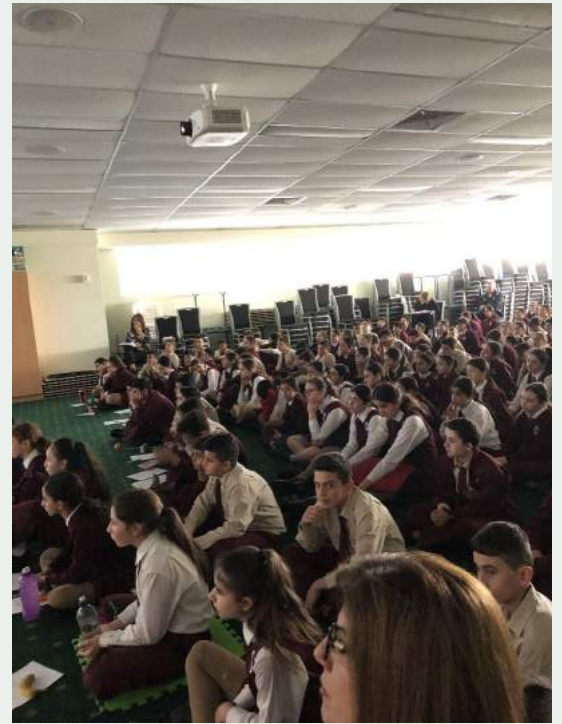
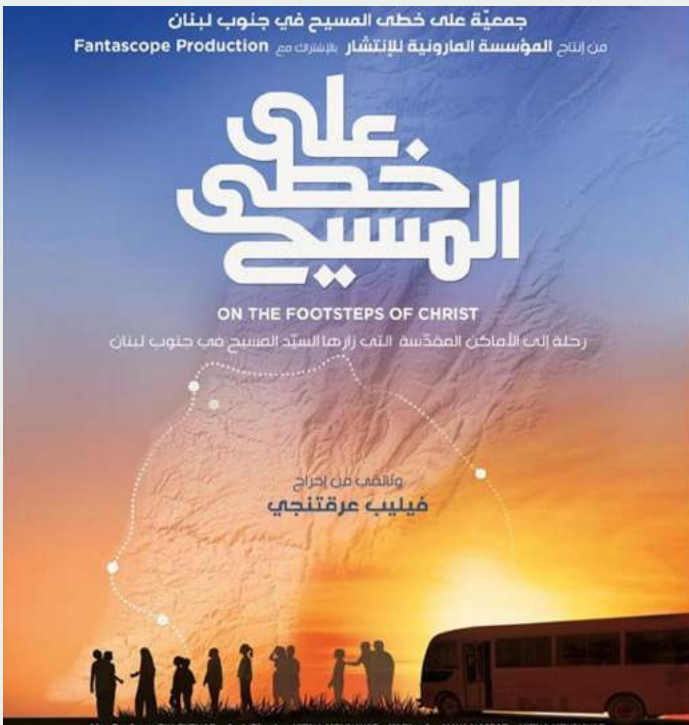
Our Year 5 students experienced a very special day as they put their faith into action by volunteering and serving the less fortunate. The day began with Mass celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, followed by a Presentation by representatives from St Vincent De Paul. The day ended with workshops where they made Hope Cards & chocolate crackles. They learnt that there's always a way to help others.



Primary Arabic

من مهرجان الفيلم اللبناني، عرض في المدرسة، نهار الثلاثاء الفيلم الوثائقي اللبناني "على خطى المسيح" من إخراج فيليب عرقتنجي. وقد شاهد الفيلم كل من تلاميذ الصف الخامس والسادس. وفيه تعرف الطلاب على أن أرض لبنان، هي أرض مقدسة، وقد مرّ بها السيد المسيح.

إنتهت الامتحانات ومعها الفصل الدراسي الثالث الذي كان ناشطا بالدروس والنشاطات. أقيمت الفرصة المدرسية. تتمنى للجميع فرصة آمنة، مسلية ومليئة بكتب المطالعة.



Primary Sport

The students have been lucky to have had the opportunity to participate in Gala days. The Infant soccer gala day was on Wednesday the 11th of September, where we had a few teams from Kindergarten - Year 2 represent the College. Thank you to Ms Belcastro and Mr Barker for their assistance on the day. It was a jam-packed day filled with scoring goals and the students cheering on their teammates. The primary students had the opportunity to participate in a soccer workshop this year run by the Football Pathways Academy. The students had a blast! They participated in some skill development sessions, followed by their very own world cup! It has been a very eventful and fun-filled term in sport. Thank you to all the teachers that assisted in the events.



Ex-Student Success

It is pleasing to report that one of our ex students has achieved international success in his chosen career. Anthony Ters, who still has siblings Joe and Lisa in the High School, and Charlie and Joanne as past students, became an Automotive Mechanic and encourages other young people to take up a trade. Now 22, he began his career as a school based apprentice.

He holds a Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology and a Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology and travelled to Russia last month to compete in WorldSkills Kazan 2019 where he picked up a Medallion of Excellence.

"If you are interested in a trade, you should definitely give it a go," Ters says.



Library News - Spring Reading Challenge

<p>Read a book outside under a tree.</p> 	<p>Read a book to a person younger than you.</p> 	<p>Read a story to your favourite teddy.</p> 
<p>Read a non-fiction book about animals.</p> 	<p>Read your favourite story and then design a new book cover.</p> 	<p>Read a book and then draw your favourite character from the story.</p> 

On Tuesday 15 October 2019, Yorke Education books will be selling the Year 12 textbooks from 9am until 11:30am to students in the Library. If you wish to purchase textbooks return the order form ASAP. Please do not enclose money with orders.

Bankstown and Campsie library and Knowledge Centres will be extending their hours during October to provide additional study hours for HSC students. Tutors, Youth Workers, free food and well-being activities are on offer.

Please ensure your child returns their library books before the end of term

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.
- If your son/daughter must leave early, you must write a note in their diary, which is to be signed by their relevant teachers/coordinators, and they are to present themselves to the front office at the time needed.

Upcoming Events

Fri 27 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Mon Sept 30 - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Fri Oct 11

Tue 15 Oct First Day of Term 4

Thurs 17 Oct HSC Exams Commence

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