

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 4

Term 2, Week 2, May 2017

## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Christ has Risen. Truly He has Risen! Welcome back to Term 2, I hope and pray that you all enjoyed and had a blessed Easter and peaceful holiday. May this term be fruitful and successful for each and every one of us.

During the school holidays extensive work was carried out throughout the College. In particular, the Primary toilets were gratefully upgraded, most of which was generously donated. Continuing with the upgrading, our IT Department was very busy installing over 100 new computers in the High School and Library Departments with a new IT Lab and all existing computers in the Primary Department were newly replaced. A lot of work is being invested to upgrade our facilities, improve our resources and to develop strategic plans for the future. All this cannot be done easily without the great support and commitment of our staff and community to which we as a College are very grateful.

I particularly would like to encourage Year 12 students to dedicate themselves to their studies, especially in early Term 3 as their trial HSC exams are scheduled during this time. Now being half way through their last year of schooling, it is never too late to set their goals and aim for their future endeavours.

We continue through the season of Resurrection according to the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church, in which we recognise that Christ has truly risen. Let us continue to recognise Christ's sacrifice for each and every one of us and pray for the intercession of His Blessed Mother as we enter the Month of May which is dedicated to Mother Mary.

*"The Holy Rosary is a Jacob's ladder, on which our prayers ascend and graces descend."* St Hannibal Mary Di Francia.



## DEDICATION OF ONESELF TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dearest Mother, I desire to belong to you forever and in the most perfect manner, and through you I want to become the property of the Divine Heart of Jesus for time and eternity.

Behold I dedicate to you this day and all the days of my life, but especially at the hours of my death, my soul with its faculties, my body with its senses, in a word my whole person.

I unite this dedication with the Sacred Life, Passion and Death of Jesus, with all holy Masses, ever to be said, and with all holy communions, ever to be received. I unite it with your glorious merits, dear Mother, with the merits of all the saints and elect, and with all good deeds ever to be done.

With these I unite my own prayers, labours and sufferings; also all indulgences I can gain, all merits I can acquire; I place it all into your motherly hands. Purify my gift of every stain, dispose of it, and offer it up to the Holy Trinity in accordance and in union with the infinitely holy intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Help me, dear Mother, to sacrifice myself for the honour of your Son and for immortal souls. Grant, not as a reward but as a favour that I may ever serve you and that I may never - not even by purgatory be separated from your Divine Son. O clement, O pious sweet O Virgin Mary. Amen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

- |             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fri 5       | Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea     |
| Tues 9 – 11 | NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)          |
| Mon 23 – 2  | Life Education / Healthy Harold     |
| Wed 17 – 19 | Year 6 Camp                         |
| Wed 24      | Year 10 ALLWELL Testing             |
| Fri 26      | Account 2 Fees Payment Due          |
| Tues 30     | ALLWELL Testing External Applicants |

### June

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| Fri 2       | High School Athletics Carnival                     |
| Sun 4       | Pentecost  |
| Mon 5 – 9   | Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations                   |
| Mon 12      | Queen's Birthday                                   |
| Tues 20     | Year 6 ALLWELL Testing                             |
| Fri 23      | Semester 1 Awards Ceremonies<br>Last Day of Term 2 |
| Mon 26 – 27 | Staff Professional Development                     |
| Wed 28      | K – 11 Semester 1 Report Interviews                |
| Thurs 29    | Staff Spirituality & Well Being Day                |

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### 123 MAGIC!

This term we will be introducing 123 Magic in the Primary School. This is a behaviour management approach that has proven to be highly successful in other schools. It is also a highly effective approach for parents. We have noted that there is a free introduction for parents (It is also highly successful when used in the home) presented by Bankstown Council.

If parents are interested in attending, please make sure that you book early as places are limited.

**123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program – Arabic:** This program aims to help parents and carers handle and manage difficult behaviour in children aged 2 - 12 years. This program allows parents to learn how to get children to stop any unwanted behaviour and how to set them on the path to the right behaviour. This program will be facilitated in Arabic.

The program will run each Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:00pm on 9/5, 16/5 and 23/5/17 at *Creating Links* in Bankstown. Childcare is provided but limited places are available.



**Details:** 58 Kitchener Pde, Bankstown / 1300 254 657 or 0423 754 812

### Director of Religious Education (K-12) - Mrs Joanne Mansour

Hope you had a blessed Easter and a relaxing break.

Robert Haddad's talk on **'How To Keep Your Kids Catholic'** was insightful and thought provoking.

We are looking forward to his two other sessions:

[Session 2: Morality in the 21st Century](#)

- Wednesday 10 May, 2017
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Mary Mackillop Centre

Session 3: What does the Sacra-Ment? Unpacking the Sacraments

- Wednesday 24 May, 2017
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Mary Mackillop Centre

Hope to see you there!

God bless,

### Director of Curriculum (7-12) - Mrs Karen Jubb

Next week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The results of the tests will provide important information about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement reported against the national minimum standard.

The schedule for the examinations is:

Tuesday – Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation & grammar) and Writing test

Wednesday – Reading test

Thursday – Numeracy test

Pencils are no longer sent to schools so students **must** bring the following stationery items each day:

- Black or blue pen
- 2B or HB pencil plus an eraser and sharpener (essential for Numeracy test)
- Calculator (essential for years 7 & 9 Numeracy test)

The tests will be conducted in the morning so it is imperative that all students attend school on time. It will be possible to conduct make-up missed tests during the week; however, no tests can be conducted after Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**NAPLAN** NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

We have had a very busy start to the term already! The children have been wonderful since coming back from holidays and have very quickly settled back into school routines. Additionally, I have been very impressed with their enthusiastic approach to learning in the classroom. There are several events planned for this term so I ask parents to ensure that they read all notes sent home very carefully to remain up to date with important information.

I wanted to bring to your attention that this term we have introduced a common recess and lunch for all the children Kindergarten through to Year 6. We have come to find that this has had a most positive impact on the learning of the children. The playground is now less noisy and more importantly we have been able to lengthen the morning block which has meant a more productive learning session for the children.

As you are aware Mrs Anton left our College at the end of last term for a new position, we therefore welcome Ms Rae to our College community who will be teaching 4S up to the end of the year. Ms Rae is a most committed and passionate teacher who will ensure that the children under her care will flourish.

Over the past few days I have had the wonderful opportunity along with some of my colleagues to interview our future Kindergarten children and parents for entry into the College for 2018. We have been most impressed! I wish to thank the parents for their commitment towards our College, we absolutely enjoyed meeting all the children.

On another note, I wish to again remind all our parents that we are not accepting any type of food items to celebrate birthdays or other events for your children. Please understand that we need to ensure the safety of the children and as you are aware many children have food allergies. Food allergies can vary depending on the child and is not always only related to nuts. I wish to also ask that no food is handed out to the children on school grounds including at the end of the day. It saddens me to see parents handing out food to children without taking into account that some children can become either violently ill or worse have an anaphylaxis reaction. I thank all our parents for being mindful of this.

Finally, I wish to remind parents of children in Years 3 and 5 that NAPLAN tests will be administered as the dates below:

Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017	Friday 12 May 2017
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading Test	Numeracy Test	Catch-up day
Writing Test			

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>. Thank you for your continual support of learning at St Charbel's College.

God bless,

Mirath in Mind will be celebrating 5 years in which they have successfully contributed to the Lebanese communities both within our College and with our students by holding an Annual Gala event. This will be held on:

Date: Friday 26 May 2017 at 7.30 pm

Place: La Renaissance, Lidcombe

- A table of 10 for \$1000 plus 5 Booklets raffle tickets \$50/book that offers prestigious prizes

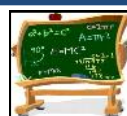
- A voucher of \$250 at least with a table of 10 guests.

We encourage your support for Mirath in Mind, for bookings please contact:

Mrs Laure Chahine 0419 224 624



A new **HOMEWORK CLUB**  
in **MATHEMATICS**



will be running every **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings

*Come along to these sessions if you wish to get some extra assistance with your homework*

*All students of all years are welcome to attend.*

**Where: N108 Time: 8am-8:25am**

**Mrs Zidros and Mr Wong**

**Second instalment for school fees is now due**  
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/account No. in order to allocate these payments to the correct families.

Arrangements may also be made via Centrelink



Kindergarten has returned from the Easter break ready and excited to learn! The students will be developing their phonemic and phonological awareness and Number sense skills this term with great lesson warm ups! Guided Reading time will be an opportunity for the Kindergarten students to start reading and exploring their comprehension skills. In Science, the students are exploring the materials that everyday objects are made of through experimentation and investigations. They will continue learning about their family history and will be understanding the importance of successful communication in the various relationships in their lives.



We look forward to a fun Term!

### Primary Sport Report - Miss Catherine Zalloua

This year our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program organized by the Heart Foundation. Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs. You can raise money using the Sponsorship form your child has received or online. The way to sign up online is below. Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

**Sign your child up for online fundraising:**

Visit: [www.jumprope.org.au](http://www.jumprope.org.au)

• Click on the Kids tab

Click on Register

Also, on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May a group of students represented St Charbel's Primary School at the Combined Cluster Cross Country. The students did a fantastic job and represented the school with a lot of pride.



### Primary LOTE Coordinator - Mrs Nada Kazzi

كل عام بعد عام عم نسمع أحلى الكلام واليوم الكلمة الحلوة ... المسيح قام.....حقاً قام



نأمل أن تكون عطلة عيد الفصح عطلة مريحة وأن يكون الجميع على أتم الاستعداد لبدء الفصل الدراسي الثاني.

تتحضر جميع الصفوف لفصل حافل بالمواضيع المشوقة منها "الحاجات، العائلة، محيطي، الأعمال والمهن" وغيرها. ويتحضر الطلاب أيضاً للقيام بنشاطات مختلفة منها "ميراث في البال". نطلب من الأهل التشجيع بالمشاركة في هذا النشاط الثقافي ليتعرف الطلاب على تراث وثقافة العالم العربي واللبناني في أستراليا.

كما عرف البعض منكم، فقد اشتركت المدرسة، عبر الانترنت، ببرنامج يدعى "Language Nut". وهذا البرنامج يساعد التلاميذ على تعلم مفردات وقصص جديدة من خلال اللعب والتسلية. وكجزء من فروض البيت، سيستعمل ولدكم هذا الموقع من البيت، نرجو من الأهل المساعدة والتشجيع. وتذكروا أن النجاح ليس باباً، بل سلماً. ويلزم على الفرد أن يتسلقه بجهد وعمل ومثابرة.

**Dear Parents,**

The College has purchased "lots and lots" of beautiful new resources for our students. It would be greatly appreciated if any parents had any spare time to help with covering these books. Please ring the College library on 9740 0923 if you would be able to come in and help us.

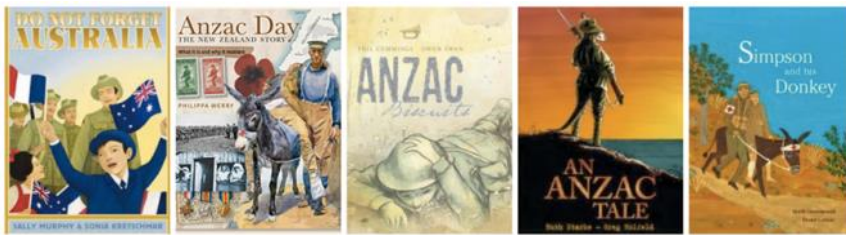
Some students have lost their library books from last term so please check and see if you can find and return any of these missing books.

A reminder that our library is open from 8.00 until 4.30 every day for students. Happy Reading!

**Ms C. Golz**

Welcome back to Term Two from all of the Library Staff.

To start the term, we have been displaying many of our wonderful books based on the theme of ANZAC Day. Many Australian authors have set their mind to this period of our history and have come up with some wonderful historical fiction based around Australia's Involvement in The First World War.



We also have some terrific new books in the library so come on up and have a look. You are bound to find something for your reading pleasure.

**Mrs S. Cullinan**

**P&F Corner - Mrs Annie El-Kazzi, President**

Thank you to all parents and friends who attended our Spiritual Retreat held on Friday 17th March, 2017. Special thanks to Father Tanios Ghassian, Father Antoine Tohme and Father Maroun Youssef and Committee members for making the day a success.

The Recycle Uniform Shop is open every Friday 2.00pm to 3.00pm. All uniforms in good condition can be left at the office.

Upcoming events:

\*Friday 5th May 2017: Mother's Day Morning Tea and Mass.

\*Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th May: Mother's Day Gift Stalls for Primary. (More news to follow).

Looking forward to your support for these events.



There are currently 105, 237 people in Australia who are homeless. With Winter approaching and numbers increasing daily, conditions will only be getting worse for these sufferers. So, the annual Beat the Cold War Appeal, has returned - with a twist. Collections have already begun for items in new or good condition, including blankets, scarves, beanies, gloves, socks and shoes. In addition to the regular donations, sleeping bags are also being collected. This forms the basis of the SCC Swags Initiative. Swag packs will be made with the college donations, using a blanket or sleeping bag as the starter, and creating an essentials pack, including toothbrush and toothpaste for each person. These swag packs are far more beneficial than a blanket, scarf, or beanie alone, and are easily transported.

Our current donation totals stand at:

- Blankets **40**                      Scarves (donated by 2 primary students) **42**
- Socks **9**                              Beanies **7**                              Sleeping bags **1**                              Gloves **5**
- Brand new pillows (donated by Renee) **13**
- Mini Tooth paste (donated by year 12 CAFS) **176**                              Toothbrushes **96**

We need these numbers to increase, but it is not possible without your help!

Christ calls for our help through Scripture;

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these the brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40  
*Will you answer the call?*



## Excursions & Sport Activities

On the 7th of April Year 10 PASS, Years 11-12 SLR and Years 11 and 12 English studies went on an excursion to Sydney Olympic Park. All the students had a wonderful and amazing experience exploring and learning about Australia's sporting history. The students went on a guided tour around ANZ Stadium. Ground officials showed us the players' change rooms and where the players prepare before the game. We also saw the wall of autographs from all legendary players and artists who performed or played in the stadium. Next, the students continued exploring Australia's sporting history at the Athletic warm up track where the 2000 Sydney Olympic Athletics were held. Later, we walked to the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre where the 2000 Sydney Olympics were also held. We learnt that it hosted Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo. Overall, it was an amazing day and once in a lifetime experience of entering behind the scenes of the work that has been done to make Olympic Park the way it is today. Also, everyone's favourite highlight of the day was running out of the tunnels and on to the field like the players getting ready to play a game of football. It was definitely a great excursion and should be kept for future classes.



On the 1st of May 2017, Year 10 PASS classes attended an excursion to Alum Park Greenacre, accompanied by all Year 6 classes and their class teachers. When both grades and teachers arrived at the venue, we were separated into groups of 7 Year 10 students and 13 Year 6 students. As coaches we were given a booklet based on guidelines on the basics of coaching a team. This was part of our Term 2 pass assignment based on coaching, hence the reason for the excursion. The booklet consisted of 4 different sessions, the first session had started at 11:50. The first session was an introduction to the basic knowledge of NRL consisting of variations of kicks, passes and rules within a game. The year groups had taken a short break prior to starting sessions 2 & 3 at 1:20. This session was more complicated where the Year 6 students learnt a more technical format for defence and attack. Lunch had come quickly. Prior to participating in session 4, a field game where the team recounts the information they learnt, was put into action. The Year 10 students combined with their Year 6 students and competed against other teams. At the end of the event, a presentation took place where a big thankyou to the NRL representatives took place. The NRL representatives had also given every student a pack consisting of an NRL ball, free ticket to any NRL game, Bulldog 2017 poster and a World Cup 2017 poster. The course of the day was certainly full of laughs and smiles, where everyone learnt something valuable whether it be how to play NRL or how to coach a team.



## Caritas Project Compassion

It gives me great pleasure to announce that a **total of \$7000** was raised by the College for Caritas Project Compassion last term during the Lenten season!! This record-breaking total will be used to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters in poverty-stricken parts of the world.

A huge thank you to all students, staff and parents who donated to the campaign so generously, and who supported the events and initiatives organised by Year 9. Also, thank you to the selfless group of Year 9 students who volunteered their own time – both in school and at home – to ensure that this year's campaign was fruitful. They, and all students across the College, have truly demonstrated what it means to "love thy neighbour."

Yours in Christ,



**Special guest speaker**  
**Mr Kevin Bailey**

In search of character

- \* How to build character in children
- \* Celebrating the gift of fatherhood



"As lay Catholics ... we've got to lay down our lives for something that's worth laying down our lives for..."

**RSVP: by Friday  
19 May 2017**

Any further questions?

Please contact Mr Charlie Shalala on  
9740 0999 or on  
[cshalala@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cshalala@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

 St Charbel's College  
cordially invites you to our inaugural...

# FATHER & SON Evening

"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from it."  
Proverbs 22:6

**Friday  
26th May**

Multipurpose Hall,  
St Charbel's College  
6:45 - 9:00 pm  
Dinner included



## Overseas Study Tour: Greece and Italy, The Holy Land and Italy



A study tour has been organised by Academy Travel for the current Year 9, 10 and 11 students of St Charbel's College

Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (April School Holidays)

Two itineraries on offer

For the Greece Component:

- ◇ 5 nights in the Peloponnese
- ◇ 2 nights in Athens

• For the Holy Land component:

- ◇ 2 nights Tel Aviv
- ◇ 2 nights Nazareth
- ◇ 3 nights Jerusalem

• Both tours spend the second week in Italy:

- ◇ 3 nights Rome
- ◇ 3 nights Bay of Naples

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm in N108. For further information.

Please read the information pack handed out to students, or contact Mr Martin McConville at school.

Mr M. McConville  
Teacher in charge