

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

Another successful year is soon coming to an end, let us continue to gather our energy and our focus on committing ourselves fully. St Charbel's Annual Art Exhibition was held from Wednesday 22 November to Friday 24 November in the College Multi-Purpose Hall. It was wonderful to see many of our parents, teachers and students attend and see the Opening Ceremony and appreciate the many fine talents of our students who over the years have been gratefully led by Mrs Maryrose Maatouk and her TAS department. Thank you to our fine students for the continual commitment and passionate love of art, music or drama. It was very impressive and rewarding to see our students perform with such confidence.

This week we also welcomed our 2018 Kindergarten Cohort for their Orientation Day. It was a pleasure seeing many familiar and some new faces with their eager children ready to start Kindy next year. Thank you to the teaching and non-teaching staff who helped make this day successful. We are looking forward to further welcoming our new students as they begin their journey with St Charbel's College.

Our Primary & Secondary Arabic Departments organised a special assembly to celebrate Lebanon's Independence Day on Wednesday 22 November where our participants in Mirath in Mind performed for the entire College. We are very proud of our heritage as we are proud of our students who participate in our Lebanese culture. Thank you to all those involved who made this assembly successful, we especially pray for our homeland Lebanon for peace and harmony.

Our Parents & Friends Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Library. We invite all of you to attend and support our Committee by voting for a President and Committee who will serve our College Community. Thank you to our current Parents & Friends Association who with their President Mrs Annie El Kazzi has always been a support and positive influence to the College.



SAVE THE DATE— SPEECH NIGHT 2017

After the great success of last year's ceremony, it is with great excitement that we plan our second Secondary Speech Night on Wednesday, 6th December 2017 at 6:30pm! Staff and students are organising presentations and performances, and special guests have accepted to speak and present on the night.

Attendance on the night is compulsory for ALL high school students and at least one parent.

Students must arrive at 6pm to organise prize-winners and to ensure the evening commences promptly at 6pm with the entrance of staff and official guests.

The College has organised the evening to acknowledge our students' achievements over the year, with a much stronger focus on academic performance and achievement. A number of awards will be presented to each grade, including Grade DUX, first place in courses, Consistent Application across the Curriculum, Citizenship Awards and Sportsmen and Sportswomen awards.

In addition to these awards, we will present the important annual awards:

- The Rose Award for Arabic Language & Culture
- The Lucia & Andres El Khouri Maronite Music Award
- The Mary Arraj Award for Community Service
- The Long Tan Award for Leadership
- The Wansa Award for Academic Excellence
- The Principal's All-rounder Award

We look forward to seeing students and parents on the night, and acknowledging the hard work of our students and teachers.

BYOD Policy - Mrs Karen Jubb

YEAR 7 BYOD PROGRAM IN 2018

We are excited to announce that the College is planning for the re-introduction of the BYOD program for Year 7 in 2018.

Having ongoing access to technology will help our students to develop greater independence, increase their engagement, improve their literacy and numeracy and help them to develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

Students will use their laptops to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organization. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analysing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. These activities will be organised by the individual class teachers.

Mobile phones are not considered appropriate devices for the educational experiences planned for Year 7 – and we request that parents refrain from sending their students to school with mobiles. Students and parents can communicate through the school telephone system when necessary. Further information regarding the BYOD policy and device specifications will be provided at the Year 7 (2018) Orientation Day.

Library News - Ms Christine Golz

Dear Parents,

Textbooks lists for 2018 have been sent out spare copies are available from the office or the library. Please ensure any orders are returned WITHOUT MONEY to the library once electives are confirmed.

Yorke Book Orders can be collected and paid for on [Tuesday, the 30th of January 2018, from 8:30am until 12pm](#), at St Charbel's College in the College Art Room.

Encourage your child/ren to return the library books for the end of the year. The cost to the library of lost books each year limits the resources we are able to purchase for students.

Many thanks go the library staff – Mrs Rima Wakim, Miss Susie Yammouni, Mrs Simone Cullinan and Mrs Mounira Akkari for their work during the year.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday.



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 access to the College grounds or supervision for any students prior to 8am, for their own safety and wellbeing.

A **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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Mon 20 Infants Swimming Program (until
Friday 1 Dec)
Tues 28 Year 7 Vaccinations
Wed 29 Primary Swimming Carnival

December

Fri 1 Year 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 4 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Tues 5 K-11 End of Year Mass
Wed 6 Secondary School Speech Night
Thurs 7 Secondary School Sports Awards
Ceremony
Primary Semester 2 Awards Ceremony
Fri 8 Last Day of Term 4
Sat 9 College Fete

Weldon Children's Services is offering a before and after school care program at St Charbel's College which has 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
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 6:30am until 6:30pm

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 has enrolment packages and information about our programs.

Kids @ Weldon:



Kids@Weldon

Before & After School Care Contact Details:

Centre co-ordinator: Vee Ibrahim

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au

Kids @ Weldon will also be conducting Vacation Care Programs these upcoming school holidays.

في الثاني والعشرين من شهر تشرين الثاني من كل عام يحتفل الشعب اللبناني بمناسبة الاستقلال، وتعتبر هذه المناسبة مناسبة وطنية تهتم جميع اللبنانيين في الوطن والمهجر. ونحن أيضاً، عيدنا الإستقلال، في مدرسة مار شربل. كما وأن الطلاب تلقوا جوائز من السيدة شاديا حجار بمناسبة مشاركتهم في ميراث في البال.



مسرحية و أغاني لبنانية



جوقة المدرسة: "كلنا للوطن للعلم"



دبكة لبنانية



إعلان الجوائز من ميراث في البال



كلمة شعر حلوة من الصف الثاني



بحبك يا لبنان



عيد استقلال لبنان الرابع والسبعون

إحتفل معهد مار شربل بعيد استقلال لبنان الرابع والسبعين، صباح نهار الأربعاء في الثاني والعشرين من تشرين الثاني بحضور حضرة الأب لويس الفرخ رئيس دير مار شربل وحضرة الأب مارون يوسف مدير المعهد ولقيف من رهبان الدير كما حضر عدد من الأهالي .

إفتتحت الإحتفال جوقة الصّفوف الإبتدائيّة بالنشيد الوطني اللبناني، ثمّ تلاها بعض من طلاب الصفوف الثانوية الذين اشتركوا بإحياء هذه المناسبة الوطنيّة، وأذكرمنهم الطّالبة روانا صعب التي شاركت بفيديو كليب عن تاريخ لبنان منذ عهد العثمانيين وحتى حقبة الإستقلال، وفرقة الرقص الفولكلوري في القسم الثّانوي التي قدّمت رقصتين على أنغام أغنيات وطنيّة حازت على كثير من التّصفيق. أمّا الطّالب أنطوني عون فلقد غرّد للوطن أغنية " يا لبنان دخل ترابك"، ممّا جعل الجمهور يتجاوب معه بحماسة كبرى.

. ومسك الختام، كانت كلمة حضرة الأب مارون يوسف، مدير المعهد، والتي شرح فيها معاناة اللبنانيين عبر تاريخ استقلالهم، فدكّر الطّلاب بأنّ لبنان قد ورد ذكره في الإنجيل المُقدّس أكثر من ثلاثين مرّة، والأرزة هي بزرة زرعها الله، وخطبهم قائلاً "أنتم جزء من لبنان، وجزء من هذه البزرة المزروعة بيد الله. فكونوا فخورين بما أنتم عليه! أنتم لستم أبناء الله وحسب بل وأبناء لبنان أيضاً. أحبوا لبنان ووطنكم الأم، وأحبوا أستراليا حيث ولدتُم وتزرع عثم". وفي الختام شكر أساتذة اللغة العربية للقيام بتحضيرات هذا الإحتفال. كما شكر السيّد لور شاهين لتهيئة فرقة الرقص الفولكلوري التي شاركت في مسابقات " ميراث في البال".



Yr 8 PDHPE First Aid Incursion - Miss Belinda Whittle

On Tuesday, 21st of November, Year 8 attended a first aid incursion run by St John's Ambulance First Aid. Students learnt about different safety procedures such as DRSABCD and in particular beach First Aid. Students were involved in practical activities such as getting their partners into the recovery position where the DRSABCD process and CPR were practiced on the mannequins. Overall, it was a very educational and an enjoyable learning experience for the Year 8 cohort.



Yr 8 PDHPE Beach Awareness - Miss Belinda Whittle

On Friday, 17 November 2017 all Year 8 students attended a *Beach Awareness* excursion at Cronulla Beach. The students participated in surfboarding, body surfing and boogie boarding lessons run by the Cronulla Surf School. Surf safety and rip spotting in particular, were a major part of this day. Students had lots of fun and learnt how to be responsible at the beach.



The end of the year is fast approaching and Term 4 is always the time for consolidation of what has been taught during the year. We are all working diligently to wrap up 2017, being aware of the time allocated away from the classrooms for the swimming program.

Prior to Year 3 celebrating their First Holy Communion, they enjoyed a spiritual day filled with joy and laughter. The day was spent making rosary beads, prayers and enjoying valuable time with their peers and teachers based on the life of Jesus in preparation for their blessed day.

Year 3 had a beautiful First Holy Communion Day and I'm sure there are many happy memories of their special day. The Hall was jam-packed with families sharing in such an important time in their lives. The ceremony saw very reverent and holy children take Jesus into their hearts and many parties were held later to celebrate such a momentous occasion. Thanks must go to Mrs Alam, Mrs Kazzi and Ms Danas for preparing the children so perfectly for this event.

Reading groups are continuing in full swing with all teachers and support staff aiming to have all children advance to the next grade at a satisfactory level. It has been pleasing to see the increase in Literacy skills in all grades and the Reading Recovery, Minilit and Macqlit programs have again proven to be very successful in developing reading fluency and comprehension. The children really enjoyed going to the reading rooms for lessons and following are some comments made.

"I like reading because I want to be ready for Year 2." Teresa.

"I like reading because I learn a lot with Ms Durham." Samuel.

"I like reading because it helps me write and learn things." AnnaChrista

"I enjoyed coming to the reading room to learn to read." Christian.

The photo shows the smiling faces of the students who have benefitted from the Reading Recovery program.

Lost property is always a problem and again the basket is

overloaded, mainly with sports jackets. All unclaimed items will be given to the second hand clothing shop at the end of term so please check for any missing items before it's too late.

Assessments are completed and reports are being written. Please show an interest in your children's learning by reading the reports and talking to their teacher about the progress made throughout the year if you have any concerns. Children notice and appreciate your efforts.



On Thursday, 16 November, a group of Year 11 students were invited to The Make Up Artist Academy at Beverly Hills for a look and learn make up masterclass. The head trainer did a live make up demonstration on Dona Dagher and shared her tips and tricks for longer lasting makeup. This was an opportunity to explore part time as well as full time career options.



St CHARBEL'S COLLEGE
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

St Charbel's Parents & Friends Committee Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2017.

Nominations are open for any parent wishing to nominate themselves or someone else for the following positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Vice treasurer
- Secretary
- Events coordinator (x2)
- Primary Liaison officer
- Secondary Liaison officer

Advisors will be announced on the night of the AGM according to the constitution.

Please send your nominations to Gisele Doumet via text message on 0411 755 054. Gisele Doumet has been appointed to coordinate the nomination process.

Please be assured all nominations will be treated as secret ballot so please feel free to nominate who you wish. Nominees will **NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE** in the committee or in the College.

We look forward to your participation in the 2018 P&F Committee and as always we thank the present Committee for their hard work and dedication.

