

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 3 students received the most blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist in a beautiful ceremony. The joy of seeing the children's excitement ready to accept Jesus for their first time was truly uplifting. As Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:14).

The Mass was truly a beautiful celebration of the Sacrament. I wish to sincerely thank my assistant monks, most especially His Excellency Bishop Antoine Tarabay, who assisted on the day. Many families have acknowledged their appreciation with positive feedback in regards to the celebration and the lead up to this special day for their children. The success of such an important event involves the commitment and team effort of all staff, teaching and non-teaching who came together to make this day special for our Year 3 students and their families. On this note, I wish to personally thank all the teachers of Year 3 along with the RE department for teaching the Sacramental program which ensured that the children were spiritually ready to receive Jesus Christ. I wish to also extend my gratitude to the numerous people who assisted behind the scenes ensuring this event was prepared with utmost precision.

Lastly, I ask our community to keep the Year 3 children in your prayers so that they can continue to nurture their faith as well as this sacrament in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and saviour. I also pray that the parents and families continue to ensure that their children remain committed towards the love of Jesus by attending mass as a family regularly.



Congratulations to Eliane Chidiac and Charlie Azzi who received the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award. This prestigious award is given to Year 12 students who excel in Science and are keen in pursuing a Science degree as part of their tertiary education. The students also received an invitation to spend the day at the institute to tour the facilities and experience a day as a research scientist. The college is very proud of their efforts towards their education.



### A Day at the Museum:

This week Year 7 had the opportunity to attend the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney. Students learnt about the ancient Greeks, Romans, Etruscans and Egyptians. They were also given the opportunity to handle and analyse 3000 year old artefacts.

Students described the day as “engaging,” “fun” and “interesting.”

7S liked going to the University of Sydney because it had both modern and very old buildings. They loved the clean environment and especially the green grass areas. The Nicholson museum staff were very knowledgeable and provided 7S with a wealth of information. The class is looking forward to the new museum that is being built at the moment as they would love to see more artefacts. Mrs Panteli was also happy to see the Cypriot collection in the museum.

Following this, some of the students highlighted the most interesting information about their day:

I liked that the Egyptian culture was respected and in particular the mummy was not referred to as an object but as a human. Rebecca Nohra

The museum had a special aura about it. It made me even more curious about the ancient world. Celine Tannous

We learned about the Acropolis and the importance of the location of the Parthenon. The higher you are, the safer you can be from the enemies. Joseph Tarabay

The artefacts were a great way to learn about the past because it is something that we can not do in the school environment. Joseph El Saddi

I learned that there are different coins for different Roman Emperors and that the urn boxes are used to put the ashes in. David Aouad

We learned about Horus who was a 6-7 year old boy and his mummified body is in the museum. His body was put through a modern day scanning machine so that more information could be found out about him. Zoe Labban





I thought it was a great excursion for visual learners like myself who need to see something to believe it and learn about it. Chanel Chidiac

The Etruscans were killed by the Romans and as a result no one knows how to read their language. Daniel Ghajar

I didn't like learning about the process of mummification especially the removal of the brain as I found this disturbing and strange. Tony Ayoub

I learned how to differentiate the Egyptian tombs by gender. The male has darker skin than the female skin. Females are more pale. Myriam Harb

I learned about the significance of Egyptian colours that blue represented the Nile river which is very interesting. Talia Serhan

I liked how they made the lego replica of the Roman Empire. That was very creative!

Thanks for organising Mrs Kalpakoulas!



### PASTORAL CARE LESSON: CYBER SAFETY & ITS LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Thank you to all staff and students of Years 9 & 10 who participated in the Cyber Safety presentation led by Bankstown Youth Liaison Officer Constable McManus.



#### 5 Key Points for students to remember:

- **PRIVACY:** Place all social media apps on PRIVATE to protect you from scams or predators.
- **BE SELECTIVE:** Cull your friend lists on any social media you are using. If you do not personally know people on your list well, they will not respect your posts or personal information.
- **SAFETY FIRST:** Any suspicious activity must be reported to a responsible adult or the Police. **NEVER SHARE** personal details or photos that may reveal your location.
- **THINK BEFORE YOU POST:** Ask yourself – Am I proud of this comment or photo? Does it represent who I really am?
- **PROTECT EACH OTHER:** Guide and protect your friends and family when they engage in Social Media.

#### 3 Key Points for Parents:

- **SET BOUNDARIES AT HOME:** Have a family discussion about the dangers of the internet. We LOVE our kids – keep them safe.
- **BALANCE:** Gaming Disorder is a real thing! Set time limits to gaming as it may cause aggressive behaviour, impact sleep patterns and impact physical health.
- **ASK:** Do not fall into the “but everyone is doing it” trap. It is OK to say NO! If you are unsure—speak with other parents.

Sunday 4 November signified an important event in the lives of the Year 3 students; their First Communion. Weeks of preparation went into the day, not only in the organisation of the day itself, but all the Religion lessons and spiritual preparation that took place in the Year 3 classrooms. The students were magnificent on the day and I'm sure it will stand out as a lasting memory in their lives. Rev. Father Maroun, Mrs Mansour, Mrs Alam, Mrs Bayeh, the Year 3 class teachers and Arabic staff are to be commended for their hard work and dedication.

The P & F organised a Mini Commonwealth Games Day for the K-6 students at Roberts Park on Wednesday 31 October and the day was a great success! The students all embraced the country that they were competing for and participated with enthusiasm in the opening and closing ceremonies. They gave 100% to events such as tug of war and team ball relays and showed good sportsmanship throughout the day.

The day culminated with a sausage sizzle back at school, prepared and staffed by the P & F. The staff is to be commended for their hard work, running all the events and encouraging the students. A special thank you to Kylie Alam and the P & F for organising the day and bringing an exciting new event to St Charbel's!

The school's swimming program will be run over the next two weeks. Please refer to any notes or communication that has been sent home by Miss Zalloua with details of the program. As with any experience that is new and takes children out of their comfort zone it can be daunting for the students, so please encourage them to persevere if they find it difficult. Thank you to Miss Zalloua for all her work in planning the swimming program.





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The Arabic Department would like to congratulate the Year Three students on their blessed Holy Communion. It was such a beautiful occasion where our students had the Body of Christ for the first time.

Friday mass was extra special this Friday as it was served by our wonderful Kindergarten students who presented their liturgy with utmost innocence and reverence.

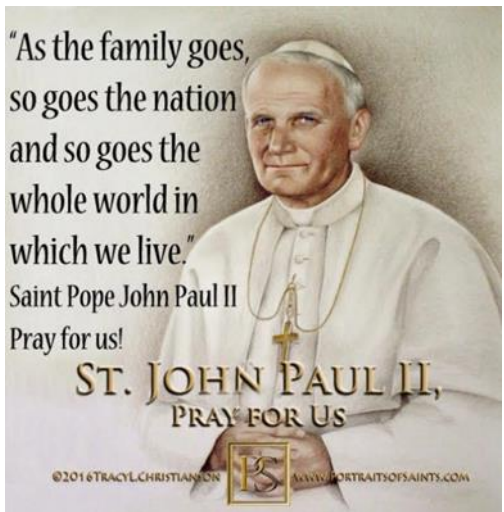
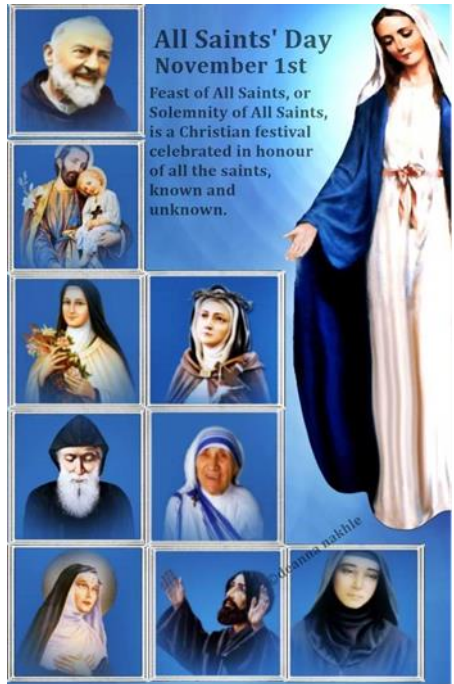


The Primary School began Term 4 with a whole school Rosary. We met in the playground and each grade was given a Luminous Mystery to meditate on. We offered the Rosary for our school, our Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay, Lebanese Maronite Monks and our Maronite Community. Students were then asked to continue to pray the Rosary daily with their family.

We recently celebrated All Saint’s Day and All Soul’s Day by attending a Primary Mass. The Primary School offered prayers of thanks during the Mass and were taught about the significance of All Hallow’s Eve. All Hallow’s Eve honours all the dead in Christ, all the Saints in Heaven, as well as all the holy souls in Purgatory on their way to Heaven. It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints!

Year 3 have been very busy, as on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, the Communicants celebrated a Family Mass with their families, friends and teachers.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 3 celebrated their First Holy Communion for their very first time in a beautiful ceremony. As Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14) I ask you to keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they grow in full discipleship in Christ.





The next few weeks are a busy few for the primary students. The in term swimming program begins Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November for two whole weeks. Just a few reminders:

**Students are to wear to school:**

- Sports uniform (every day for 2 weeks) including shoes
- Swimming costume (under uniform)
- Please note student must wear appropriate swimming attire. Lycra/nylon material-not clothing. Full piece swimming costumes are to be worn by girls. **NO BIKINIS.**

**Students are to bring to school:**

- A towel to take to the pool (and if they like a spare towel for after)
- A big shirt or dress to wear to and from the pool to cover themselves.
- Goggles. A SWIMMING CAP WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM AT THE POOL
- Thongs
- A plastic bag for wet clothes
- Underwear to change into after their swimming lesson

**Students will take to the pool:**

- Students will get changed out of sports uniforms at school and only wear swimmers to the pool
- A towel, thongs and goggles

Please remind students of appropriate behaviour at the pool and while getting changed, the swimming protocol that was given out can go through everything you need to know and what is expected of the students.

These two weeks of swimming are very important for the students as it allows them to further develop their swimming skills or introduce the students to skills, water familiarity and safety. As we are heading into the summer break, the students will be exposed to activities that involve water, like going to the beach, going to swim at the pools or going to water parks. It is so important for them to know the skill of swimming or just the basic skill to be able to save their lives if the need ever came up. If this is the only kind of swimming lessons your child is involved in, I really encourage you to have a look around at local pools that provide swimming lessons for your children. I am happy to answer any questions about this so please feel free to contact me.



This month the library has been busy preparing for the Festive Season. Mrs Wakim, Ms Yammouni and our students have been busy decorating our beautiful Christmas trees. Our students from Drawing Club have also been busy drawing their own beautiful Christmas trees. The work from Drawing Club is always proudly displayed in the library as we encourage creativity in all our students.

We have been thanking God this month for the gift of reading. Around the world, UNESCO says that 175 million young people lack even basic literacy skills. Our students are so fortunate to have access to books which enable them to enhance their literacy skills and to read for pleasure. Reading is a wonderful way for our children to relax, build general knowledge and develop empathy. Consider giving your child a book to enjoy this Christmas.

Year Six have made posters to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018. Many of these posters include the poppy which represents the loss of life on the battlefield. This year marks one hundred years since the First World War ended. Lest We Forget.



#### Reminders:

- Student textbook lists have been handed out for years 7 to 10. If students wish to purchase textbooks from Yorke Educational Centre please fill in the textbook form and return to the library **WITHOUT MONEY. The Library will accept unpaid orders until Friday the 30th of November 2018. No forms will be accepted after this date.** Instead please purchase on Wednesday, the 30th of January 2019, from 8.30 until 12.00, or order online. A representative of Yorke Educational Centre will be at the school on **Wednesday, the 30th of January 2019, from 8.30 until 12.00, selling textbooks, filling orders and taking payment for orders.**
- All year 12 students should be return to the library to allow book bonds to be released
- Please ensure students return library books they have borrowed before the end of term

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## REMINDER

**It is of utmost importance that the photography and video permission form is returned to the school ASAP.**

**facebook**

The College is ensuring that many events and messages are being advertised through our Facebook page. Please take the time to check us out. Additionally, there are times pictures of students are used. If you do not wish for your child's picture to be used please inform the College by emailing your request to [info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

*All parents are invited to send any details or pictures of their children's exceptional honours in activities like: arts, music, sports, and so on!*

## 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** supervision for any students prior to 8am, for their own safety and wellbeing. Also please be mindful that it is dangerous to use the driveways to U-turn.

## SCHOOL FEES

Please ensure all overdue and final school fees are finalised ASAP.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### November:

Nov 12-23	K-6 Swimming Program
Tues 13	Kindy Orientation & Information Day
Wed 14	Year 12 Formal
Tue 20	Kindy Orientation & Morning Tea
Wed 21-Fri 23	Arts & Culture Expo
Thur 22	Lebanese Independence Day
Wed 28	Primary Swimming Carnival
Fri 30	Year 6 Graduation Mass

#### December:

Mon 3	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Tues 4	Whole School Mass
Wed 5	Secondary Awards Night
Thurs 6	Secondary Sports Award Ceremony
	Primary Award Ceremony
<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>Last Day for Students</b>



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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

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- The hours of operation will be as follows:
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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.

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Before & After School Care Contact Details:

**Centre co-ordinator:** Mary Azzi

**Centre Number:** 0418 735 976

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