ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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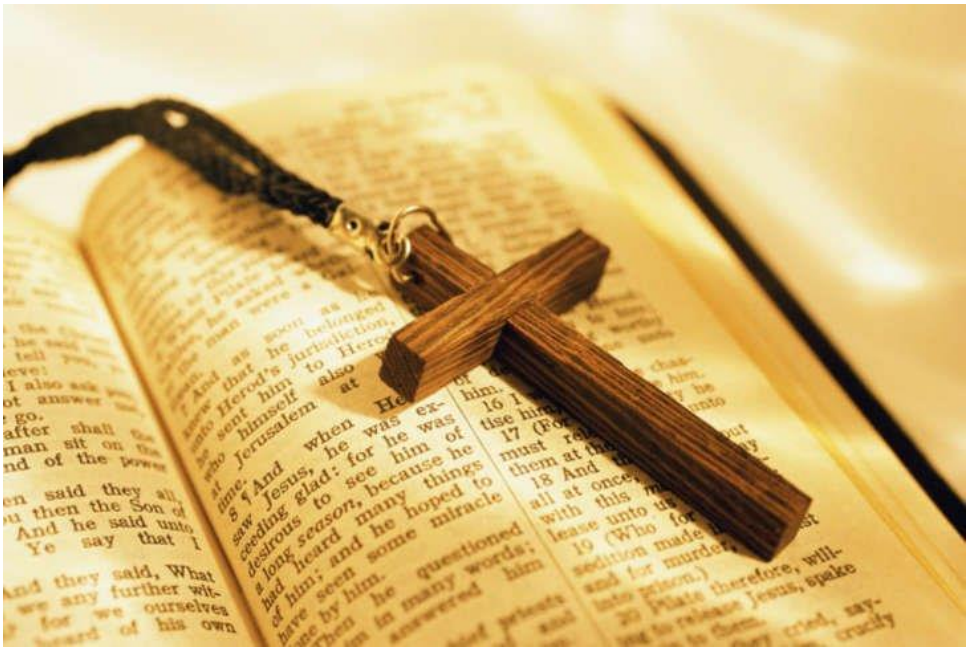
Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

It is with great joy that I announce the appointment of Brother Hannah Ghantous as Chaplain to the Primary Campus and Fr Tony Moussa as Chaplain to the Secondary Campus. Together alongside the RE Department, Pastoral Team and the Well Being Coordinator, they will anticipate to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to our students. It is the aim of the College to find a better way to deal with daily life issues in ways of our Maronite faith and to further provide a faith caring presence in the College for all students, staff and families. I trust that you will be pleased with our endeavours to promote Maronite Catholic Identity in the College in every faithful aspect possible. Please be sure to encourage your children to get to know their Chaplains to enhance a mutually respectful relationship that will promote positive learning in both education and our Maronite faith.



Notice:

Last day of Term 2 is Friday 29 June.

Students will be dismissed at 11am.

Coordinator of Innovation and Enrichment K-10—Athena Conomos

The first semester of the 2018 academic year has proven to be particularly busy and has, thus far, yielded great outcomes for the Primary School Innovation and Enrichment team at St Charbel's College. In our work within the Primary School this Semester, we have delivered Literacy and Numeracy programs that have served to cater for the academic needs, interests and capabilities of the students under our instruction. This learning has been greatly aided and indeed revolutionised through the concerted use of Google classroom in our Enrichment Sessions. The use of this educational platform has assisted in taking learning into the 21st century in a very tangible way, serving to transfer learning beyond the classroom and into the home. A very big thank you must be extended to Mrs Giuseppina Badrous and Mrs Litsa Karamalis for the instrumental role that they have played in shaping the Enrichment program in our Primary School. Our thanks are also extended to our Primary staff for their support of our Enrichment Initiatives.

We have had an equally constructive time in the Secondary school this Semester, having focused on providing appropriate forums for our students to showcase their aptitude in the KLA's of English, Mathematics and Science through their participation in the Global Assessments Program known as ICAS and run by UNSW. To date, a select number of St Charbel's College Secondary students have had the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Science Assessment, with more to follow in the coming semester in the areas of Mathematics and English. We look forward to their successes as these assessments continue into the coming semester.

This June, St Charbel's College will offer for the first time, the opportunity for a select group of Years 6-11 students to participate in the 2018 World Scholars Cup, an academic competition that is the initiative of alumni of Yale University New Haven, USA. A competition of this nature has garnered interest from schools around the globe and it is the first time that schools from the Sydney Metropolitan area will have the opportunity to participate. On Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June a contingent of students from St Charbel's College will travel to Inaburra School, Bangor to participate in the World Scholars Cup alongside schools from around the state. A thank you is extended to all our Secondary teachers who have served as World Scholars coaches in assisting to prepare our students for this competition. We wish our students well in this event and thank parents for their support.

My Life My Choice—Student Account: Chloe Najem

On Wednesday 23rd May, a group of students from Years 11 and 12 were selected to attend an event at Bankstown Sports Club concerning Drugs, Alcohol and Wellbeing. There were many guest speakers, workshops and activities throughout the day. Many activities took place that required students to do a range of things such as listening to

speeches, discussing scenarios, and watching videos. Organisations that help with health, problems and issues were

available. This encouraged students to speak to someone, and learn what to do if problems occur. Guest speakers and real life scenarios were addressed. This consisted of a police officer, who discussed the effects of speeding, as well as a person who suffered severe brain damage due to the effect of alcohol. Another person also gave a speech about his life story, and about growing up without parents, which led to the influence of drugs. All students were very privileged and grateful to attend this event, as a lot of information was provided. The understanding of drugs and alcohol has increased for all of us. This event has provided an insight into real-life experiences that will never be forgotten.

Primary and Secondary Sport Coordinators - Miss Catherine Zalloua and Mr Frederick Zalloua

These upcoming winter holidays, Kikoff in conjunction with St Charbel's College are offering you a $50 voucher towards a Football/ Multisport Holiday Program. You can utilise it for one day in the week making it $10 for the day, or for the early bird offer making it $149 for the week. You can use the offer for more than one child. So take advantage and make the most of the $50 voucher. For further information please see Frederick Zalloua in the High School or Catherine Zalloua in the Primary School.

Student Account—IBM Make a Difference Day: by Peter Abou Saleh

The IBM Make A Difference Day was a wonderful experience for all students. The day aimed to help students interested in the STEM field, bridge the gap between traditional education and become ready for 21st Century STEM careers. During the day we were able to experience firsthand how we could apply the latest in software technology, to real life applications. We used various coding and scripting softwares to create a bot which translated English text into multiple languages. It was an interesting day and we learnt many things about potential career choices.

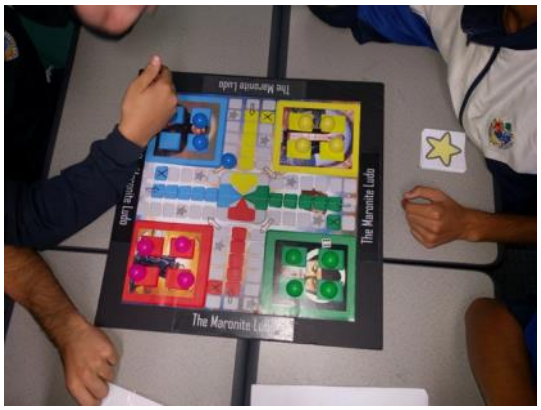
Pizza Day—Mrs Zeina Hitti

The College was able to consume over 600 pizzas in 2 days with pizza vanishing in a matter of an hour!!

Year 12 students were amazing in the amount of work and commitment towards this task! There was an amazing level of support and collaboration as they worked together to achieve wonderful results. It was such a pleasure to watch them cooperating with one another under stress with a great level of positivity. Their attitude towards one another and towards their fellow students was a pure reflection of our Maronite values.

Year 10 Religion Assessment Task

The Year 10 Religion students completed an assessment task where they worked on creating a game for Religious Education. The students thoroughly enjoyed playing the different games they had created in class and sharing in the fun.



Advanced English Teacher—Mrs Jennifer Fletcher

Our Year 12 HSC Advanced English students participated in a Hamlet incursion last Wednesday, thanks to Bell Shakespeare. This gave them the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the play's concerns and characters.

Year 5W Mother's Day - Mrs Mary Wells

This is 5W with their wonderful efforts for Mother's Day. The children made bath salts and amazing cards to present to mum on her special day. They also wrote a very descriptive newspaper article about their extraordinary mothers.

REC Coordinator—Mrs Mary Wells

Reflections in our College have turned. The Month of Mary has passed and the honouring of Mary Help of Christians at our Assembly, and we have entered the month of the Sacred Heart in the Holy Season of Pentecost. Students

celebrated the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart with a Mass on the actual day- 8th of June. Our Grade Two students are currently in preparation for the reception of the First Reconciliation and would be happy to have your prayer support.

REMINDER

Please ensure the photography and video permission form is returned to the school ASAP!

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 onto 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!

Sydney Trains Try-A-Trade Days for 2019 Apprenticeships

Sydney Trains will be running their 2nd Annual Try-A-Trade days. **Try a Trade Day** – Saturday 16th June/ 7th July/ 14th July at PCYC Auburn, Miller, Sutherland. It will be open from 9:00 to 13:30pm and people can drop in between these times. Sydney Trains are looking to fill 70 apprentice positions across a variety of Electrical, Telecommunications and Mechanical trades. We are strongly encouraging females to apply for these positions. To help attract interest in Sydney trains apprenticeship career pathways, we are have a 'try a trade' days in partnership PCYC and the women's trades group 'Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen' (SALT). This day will be informally structured and feature hands-on participation with the use of basic hand and power tools to create a simple project. The participants will be expertly tutored and supervised by qualified tradeswomen. Further information on this can be found on the relevant flyers on the following pages.

Go4Fun

FREE Healthy Kids Program

COULD YOUR KIDS DO GO4FUN?

- FREE PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT
- FAMILIES LEARN HEALTHY EATING AND EXERCISE WITH FUN GAMES
- BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM
- AFTER SCHOOL DURING TERM IN AN ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT

Enrol in a program near you today!

TERM 3 PROGRAMS - 2018

EAGLE VALE	MON 5-7PM
LIVERPOOL	MON 4-6PM
MINTO	TUES 4.30-6.30PM
BANKSTOWN	WED 4.30-6.30PM
FAIRFIELD	FRI 4-6PM
CAMPBELLTOWN	SAT 1-3PM

Call 1800 780 900 to register!

Text 0416 907 472 for a call back

1800 780 900 www.go4fun.com.au

NSW GOVERNMENT Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

LOCAL SAFETY FORUMS

Roselands Ward

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The next forum will be held for residents who live in the Roselands Ward, including the suburbs of:

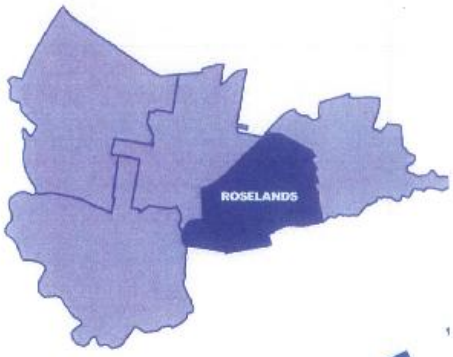
- Belmore;
- Beverly Hills;
- Kingsgrove;
- Lakemba;
- Narwee;
- Riverwood;
- Roselands; and
- Wiley Park.

When: Monday 18 June

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Lakemba Senior Citizens Centre, corner The Boulevarde and Croydon Street, Lakemba

RVSP: For catering purposes, register your attendance by Thursday 14 June at cb.city/localsafetyforums or 9789 9594



For more information, call Council's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Officer on **9707 9471**, or visit **cb.city/localsafetyforums**

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Enrolment for Term 2

Learn Music on the Keyboard at school

Music theory. Learning to play keyboard.
Music games. Introduction to music.

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♫ Small group - 45 min weekly lesson ♪

♪ Competitive rate - $29 (GST incl.) per session ♫

♫ Music material provided ♪

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- Achieve Academic Success

Combines learning with fun!

Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) Chess Classes, 2018

Fridays 1:25PM - 2:05PM

Term 2	Cost: $76.50	4th May - 29th Jun

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment
enter the code **8V6IORL75L** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of $10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.*
No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.
For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery) *To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment*		
Workbook 1 – Cost: $30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	**Workbook 2 – Cost: $30** [For Intermediate Players]	**Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: $45** [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: $41 [For Advanced Players]	**Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: $33** [Recommended for All Ages]	**Chess Clock – Cost: $76** [Recommended for All Ages]

SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
ABN: 14 139 982 004
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PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 E: enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

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The second instalment for school fees was due on 25-May-2018. 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 in order to allocate these payments to the correct families. Arrangements may also be made via Centrelink.

Coles Sports for Schools

Please send any outstanding Coles Sports for Schools coupons to the front office for collection. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

Ethnic School Classes

Ethnic School Classes are available for students and adults. Classes are held every Friday 4.30 – 6.30pm and enrolments are now open!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June:	
Fri 15	High School Athletics Carnival
Tues 19	Allwell External Testing
Tues 26	Year 6 Allwell External Testing
Wed 27	Subject Selection Evening Year 8 & 10
Thu 28-Sun 1st July	Careers Expo
Fri 29	Awards Ceremony
	Last day of term 2
July:	
Sun 1	Careers Expo
Mon 2-Fri 20	School Holidays
Sun 15	St Charbel's Feast Day
Mon 23	K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tues 24	Students Commence (Term 3)
Fri 27	Patron's Day

Kids@Weldon Kids@Weldon Kids@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:

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Before & After School Care Contact Details:

Centre co-ordinator: Mary Azzi

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: stcmcs@weldon.com.au