

ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

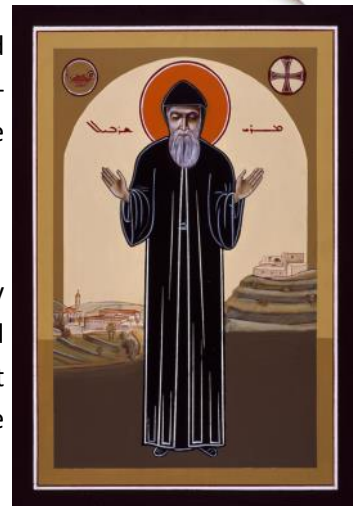
As Term 2 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, teaching and non-teaching, our students and parents for their continual contribution to the College throughout Semester 1. Your ongoing support has allowed the College to achieve much and grow more in its Maronite faith and culture.

During the school holidays, St Charbel's Feast Day will be celebrated. Additionally, as part of encouraging Maronite identity, the College will be celebrating Patron's Day on Friday 27 July 2018. This day is compulsory for all students to attend, not only to honour our Patron as a united College in faith but to enhance and nurture our Maronite traditions. With the guidance of St Charbel, our faith will continue to grow in God and this is our intention for all our students here at St Charbel's College.

This intention no doubt is not that only of the College, but also yourselves as parents for your child. Ongoing research shows that family engagement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behaviour.

Please be mindful that all decisions that are made within the College have been subject to intense and thorough revision which are clearly outlined in our policies and are maintained by all staff when being applied to students. It is for this reason that we would be very grateful if you as parents would support any decision made by our staff when actioning discipline to your child. To advocate effectively on behalf of your child when he or she is involved in an emotionally-charged incident at school, it is important to remain calm and open to listening to both your child and the school. Make sure that your child is aware of what is expected in the way of appropriate behaviour in school—and the possible disciplinary consequences for violating the Behaviour Management & Discipline Policy. We at the College will endeavour to ensure that teachers and administrators apply discipline appropriately as outlined in the Behaviour Management & Discipline Policy. Unfortunately, the College will not tolerate disrespect to a member of staff by any parent or student, and I am confident that no staff member will display any disrespect to a student. It is in the best interest of our students that a clear harmonious line of communication remains between teachers, students and parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and safe holiday. Through the intercession of St Charbel, may He bless and protect each and every one of you.



This term has been an exceptionally busy one for the Secondary School. With NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9, Year 12 Parent Teacher Report Interviews, Year 10 work experience, Athletics Carnival, VET work placements as well as excursions and sporting events - teachers and students alike have been working at a frenetic pace, and I know they will all appreciate the upcoming holidays which will give everyone an opportunity to recharge their 'batteries.'

Year 12 will go into their three week break with feedback from their teachers formulated to assist them in their preparation for the trial examinations scheduled from Monday 6th August to Monday 20th August. Whilst some students may consider these examinations as stressful, students who set learning goals at the beginning of the year and followed through with their strategies to achieve those goals should now feel confident in themselves and their exam preparation. Remember, at this stage Year 12 should have learned the content thus far and be completing timed practice papers and questions. We wish them well in their preparation and know that they will continue to ask advice of their teachers in the lead up to the trials.

As Term 2 comes to a close, I especially wish to recognise the hard work and dedication of our teachers. Parents and students do not get to witness the frenetic rush of marking and reporting that occurs during the last few weeks of term, but I see on a daily basis, our teachers spending enormous amounts of time ensuring that students receive fair results and consistent feedback on their hard work.

I wish all our teachers, students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable winter break.



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.



Holiday Camps

WHAT?

Football & multi-sport holiday camp

WHEN?

July 9th - 13th | 9am - 3pm

WHERE?

KIKOFF Canterbury - Lakemba

COST?

Early Bird - \$199 for 5 days

or

\$60/day or \$250/week

\$50 voucher

use code 'stchar50' - valid for 1 use person

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This term the Year 5/6 Literacy Enrichment students studied *Poetry*. We studied a variety of different types of poetry with a focus on *purpose, audience, structure and language features*. They then applied this knowledge to compose, edit and present their own poems based on an Aboriginal theme/perspective. They created some amazing poems that we would like to share, please see below!

When We Came

From the motherland we sailed,
On the rough ocean we inhaled and exhaled.
To this new land unafraid.
Our ship she went into the harbour,
The people there were not advanced,
As we were more enhanced.
This land is terra nullius ours now.
In this new land.
They spoke a strange tongue and sung a melodic tune,
Dance they did round a fire
Which seemed quite dire.
In this new land.
We set up camp but they refused,
For taking land we were accused.
But it was ours now,
So they were excused.
In this new land.
Finally we proved there was something here,
In this great southern land.

By George Khachan -Year 5

The Land Is Found

I wake up before the sun then I'm dancing in the pouring rain.
Until one day a ship came down the water lane.
Out came men more than ten and then more ships again
Then they announced: Don't be afraid we are not fools
all we want is for you to follow our rules.
But then we refused,
Bang! Boom! The gun shots went...
Now I stand here looking at myself and now I look like those white men
Now I work for those who stole my land.
Yes those cruel people I do work in their command
Just wait till I get my revenge
I will avenge those who took me way.
Those who I stand next to everyday
The life I live in isn't that fun.

Why! Why! Did they change me?
Now no more dancing, no more dreaming, no more purpose.

By Michael Chalhoub- Year 5



If I Could Go Back Oh If I Could Go Back...

The spoke a strange tongue
I would tell them about the creation,
The importance of our lands foundation,
Of our dreaming, our myth, our spirits, our land, our Kanyini.
If I could go back; oh if I could go back

They came to where we live,
They came to destroy our tranquillity.
I would've told them about the nature,
I would've told them about our durability.
If I could go back; oh if I could go back

So many seasons, so many stars,
So many years, so many moons.
We have been here for fifty thousand,
So many mornings, many afternoons.
If I could go back; oh if I could go back

I would've told them about the stories,
The kind our elders told.
About how the land was formed
About how the land was old,td was old.
If I could go back; oh if I could go back.

You stole our land,
that is our mother.
You stole our lives,
and many other.

If only I could go back,
What would I do?
If I could go back; oh if I could go back

By Thomas Ayoub - Year 6



Library Reminders

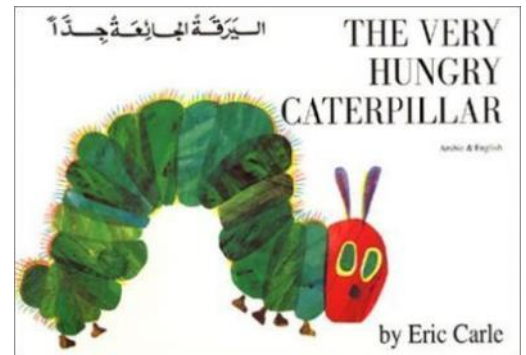
Please encourage your children to return the library books for the end of the term and continue to ensure your child brings their library card everyday to school to enable them to borrow books from the library and print.

Arabic Story Time

Throughout Term Two we have been running some very special Arabic storytime sessions in the library. Research tells us that children benefit from listening to stories in their home language. We are very grateful to the wonderful Mrs Wakim for reading aloud to our students in Arabic.

Our younger students have enjoyed listening to “Am I Big or Small?” and “Where Can I find you?” Throughout the story, the children use Arabic to answer questions about what hearing and what they are seeing on the page.

If you would like to read aloud in Arabic to your child at home, then ask them to borrow some picture books from the bilingual (English/Arabic) section. Happy Reading!



Primary Sports Coordinator—Ms Catherine Zalloua

The Jump Rope for Heart Program is done and dusted for another year! It was a shame about the weather we had on the day, but the students who came down had a great time and showed off some pretty good skipping skills!

The students have done an amazing job raising money with the tally at the end of the event being over \$8,000!! We smashed last year’s total! A special mention to 1R, Miss Rae’s class, who came out on top raising \$1, 744!



ماذا تعلم التلاميذ في القسم الابتدائي؟؟؟

في صف الروضة، درسنا عن موضوع "أنا وحاجاتي" و لماذا نحتاج الى المسكن وصرنا نعرف الألوان أيضا.
من الصف الأول، تعلمنا عن العائلة" وصرنا نقرأ الكثير من الكلمات والجمل.
في الصف الثاني تعرفنا على موضوع الأعمال والمهن.
أما في الصف الثالث فقد تعلمنا كيف نحضر سلطة الفواكه.
في الصف الرابع درسنا عن الحي والمدرسة.
أما في الصف الخامس فقرأنا القصص المشوقة عن الأرنب وقصة جود وضرورة مساعدة بعضنا البعض في البيت.
وفي الصف السادس تعرفنا على "موقعي في الزمان" ودرسنا عن النهار والليل وعن مفردات الوقت والزمان.

كلنا نحب النجاح في المدرسة، وهذا ما يسعى اليه كل تلميذ مجتهد. يحصل كل تلميذ على نتيجة معادلة للعمل والاجتهاد الذي عمل به خلال الفصل. وللنجاح فرحة تختلف عن أي فرحة أخرى. نأمل أن يكون فرح النجاح والنتائج الجيدة والمرضية دخلت بيوتكم جميعا.

قررت ادارة المدرسة المشاركة في مسابقة "ميراث في البال" وهدفها تعريف الطلاب على التراث العربي واللبناني، منها الغناء، الموسيقى، الدبكة وغيرها... نرجوا من الأهل الكرام أن يشجعوا أولادهم من الصف الخامس والسادس كي يشاركوا في أنشطة ميراث في البال ومنها نشاط الغناء، الدبكة، الكولاج والكتابة.

نتمنى للجميع فرصة مدرسية آمنة مليئة بالنشاطات والاجتهاد.

REMINDER

**Please ensure 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 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.



Transport Sydney Trains **PCYC** POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW **SALT** SUPPORTING AND LINKING TRADESWOMEN

Try-a-Trade Day

Saturday 7 July 2018, 9am-1.30pm
Liverpool PCYC, Cnr Cartwright and Maxwell Ave Miller

Thinking of a Sydney Trains apprenticeship?

Try-a-Trade Day lets you try before you apply

- Complete a project using hand and power tools
- Our expert tradespeople will guide you
- Our apprentices will answer your questions.

Register now - places are limited!

Book online: www.eventbrite.com/o/sydney-trains-17399845251

Sydney Trains encourages people of all backgrounds to apply for apprenticeships.

Try-a-Trade is a joint initiative with SALT (supporting and linking tradeswomen) and your local PCYC.

Try-a-Trade Day

Saturday 14 July 2018, 9am-1.30pm

PCYC Sutherland Waratah Park, Eton Street,
Sutherland 2232

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Go4Fun

Healthier Kids Happier Kids

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



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District



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.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August:

Mon 6-20	HSC Trial Exams
Wed 8	St Mary of the Cross
Wed 15	Feast of the Assumption
	Years 4-12 Mass
Fri 17	Year 2 Reconciliation
Mon 20-Fri 24	Book Week
Tue 28	P&F Father's Day Mass & Morning Tea
Thurs 30	Blessed Estephan Nehme Feast Day
Fri 30	Father's Day Stall
	SCC Athletics Carnival
	Father & Son Evening





Kids@Weldon



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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

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