



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 9: Friday 20th September 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn



This week has been a busy week in the College Calendar. Year 6 went on their annual trip to Canberra. They had a great time and all returned safely. We welcomed the 2020 Kindergarten students for their Orientation. Lastly, we farewelled the Year 12 students during the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday. I wish all the student's the best in their upcoming HSC exams and all of God's blessing for their future endeavours. I would like to share this blessing with all the Graduates....

A Graduation Blessing

Embarking on a journey which began some time ago,
how could you have imagined all the things you'd come to know.
You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity,
to overcome each problem – despite adversity.
It wasn't always easy keeping up with things at school,
but YOU held on to your beliefs, and followed the "golden rule."
You found your voice and chose a path that honours who you are,
and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far.
For no one could be prouder of the person you've become,
and that is why I'm confident that the best is yet to come.
May you never waste a moment wishing life was not unfair.
Rather use **the gifts God gave to you**, to change the world out there.
Your Graduation signals us that you are on your way.
So spread your wings and fly forever and a day.

By Barbara D MacAdam

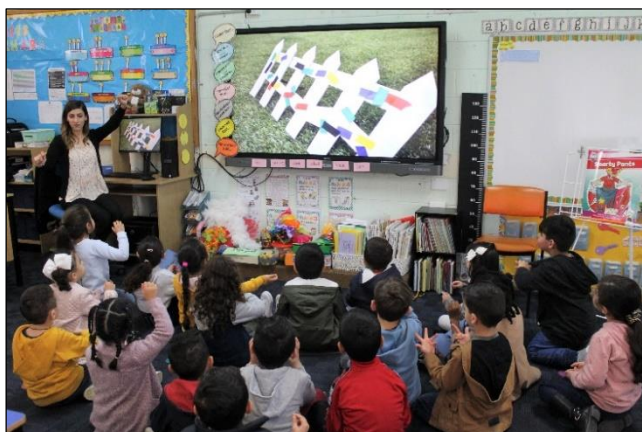
Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

The ability to read and comprehend a text in any form is not only a foundation for success at school, but also a necessary skill for everyday living. One of the best things you can do to assist your child with the development of their reading ability, is to involve them in quality conversations about a text. Talking stimulates language development and helps a child improve their comprehension. As you get ready to share a story with your child, you might ask them to talk to you about the cover, title or the illustrations within the book. This 'before reading' conversation will help your child engage with the text on a deeper level. This is also a good time to help your child connect their personal experiences to their reading. If there is a picture depicting a barbeque for example, it is the perfect opportunity to discuss a time that you may have enjoyed a barbeque together as a family. You can also invite your child into a conversation during the reading of a book by asking questions relevant to what has been read. Children love being given the opportunity to be creative and share their opinions and ideas. Continue the discussion after the book has been completed as well. For the more advanced reader, you may like to ask questions that challenge their thinking. Questions relating to the author's purpose or discussions about the main themes contained within the text will certainly provide great scope for a deep conversation.

Kindergarten Orientation

This week we officially welcomed all our new 2020 Kindergarten students and their families to the MCHF community at our Kindergarten Orientation. As always, when the reality of coming to 'Big School' sets in, a rollercoaster of emotions can be felt by both our beginning students and their parents. This next chapter in a child's life can of course be overwhelming, but our loving Kindergarten teachers were on hand, ready to show our newest students that Kindy is going to be a fun learning experience. While they were taken to the classrooms to participate in activities that allowed our teachers to gain a brief insight into the children's abilities, their parents were guided into the Primary Hall to listen to some vital information about our College and the ways they can easily assist their children transition into school life. We look forward to the exciting year ahead as our newest students begin their educational journey at MCHF.



Canberra Excursion

Year Six students and teachers ventured to our nation's capital this week to further their knowledge on the Australian Government and also to experience the wide array of attractions Canberra has to offer. The students gathered early on Wednesday morning full of excitement for the three days ahead. For many, this is the first time they have been away from their families for an extended period. There were of course a few tears shed by the parents who waved goodbye to their children. The trip was jam-packed with exciting places for the students to visit. Some of the biggest highlights of the trip



included the guided tour of Parliament House, visiting the Australian War Memorial and the hands-on fun they all had at Questacon, which is the National Science and Technology Centre. Providing student experiences such

as these, take a great deal of planning and organisation. A very big thank you to all the staff who were involved in the preparation of the trip and to those who also attended the three-day excursion.



NAPLAN Results

Today, parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive their child's NAPLAN results. NAPLAN is a standardised assessment that allows schools to get an indication of how a student's learning is progressing. At MCHF we use the data to analyse individual student learning, identify student needs and ascertain learning trends across the school.

The data collected from the results allows us to provide teaching opportunities suited to the needs of our students. We need to remember that NAPLAN is a series of assessments conducted at one point of time in a student's learning year. When you discuss your child's results, celebrate their achievements and talk together about how you can work towards making improvements to those areas that they are not so confident in.

Year 4 Mathematics

This week, Ms Loulach's Year 4 Mathematics extension class took part in a STEM activity. Their challenge was to use a range of recyclable materials to make a bridge that could hold a weight of at least one kilogram. A great deal of mathematical thinking took place as students tried and tested



their ideas. It was great to see the students begin to challenge themselves by thinking about what modifications could be made to their bridge so that a greater weight could be held. These types of activities allow our students to apply their knowledge and collaboration skills to real life situations.



Year 5 Mathematics

In Ms Kartabani's Year 5 Mathematics extension class, the students were investigating the topic of Chance and all the terms associated with it. They were challenged to design a game that gave each player an 'equally likely' chance to win. Once the game had been created with all rules clearly stated, students were able to play their own games to ensure that all players had an equal chance of winning.

Year 4 Geography

This term during Geography, Year 4 students researched the issues and threats that our world's rainforests are facing. These included manmade threats such as logging and mining as well as natural threats like bushfires. The students formed groups and created their own organisations whose aim was to put a stop to deforestation. 4 Olive welcomed other classes to attend their stalls so that they could inform them of the ways our rainforests can be saved. I think we definitely have some future environmentalists ready to save the world!



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons continued this week. The persistent rain could not dampen the excitement of our students who have enjoyed every minute of the experience. The ability to swim is an important skill for all children to learn, especially in Australia. Being able to assist the students develop these essential skills through our College's Swimming Program, ensures that they are being provided both the knowledge and experience to be safe in and around water. Thank you to all our parents for their support over the past two weeks.



Learning Centre

Each week, classes from Kindergarten to Year Three visit Mrs LeMerle in the Learning Centre to deepen their knowledge of literature and enhance their love of reading. This week the students in Kindergarten enjoyed the story, 'The Dress Up Box'. They then participated in some Drama Literacy activities which allowed them to become some of the characters from the story. Fun was had by all.



Library Borrowing

Please note that there will be no library borrowing next week as it is the last week of the term. We ask that your child returns any library books they may have at home, as soon as possible. If you have misplaced or lost a library book, please let your child's class teacher know.

End of Term Assemblies

A reminder that our Primary End-of-Term Assembly will be separated into Stages and held on the days listed below. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two	Monday 23 rd September	9:15 am – 9:45 am
Year Three and Year Four	Wednesday 25 th September	9:15 am – 9:45 am
Year Five and Year Six	Thursday 26 th September	9:15 am – 9:45 am

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



Year 12 Graduation and Final Days

This week was the last week for our year 12 students. They attended their day out on Monday 16th September 2019. On Wednesday 18th September 2019, we officially farewelled our year 12 students with a beautiful Mass and ceremony. Despite the weather, the day was a tremendous success and the students were farewelled in style. The day commenced with Mass, followed by Year 10 and 11 students forming a guard of honour and drums played. The students then made their way to the Secondary Hall for the awards ceremony followed by lunch. Congratulations to the year 12 students and their Year Advisor, Ms Pietak, for a fantastic year. Thank you must also go out to all the students and staff who assisted with the preparation for this year's graduation celebrations. For 2019, we congratulate our major award recipients:

Award	Description	Recipient
Students' Choice Award	Awarded to the student, as voted by the graduating class, in recognition of consistent leadership qualities throughout senior years.	Carla Katrib
The Quiet Achiever Award	Awarded to the student who consistently applies themselves to the best of their ability in all aspects of the College life	Anthony Harb

	without seeking recognition.	
Active Citizenship Award	Awarded to the student for creating a welcoming, inclusive and just College community.	Danni Makari
Caltex Best All Rounder Award	Awarded to the student in recognition of their participation in the academic, social and sporting life of the College.	Elie Nol
Reuben F Scarf	Award for Commitment - Awarded to the student in recognition for consistent effort and desire to improve.	Teresa Raad
Australian Defence Force Award for Leadership Skills	Awarded to the student in recognition of a student who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the College and the broader community, and who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship" - values considered integral to both the ADF and Australian society.	Antonio Nakhoul
The Community Service Award	Awarded to the student in recognition of service to the College and wider community.	Charbel Anthony Feghali
The Howayek Award	Awarded to the student in recognition of contribution to the cultural and spiritual life of the College.	Vanessa Marie Boumelhem
Principal's Award – Exemplary Student Award	This prestigious award is reserved for the student who has contributed to all facets of the College life.	Carla Katrib

Year 12 Reports

Year 12 reports are currently being finalised by year 12 teachers. The reports will be released on Friday 27th September 2019 via the Parent Portal.

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

Our Year 11 students commenced their preliminary HSC examinations on Thursday 19th September 2019 and will conclude on Friday 27th September 2019. We wish them all the very best in their examinations.

Lebanese Film Festival: "On the Footsteps of Christ" Movie

On Monday 16th September 2019, our Year 7-10 students were fortunate enough to view the screening of "On the Footsteps of Christ." We thank the team from the Lebanese Film Festival for screening the film for our students. On conclusion of the screening, a Q&A session was held followed by a gift to presented by the College.



Reading Hour

On Thursday 19th September 2019, Year 7-10 students participated in Reading Hour. This hour was spent with students dropping everything to read for an hour with no use of a device. Reading has been shown to reduce stress more than going for a walk or listening to music.

Read for fun

Read to learn

Read for relaxation

Read for the love of learning

Read to connect with others

Read to understand your world

Read to experience other people and places



Mock Trial

Our College Mock Trial team's next round will be held first week back in Term 4 against Loreto Kirribilli. We wish the team all the very best in the quarter finals.

Staff Professional Development Session

On Monday 16th September 2019, the secondary staff participated in a session focusing on student reward and recognition. The session provided opportunities for staff to reflect, discuss and collaborate on recognising and rewarding students. The merit award system was reviewed and recommendations were made which the College will review.

Student Achievements

Our College is blessed to have so many talented students. We congratulate the following students on being selected in representative rugby league teams:

- Charbel Chehade – Parramatta Eels Harold Mathews Rugby League
- Ibrahim Fakhri – U/16s Lebanon Rugby League
- Jaycob Anjoul – U/18s Lebanon Rugby League

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 19th to Friday 27th September – Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams
- Friday 27th September – Years K-10 Giving Thanks Mass
- **Friday 27th September – End of Term**
- Tuesday 15th October – Term 4 Begins (Summer Uniform)

Final College Tour for 2019 + Orientation for new students - Wednesday 20th November

Tour bookings are required, so please complete the tour booking form located on the College App or via the link – [Tour Booking Form](#)

For more information please contact Ms Georgette Baini 9633 6600 or gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – David Kozah (Kindy) - Mema Yaacoub (Year 2) - Aurora Fenianos, Gabriella Massoud (Year 5) - Jessica Elkrrina (Year 8) – Peter Germanos, Rachelle Nakhoul, Christian Sader, Olivia Saroufin, Clarita Fajloun, Samantha Abboud, Nour Gereij (Year 11)

Bronze Awards – Sophia Chamoun (Kindy) – Lina Alamaddin (Year 2) - Elias Bassil (Year 5)

Silver Awards – Jacinta Sassine, Adriana El Khoury (Kindy) – Christian Barakat (Year 2) - Isabella Francis (Year 5)

Principal's Award – Jacqueline Haklani (Kindy) - Julien Nabhan (Year 4)- Alex Moussa (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

Mrs Gahdmar accompanied eight MCHF students to take part in the Western Sydney Debating Union held at the Parramatta campus of Western Sydney University. They were involved in skills workshops, debating sessions and learnt valuable skills which gave them a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of debating.



For Pastoral Year 9 competed in an interactive group challenge. They were required to use their intellect as well as test their fitness levels and work collaboratively as a team. It was an enjoyable experience for all!



The Bishop's Christmas Card Competition 2019

Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay is inviting all Maronite students from year 6 to year 10 to enter the 2019 Christmas Card Competition. Students are invited to draw or paint a Christmas scene inspired by our Maronite spirituality, depicting the Holy Family at Christmas. The winning entry will be printed onto the Bishop's 2019 Christmas Cards with the student's name, year and school printed on the card.

Guidelines for entry:

- Entries must reflect Christmas in light of our Maronite Spirituality
- **Entries must be DL size: 99mm x 210 mm**
- Entrants must be Maronite or students of a Maronite School
- Entries must include the student's full name, suburb, school and year level
- Multiple entries per student will be accepted
- Please avoid using glitter, neon colours, or sticking any object to your design

Prizes:

First, second and third prizes will be awarded to winners as follows:

- First Prize: \$300 cash
- Second Prize: \$150 Book voucher
- Third Prize: \$100 Religious Book/Icon voucher

Winning entrants and their parents will be invited to a mass with Bishop Tarabay to receive their prize.

Important Dates:

- Competition opens: Monday, 16 September 2019
- Competition closes: Friday, 25 October 2019
- Winners notified: Friday, 1 November 2019

How to enter:

Address your entry to:

Christmas Card Competition
Maronite Eparchy of Australia
PO Box 385
STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

For more information contact:

The Maronite Chancery on 02 8831 0000 or email bpoffice@maronite.org.au

PARENT CORNER

2019 NAPLAN Results

Please note that the 2019 NAPLAN results for our students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be issued to them on Friday 20th September 2019. Please ensure you consult your child to view their results. congratulations to the students who achieved excellent results.

Please scroll to the end to see “The Learning Spot” Term 3 holiday workshops!



Looking for Apprenticeships for Students in 2020

We are looking for parents/families, who own businesses, to take on students for apprenticeships in 2020. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact Mrs Abdul Ahad on 9633 6600 or email

fabdulahad@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Alumni Association

The College is seeking to re-establish the Alumni Association (for Our Lady of Lebanon College and MCHF) to provide an opportunity for ex-students to be involved with the College and give back to the College community. A constitution will also be redeveloped. If any ex-student would like to be involved with the association, please email your name, contact number and email address to Ms Georgette Baini - gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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MONDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 1 ST OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	HOLIDAY DISCOUNT
<p>School Readiness Fun Revision of content taught in Term 1, 2 and 3. Exploring Literacy and Numeracy through hands-on activities. Pre-kinder and Kindergarten students encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Time: 9:30am-2:30pm Duration: 5 hours Ages: 3-6 years old Price: \$80</p>	<p>Young Artists Create and make through Visual Arts. Learn new techniques and express creativity using different mediums.</p> <p>Time: 9:30am-2:30pm Duration: 5 hours Ages: 4-12 years old Price: \$80</p>	<p>Pyjama Movie Night Exclusive to The Learning Spot students only (siblings welcome). Snacks included. Bring your own pillow and blanket.</p> <p>Time: 5:30-8:30pm Duration: 3 hours Ages: 4-12 years old Price: \$20</p>	<p>Bring a sibling, relative or friend and receive \$10 off each child.</p> <p>T&Cs: Students must be attending the same session on the same day to receive the discount. Excludes Movie Night.</p> <p>CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR SPOT Email: admin@thelearningpsot.com.au Phone: 0481 822 142</p>