



MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 10: Friday 27th September 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

Another term has come to a successful end. I know the staff and students are looking forward to the holidays so they can recharge their batteries and come back refreshed for the final term. I wish all staff, parents and students a very relaxing break and I look forward to all your support next term.

End of Term Prayer



We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes,

and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right;

to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to appreciate what others do for us,

to give time and effort to help others,

to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities and travels.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our parents, teachers, friends and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of YOU in our lives. Amen

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

We have come to yet the end of another busy but rewarding term. There have certainly been many highlights such as our Book Week celebrations, Creative Arts Day, Swimming Program and the many excursions such as the Year Six Canberra trip. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sr Irene, Sr Marlene and Sr Cynthia for the guidance and support they continually provide to the MCHF community. I would like to acknowledge the staff and students for all the hard work and commitment that they have shown over the past ten weeks. Thank you also to the many parents who continually support our College in so many different ways. Events such as the Father's Day Stall and Walkathon barbeque couldn't be the success they are without your assistance. I wish everyone all the best for a well-earned break, to relax and refresh, ready to commence a new Term on Tuesday, 15th October.

Learning in the Holidays

Please encourage your child to continue to read and write each day during the holidays. It's a well-known fact that if children who are learning to read don't read for the holiday period, their progress can be affected. If you have a child in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2, please encourage them to read and write every day in some way. This is to their academic advantage as this will allow them to enhance the reading and writing skills they are developing at school. For the older children in Stage 2 and Stage 3, please minimise screen time and encourage daily reading of novels and magazines that may interest them. It is also important to continue to find Mathematics in every day places so that your children can continue to develop their mathematical thinking.

NAPLAN Results

Last week, NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 were sent home. I would like to highlight one of the messages written for parents on the National Assessment Program website (nap.edu.au),

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

At school we have already begun analysing NAPLAN results to determine our future focus. As stated, NAPLAN is about the progression of learning throughout a child's school life. NAPLAN is a valuable assessment tool, but it is not a complete indication of how a child is performing at school. A child is much more than a NAPLAN result. NAPLAN reports on very specific areas of the curriculum but doesn't capture the many other unique gifts and talents that a child possesses. It is one test on one day that we will use with other assessment data, to assist in the improvement of student outcomes. I would encourage parents who have any questions in relation to their child's results or how to interpret the data, to make an appointment to see the class teacher.

End of Term Assemblies

This term, we held a separate assembly for each Stage group. At each assembly we acknowledged the efforts of all students and celebrated the achievement of those who had worked especially hard over the past ten weeks. Special congratulations go to Joshua Daoud for being elected Sports Captain for Term 4.



Canberra Excursion

Year 6 students from MCHF have recently undertaken an education tour of Canberra - Our Nation's Capital. Students participated in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Year 4 – Our Earth and It's Environment

This week, Ms Dib and 4 Amber were lucky enough to be invited to join Ms Gahdmar and her Year 7 class. The year 7 students, along with Ms Gahdmar, prepared and taught a fantastic lesson that kept the Year 4 students engaged and excited. They learnt about the important ways that we can care for God's Creation through the film, 'The Lorax'. This also came at the perfect time, as Year 4 have been learning about our earth and its environment this term. A very big thank you to Ms Gahdmar and the Year 7 students for the unforgettable and fun experience that was provided to 4 Amber.



School Uniform

Wearing the College uniform with pride is something that we need to instil in our students from a young age. From the beginning of Term 4, all students will be required to wear their summer uniform. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, according to College Policy. If for some reason your child is not wearing the correct uniform on any given day, please write a short note to their class teacher to explain the reason. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles that comply with school expectations. Boys hair must be kept short without excessive hair product used. For girls, long hair must be tied back. They are permitted to wear sleeper or stud earrings but no expensive jewellery is to be worn at school. Students are to wear our school hat when outside. As always, we ask that all clothing is labelled with your child's name as this makes it easy for any lost items to be returned. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



Giving Thanks Mass

On Friday 27th September 2019, the last Mass for the term was held where we focused our prayers and intentions on giving thanks. The Giving Thanks Mass helps remind our students to be grateful for the blessings they have in their lives - their College, family, friends and their faith.

College Theme and Term 4 Focus

As you know this year our theme is "To Love." Each term we have taken an aspect of love to focus on. This term we focused on love for one another and specifically looking for the positives in one another. In term 4, the we

focus on love for self and specifically what can I do to be a better person.

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

Our Year 11 students have concluded their preliminary HSC examinations and staff are in the process of marking and finalising their reports. Please note Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm. Further information and details will be **communicated in the first week of term 4.**

Year 11 Leadership Camp

Our Year 11 students will be attending their overnight leadership camp on Thursday 17th October 2019 and returning on Friday 18th October 2019 at YMCA Camp Yarramundi. Students will participate in various activities and sessions focusing on leadership. During the camp students will be voting for their 2020 College Leaders.

Year 12 Reports and HSC Examinations

Year 12 reports have been released via the Parent Portal for parents/guardians to access. We now turn our attention to the HSC examinations which commence on Thursday 17th October 2019 until Monday 11th November 2019. Please click on the link, below, for the 2019 written HSC examination timetable:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/6e255a68-ae37-489f-9a1c-f6238c664083/hsc-written-exam-timetable-2019.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

We wish our year 12 students all the very best in their exams and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

End of Term

On behalf of the Secondary Leadership Team and Secondary Staff, I take this opportunity to thank you all for another successful term. Thank you for your continued support as we do our best to provide the best quality education for your child/ren. The staff have worked tirelessly throughout the term and I take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to the College. Finally, and most importantly, thank you and congratulations to the students for their efforts and achievements. I wish you all happy, safe and restful break and look forward to the challenges and celebrations we will experience together in term 4.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary



*Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one come to you without leaving happier.
St Teresa of Calcutta*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday 27th September – End of Term**
- **Tuesday 15th October – Term 4 Begins (Summer Uniform)**
- Thursday 17th October – HSC Exams Commence
- Thursday 17th to Friday 18th October – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd October – Year 8 Swimming
- Wednesday 23rd October – Year 4 Excursion to Auburn Botanic Gardens
- Thursday 24th October – Year 2 Elizabeth Farm and Hambledon Cottage excursion
- Friday 25th October – Years K-11 Teachers Mass
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Year 10 Exams
- Friday 1st November – Kindy Sea Life Sydney Aquarium excursion
- Friday 1st November - Leaders' Induction Mass (Years 1-11), followed by morning tea for new leaders and their parents

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 – Mia Filipaina, Anthony Naim (Kindy) - Bella Souccar, Ryan Harb, Noor Alameddine, Elio Ephrem, Francis Ishac, Jazz Sleiman (Year 1) - Jacinta Maalouf (Year 3) - Joyce Yaacoub, Mariah Moussa, Rami Abou Azar, Suzannah Al-Alam, Yumna Deeb, Briana Diab, Erica Estephan, Jarjes, Jorjuos, Christian Mekary (Year 7)

Bronze Awards – Pio El Khoury (Kindy) - Charbel Lobana, Charbel Mawad, Sireen Sukkar, Ella Souccar, John Daher, Olivia Tawk, Angelina Moussa, Andrew Ters, Layla Bou Francis, Sarkis Semaan (Year 1) - Ava Rose Fakhri (Year 3) - Alyssa Morad (Year 4) - Natalia Alam (Year 5) - Jean Paul Azar, Brealle Hasham, Rita Raffoul, Norma Samaha (Year 7)

Silver Awards – Annabella Daher (Kindy) - Maroun Katrib, Julian Azar, Eva Nakhoul, Charbel Moubarak, Cecil Diab (Year 1) - Isabella Deeb (Year 3) - Therese Sessine, Mia Maria Al Helou (Year 5) - Mary Naim, Pamela Souccar (Year 4) - Omar Amoud (Year 7)

Principal's Award – Isaac Dahdah (Kindy) - Lucia Grace Saad, Charbel Taouk (Year 1) - Rita Doumit (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

Year 7 English and Year 4 collaborated on a fantastic lesson, combining a film study with important themes such as sustainability, deforestation, pollution and stewardship. Year 4 worked in groups where Year 7 were teachers; leading in mindmaps, discussions and crafts!



Year 10 Drama students performing monologues for their assessment.



Recently, Year 7 have been learning about ancient Egypt and mummification. The students took part in a mummification activity which had a couple of our kiddies tied up in knots...



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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



SEARCHING FOR ALUMNI!

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 Baine gbaine@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Current Alumni Expectations:

1. Meetings to be held once a term or as agreed upon by the association
2. Main function and operation of the association is to keep former staff and students involved in the College community.
3. Activities the association may be involved with include presentations to students, annual awards for various assemblies, annual function. The association may wish to organise and host other activities to support the College ethos and mission.

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<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>