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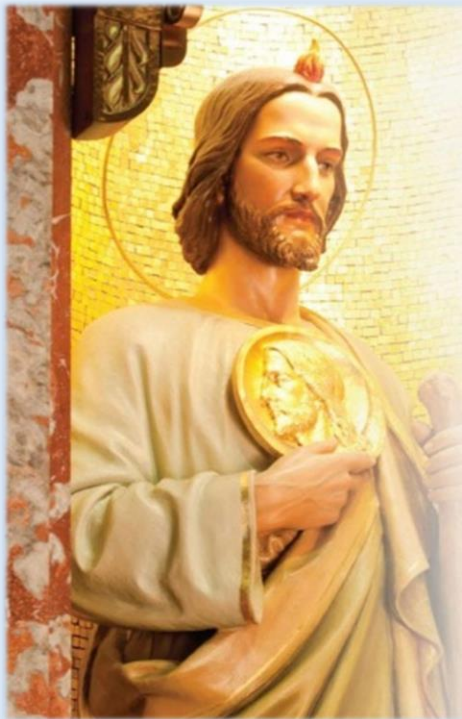
Term 2 – Week 3: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

This week was a busy week for the College. Re-enrolment interviews for Year 7-2020 commenced and will continue to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

NAPLAN Testing took place for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. We wish them the best of luck with their results.

This week, we also remember in our prayers all the faithful departed from our College community. May their souls rest in eternal peace.



### Prayer to St. Jude for All Souls

You give me hope, St. Jude, in the face of loss and sorrow. I pray that you will intercede for all souls, to help guide them to eternal rest with Christ. May the hope that you offer be a source of comfort to all those who grieve. For in that hope and through our faith, we experience God's love for us, and trust in His promise of eternal life. Amen.

In God's Love

**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### St Elias Chapel Spiritual Programme

All Staff, Students and Parents are invited to celebrate Mass in the Chapel as follows:

Every **Tuesday and Thursday** from **8am to 8.30am**

In addition, all are invited to the following prayer sessions:

Every **Friday** - Eucharistic Adoration from **8am to 8.30am**

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Phillippians 4:6**

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A very special thank you to **Antoun's Construction Pty Ltd** (on behalf of Joseph and Michael Antoun), **Mrs Norma Douaihy** (Claudia's Kitchen PL) and our **anonymous** sponsor who have made extremely generous donations to our College Walkathon.

**We are praying for more wonderful people to step forward and sponsor our College. Our aim is to make enough money to pay for student resources, so please be generous ☺**

Please contact Georgette Bains – [gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au) / Ph: 9633 6600

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

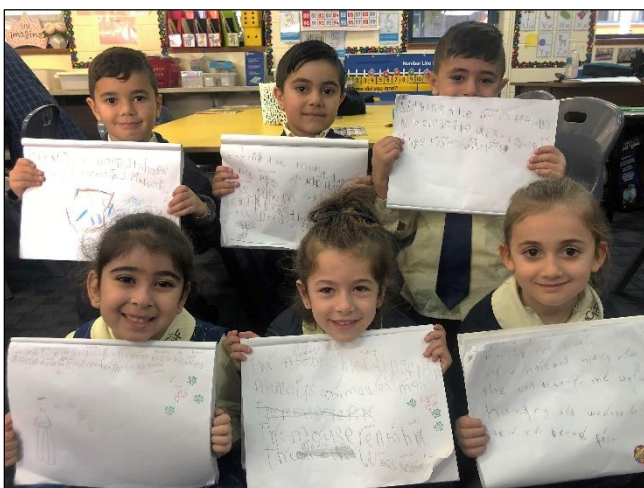
This week, our students completed the NAPLAN standardised assessment. Standardised assessments allow schools to get an indication of how a student's learning is progressing. At MCHF we use the data to analyse individual student learning, identify student needs and ascertain learning trends across the school. We need to remember that NAPLAN is a series of assessments conducted at one point of time in a student's learning year. The data collected from the results allows us to provide teaching opportunities suited to the needs of our students.

Preparing for NAPLAN is an ongoing process which occurs every year. I would like to thank all our staff who work hard to provide learning opportunities to enhance our students' knowledge and skills, so that they are well-equipped to complete assessments such as NAPLAN. A special thank you to our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers who ensured that our students were prepared for the testing this week. Students kept calm each day and are now relieved it is all over until next time.

A reminder that we are nearing the midpoint of the teaching year. This means that reports and Parent Interviews are fast approaching. Reports provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to reflect on current progress and determine what needs to be done to ensure individual students achieve their full potential. If you have questions about your child's learning or progress these should not be left until Parent Interview time as half the year will already be gone. Questions and concerns should be directed to your child's teacher as required so you have an informed picture of your child's progress.

### Class Visits

I am always greeted by such excitement when visiting classes throughout day. This week I was amazed yet again at the wonderful learning that is happening in the Kindergarten classrooms. The students are developing wonderful reading skills and habits as well as producing amazing pieces of writing. They are always willing to share their wonderful efforts. Thank you to the Kindy teachers and Mrs Vrontas for their dedication to the students' learning.





When entering 2 Purple this week, I was not only greeted by their usual big smiles, but their joy in wanting to share with me a song that they had learnt. The students led by Ms Homsy, sang me their rendition of Doris Day's Que Sera.

### Head Lice

Last week, I mentioned that we have had a number of reported cases of head lice in different grades across the Primary Department. We ask that parents continue to check and treat their children's hair as well as wash bed linen and school hats accordingly.

Head lice is an ongoing problem within schools which can only be combatted with the support of parents.



### Earn and Learn

Our Earn and Learn Collection Box is beginning to fill up. Please keep collecting the Earn and Learn stickers from your shopping at Woolworths. Students can return sticker sheets to their classroom teacher or they can place them in the Collection Box located in the Primary office. The more stickers we collect will result in more resources for our school. We thank you for your support.

**Mr D. Day**

**Head of Primary**

## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### NAPLAN

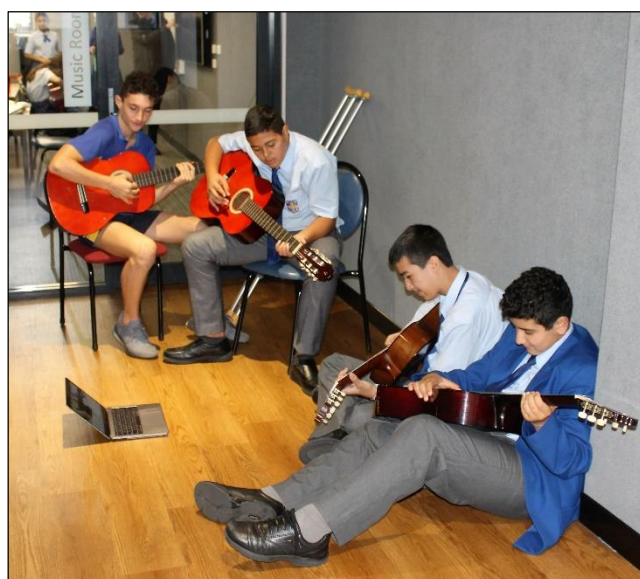
This week, our Years 7 and 9 students completed their NAPLAN testing for this year. The students were focused and prepared to do their best. We wish them all the best and eagerly await the great results we expect to achieve. Thank you to Ms Dalla for coordinating this year's testing and to all the staff who assisted with supervision and preparation.

### Year 11, 2020 Subject Selection Evening

The process commences for our Year 10 students to start thinking about their courses to study in senior years. The first part of this process is to attend the subject selection evening. This year, the Secondary Leadership Team have developed a new and improved process to ensure students are selecting and studying the courses that will benefit them. The subject selection evening will be held this coming Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, commencing at 6:30pm in the Secondary Hall. The evening will begin with a presentation, followed by time to visit KLA Stalls, which will have information on the courses offered in 2020. This evening is a compulsory meeting for all Year 10 students and their parents/guardians.

### Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Interviews

This week we commenced with enrolment interviews for our year 7, 2020 cohort. The interviews will continue this coming week. It is vital for all our Year 6 parents/guardians to attend and complete these interviews to confirm their child's enrolment into secondary education at the College. A reminder to parents/guardians that the enrolment fee must be finalised prior to attending the enrolment interview.



*Year 8 students fill our hallways with the sounds of strumming during music class.*



*Year 12 IPT students learn the amazing wonders of the drone*

### **Year 10 Elevate Education**

Year 10 held their Elevate Education session this week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The session was titled “Study Sensei”, which covered the following:

- Utilising the syllabus to frame study
- Structuring and reviewing organised notes
- Conceptual learning to develop deep understanding
- Utilising practice exam papers
- Standing out through independent learning

We hope our year 10 students benefited from the session and will apply the advice and strategies presented in their own learning. Further follow up of this session will be held during the year.

### **Elevate Education Parent Session**

Elevate Education will be presenting a session for our parents/guardians on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 6:30pm in the Secondary Learning Centre. Please click on the link to register for the seminar -

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Riy53dVPHkqKNkQ7G7ifQrc-F-SR8H9lvP62qm7fV\\_1UQ0dOQTBbUVJFMjMwWjZDVFNLTzE4SzUwTC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Riy53dVPHkqKNkQ7G7ifQrc-F-SR8H9lvP62qm7fV_1UQ0dOQTBbUVJFMjMwWjZDVFNLTzE4SzUwTC4u)

### **Year 11 Work Placement**

The remainder of our Year 11 VET students attended their week of work placement, this week, as part of the course requirements. It was great to hear the positive feedback the College received from the employers regarding the student’s attitude and cooperation while on work placement. Some of our students have even received job offers. Congratulations to these students and to the VET department.

**Mr E. Asmar**

**Head of Secondary**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 10 into (2020) 11 Subject Selection Evening, 6:30-7:30pm, College Hall – **COMPULSORY for ALL Year 10 students and one parent/guardian.**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mass for Vocations (Years 7-12)
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Kindy Orientation – **Please contact Admin to enrol your child.**
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Years 9-10 Examinations
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Years 9-10 Timber Excursion
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Mass (Years K-6)
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Chemistry Excursion



- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Catch-Up Photo Day + Year 12 Graduation Cap and Gown Photos
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **Term 2 Concludes for Students**
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Evening Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Day Interviews (8:30am-1:30pm)

### College Tour Dates...

The College welcomes its parents and wider community to tour the facilities, services and learning environment. Our tours are held once a term. 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 Bains 9633 6600 or gbains@mchf.nsw.edu.au

- **Term 2 Tour – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 11:30am-12:30pm**
- Term 3 Tour – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

## ★ ★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ ★ ★

**All Rounder Awards** – Charlise Sassine, Laurice Zoghaib, Christian Abboub, Ethan Azzi, Ciena Abdou, Joshua Azar, Elina Hokayem, Charlice Yacoub, George Taouk, Dona Bou-Sleiman, Charlie Maroun, Joseph Rahme, Mark Maroun (Kindy) ~ Eleny Joukhader (Year 1) ~ Georgia Elba, Tatiana Deeb, Olivia Haddad, Jacinta Joukhadar, Christian Kassis, Jacob Khawaja (Year 2) ~ Alisha Youssef, Estaleena Karam, Lawrence Farah, Antonio Eljer (Year 3) ~ Aaryn Basnet (Year 4) ~ Thomas Abi-Khattar, Elias Bechara, Anthony Khawaja (Year 5)

**Bronze Awards** – Mary-Bella Taouk, Charbel Tannoury, Julian Baissari, Raphael Merheb, Matthew Sassine (Kindy) ~ Julian Basnet, Youssef Elias, Charbel Mawad, Antoun Nakhoul, Charbel Namnoum, Isabella-Marie Zaher (Year 1) ~ Isabella Deeb (Year 3) ~ Georgia El Khoury, Mykal Abdou (Year 4)

**Silver Awards** – Mary Merheb (Kindy)

**Principal's Award** - Jacob Abou Haydar, Julian Azar (Year 1) ~ Julien Nabhan, Elyse Habak – (Year 4)

## THIS AND THAT

Kindy Nature Walk...

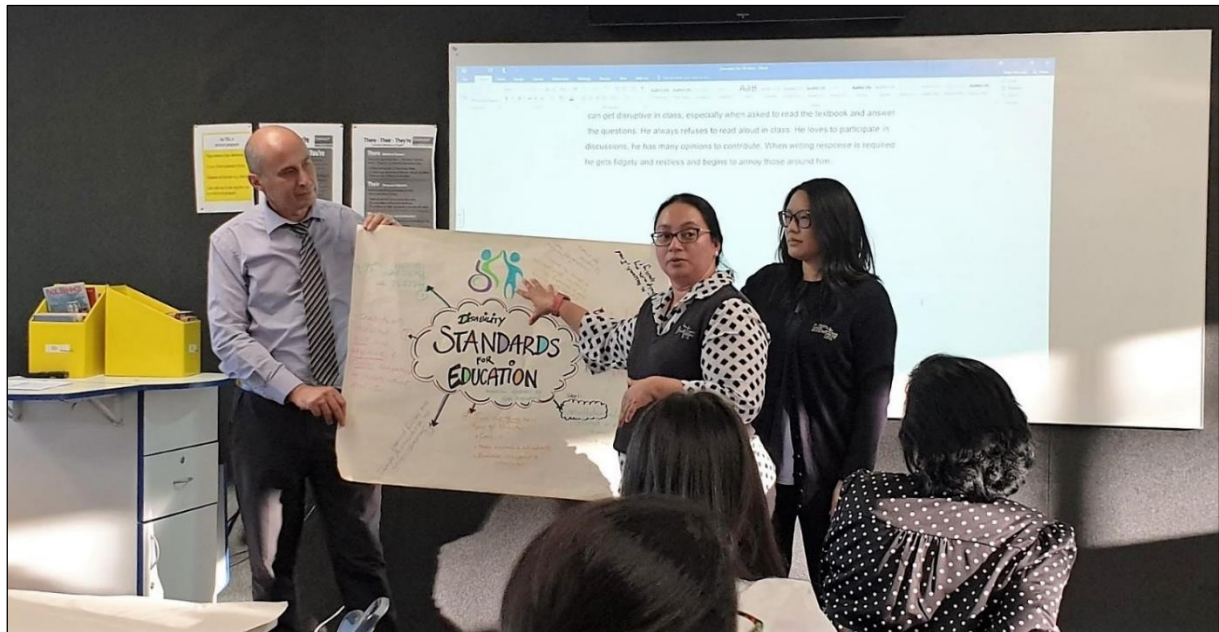




Year 6 Topaz and 6 Emerald creating binary bracelets in Digital Technology...



Keeping our Secondary Staff well trained and compliant – Understanding and applying the NCCD legislation, regulations and practical strategies...



Mr Abboud (you really can't miss him in the middle of the photo 😂) refs our juniors in football





For the safety of our wonderful students and your beautiful children, we ask all parents to please be careful when driving through the Church carpark. Only park within the parking lines and not in unmarked or no parking areas.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

### reminder

Parents can send **absent notes**, for their children, through the College SkoolBag app. Here is what you do...

1. Click on the SkoolBag app
2. Click e forms
3. Select the note that is relevant (Primary Absentee Note or Secondary Absentee Note)
4. Fill it in and Submit.

Please note; Parents can also find a bullying report form in e forms.

#### For Opal Card Errors:

1. Please ask your child to record the error code they receive when they scan their card.
2. Please call the number on the back of the opal card for assistance. They will ask you for the error code, so make sure it is near you when you call.

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The Walkathon is on 14<sup>th</sup> August so the Electronic board will run the advert from 29<sup>th</sup> July up until and including 14<sup>th</sup> August.

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