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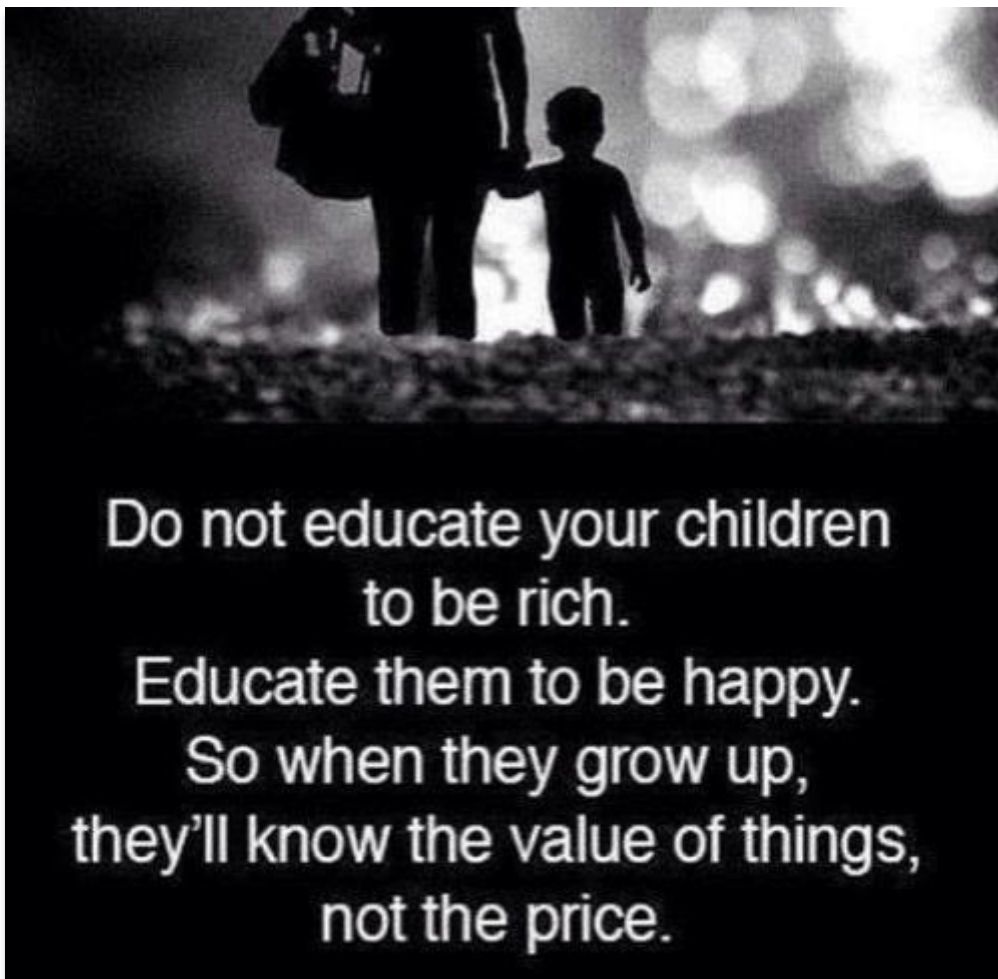
Term 2 – Week 4: Friday, 24th May 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

As we are approaching half way through Term 2, students are getting ready to sit for half yearly exams. I urge all parents to please ensure that your children are studying. Please provide them with the right tools, space and time to focus and study.

I would like to thank all the Year 10 parents who attended the Subject Selection evening on Wednesday, 22nd May. In addition to this I would like to thank all the Year 6 parents who attended the Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Interviews.

Your presence around your children during the evenings is a primary role for your children's education. Please continue your wonderful role.



In God's Love

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

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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 Baini – gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au / Ph: 9633 6600

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

This week MCHF participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. This is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year's chosen book is 'Alpaca's with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 3 not only had the opportunity to enjoy the story but also complete a range of fun activities. Just like in the story, the students went 'crackers at the alpacas with maracas'. They especially loved Mrs LeMerle dressing up in her Carmen Miranda inspired outfit. I wonder who she will be next week?

Indian Dance Performances

After spending time viewing and appreciating dances from around the world, Year 4 students created and performed their own dances as part of the Creative Arts curriculum. 4 Violet created and performed Bollywood inspired dances. Their costumes and movement sequences were amazing!

Student Attendance

Last term I spoke about the impact that student attendance has on academic progress and social development. Regular absences whether for the whole day or part of the day have a detrimental effect on your child's learning. Being late to school or leaving early also has similar effects to a student's academic progress. We understand that at times appointments for a specialist and the like are unavoidable, but these need to be planned and if at all possible should occur outside of school hours. Collecting students early from school for reasons such as avoiding traffic, is not permissible.



School Uniform

The cold weather is set to arrive next week. A reminder to all families that full winter uniform is now to be worn. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. 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. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school. Students are to wear our school hat when outside. Please ensure that all items of clothing be labelled with your child's name and class. This makes for easy return of items if they are to be misplaced. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Labelling Personal Equipment and Uniform

A reminder to parents/guardians to ensure that your child's equipment and uniform are clearly labelled. The College lost property is increasing and there have been students misplacing or mixing up their equipment or uniform.

Student and Parent Handbooks

The 2019 Parent Handbook, Student Handbooks and assessment documentation are now available on the College website, App and Parent Portal. Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to refer to these throughout the year, in order to be informed of the College policies, procedures and general information.

Hands Off Policy

I would like to request parents/guardians to remind their children of the importance of keeping their hands to themselves. Unfortunately, the College has been addressing a number of students who, most times, unintentionally break the hands off policy, leading to disciplinary action issued to these students.

Year 11, 2020 Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to the parents/guardians and students who attended the subject selection evening for our 2020 senior students. I hope the evening provided the information and advice your child was seeking. Year 10 students will now commence the process to select subjects where they will complete various quizzes and meet with their mentors to discuss their options.

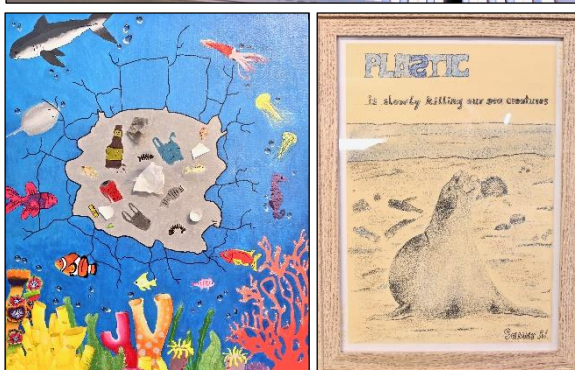
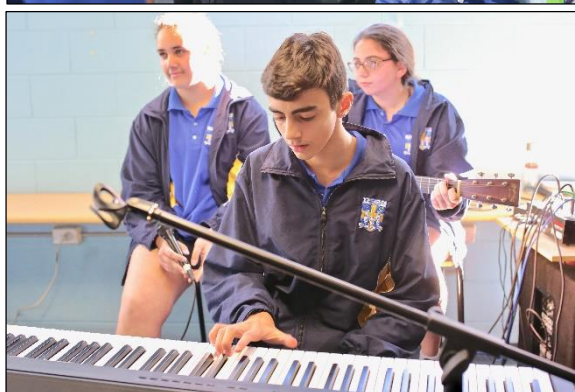
Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Interviews

The enrolment interviews for our Year 7, 2020 students are complete. The College will now process the enrolment forms. Any Year 6 parent/guardian who has not completed their child's enrolment will be contacted for a final opportunity.

Elevate Education Parent Session

Elevate Education will be presenting a session for our parents/guardians on Tuesday 28th May 2019, commencing at 6:30pm in the Secondary Learning Centre. Please click on the link to register for the seminar...

Planet Protection Showcase



Mock Trial

We congratulate our Mock Trial team who defeated Marsden College in their competition. All the hard work and dedication definitely paid off for the team. Congratulations to Ashton Tannous, Celine Harb, Simon Zaiter, Christina Geagea, Nina Bousaid, Roula Abou-Chedid, Jason Chakti and Jack Jabbour for all their dedication in making sure our defendant was found to be not guilty. The magistrate referred to their team effort as "genius" and commented that the students were just as good as her colleagues. Congratulations to these students. You have made the College proud.



Planet Protection: Art and Music Showcase

The CAPA department hosted an art and music showcase on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at lunch time in B101. The theme of the showcase was planet protection, based on Parramatta City Council's initiative *Living 4 the Planet* organisation. Students completed artworks, as an extra-curricular activity, and these were displayed at the showcase, while our music students demonstrated their talents and skills, performing at the showcase. Thank you to Ms Sarlog, Ms Nguyen, Mr Sedicol and Ms Teh for their efforts and work preparing for this event and the students' artworks and performances.

Staff Professional Development Session: Developing a Culture of Growth

The staff participated in a professional development session during the week, focusing on mindset and how to develop a culture of growth at the College. Staff worked collaboratively, discussing various questions and statements and reporting back to the remainder of their peers.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 27th – Tuesday 28th May – Kindy Orientation – **Please contact Admin to enrol your child.**
- Thursday 30th May – Friday 7th June – Years 9-10 Examinations
- Friday 7th June – Years 9-10 Timber Excursion
- Friday 7th June – Pentecost Mass (Years K-6)
- Monday 10th June – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 12th June – Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
- Friday 14th June – Catch-Up Photo Day + Year 12 Graduation Cap and Gown Photos
- Wednesday 19th June – Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm) Tuesday 2nd July – **Term 2 Concludes for Students**
- Tuesday 2nd July – Years K-9 Parent/Teacher Evening Interviews (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- Wednesday 3rd 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 29th May, 11:30am-12:30pm**
- Term 3 Tour – Wednesday 28th August
- Term 4 Tour – Wednesday 20th November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

★ ★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ ★ ★

All Rounder Awards – Jacob Joseph Tawadrous (Kindy) ~ Luke Hobeich, John Paul Ibrahim, Nathaniel Malouhi, Chehade Taouk, Jaered Buan (Year 1) ~ Christian Barakat, Dylan Darjani, Anthony Mallouhi (Year 2) ~ Rafael Ishac, Jacob Massoud, Laurelle Sadek, Mary Daher, Annabelle George, Mikayla Atie, Andrew Khoury, Crystal Semaan (Year 3)

Bronze Awards – Maribelle Abdulahad, Sarah Taouk, Bernadette Yaacoub (Year 3) ~ Elie Ghannoum (Year 4)

Silver Awards – Janae Diab, Rene El Khoury (Year 4)

Principal's Award - Natasha Younane (Year 2)

THIS AND THAT

Eucharistic Adoration, guided by Sr Cynthia Abi Issi, every Friday from 8am to 8.30am in our College chapel.



Kindergarten Red enjoying their reading groups activity where they have to match the nouns to the correct pictures. Fast finishers also write a sentence using one of the 'thing' nouns and an adjective.



(Below-Left) Year 12 CAFS students are currently taking turns caring for the virtual baby. This demanding task not only helps their understanding of their HSC unit on 'Parenting and Caring' but also deepens their appreciation for new parents/carers of infants!



(Above-Right) Thank you to Kevin at Elite Supplements Parramatta for having the Year 12 PDHPE class in-store for a nutrition seminar. Kevin provided the students with genuine, honest and factual information to assist them academically and personally. The students were able to develop their understanding of supplementation and apply their newfound knowledge to their HSC studies.



Year 11 Physics designing, constructing and testing different kinds of crumple zones using a g-force app. This is in relation to their depth study involving the physics of vehicle safety.



Year 9 Visual Arts students demonstrating their printmaking skills and working with the new printing press.



PARENT CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is **COMPULSORY** that all Photography/Video Permission Forms and Medical Forms be filled out, signed and returned to the office ASAP. If details change, during the year, please make the change/s through the parent portal.

Any serious medical conditions must be reported to the office and medical documentation, such as action plans from the doctor, must be handed to the Admin Staff.



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.

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.

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

Please contact Georgette on 9633 6600 or Email: gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Heartfelt ♥

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