



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 3: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On Monday we attended the World Teachers Day Dinner which was held at the Epping Club. We congratulate our two nominees: **Mr A Bechara** and **Ms P Esber**. Their dedication and hard work with the students was greatly recognised by all.

As the HSC Exams continue this week, please keep the students in your prayers. This week also saw Year 6 taking part in the third Transition Session for High School, Year 11 attending the Parent Teacher Interviews and Kindergarten attending an excursion to the Sea Life Aquarium.

Today we celebrated Mass to induct our New College Leaders for 2020. I congratulate all the Leaders and look forward to working closely with them.



### Notice to all parents:

I urge all parents to please drop off your children, give them a kiss and leave them in our capable hands each morning. There are far too many parents staying in the playground unnecessarily. In the afternoon please arrive no earlier than 3.00 pm. If you have younger children with you, please keep them close to you and do not allow them to run around in the playground. This is for the safety of your children. Thanking you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Sr Irene Boughosn  
PRINCIPAL

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

*This week*, I accompanied Sr Irene and other MCHF staff to a presentation conducted by Professor Pasi Sahlberg. Professor Pasi is a highly regarded educator and author who has received worldwide recognition for his work in educational reform. The topic of the discussion was all about 'play'. Play is how children explore, discover, fail, succeed, socialise and flourish as human beings. It's the key to giving school children skills they need to succeed in life. Listening to Professor Pasi talk suddenly gives you flashbacks to childhood memories. Memories that include games of backyard cricket, hide and seek, playing Cops and Robbers and building cubby houses out of boxes. Being active participants in games like these, requires the use of skills such as creativity, innovation, teamwork, focus, resilience, expressiveness, empathy and concentration. These skills encompass all the necessary elements of success for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner. Yet, when we ask students today about what they like to play, the answer is usually a game that involves the use of a device such as an iPad or computer. How many of those necessary skills are they developing?

Technology certainly assists in supporting student learning but, as parents, it is your role to help your child use digital technologies safely and responsibly within the home environment. All too often we hear of children who are allowed to use technology when they want and how they want. The RCH National Child Health Poll recently reported that excessive screen time, obesity and not enough physical activity are the top three child health problems in Australia. Setting boundaries and enforcing parent control to when a device is used, how long it is used for and the purpose of its use, may help your child discover the pure enjoyment of what 'real play' is.



*'To grow up healthy, children need to sit less and play more.'* (World Health Organisation)

### Writing Stimulus

This term, Primary students were given a writing stimulus which incorporated their sense of sight, sound and touch. The stimulus was delivered in the form of a short video and depicted a deserted beach and an empty bottle with a message inside. The bottle was also set up in the Learning Centre so that a closer look could be taken. After watching the video, every student had many unanswered questions in their minds and couldn't wait to begin the writing process. All the teachers were impressed by the creativity that was displayed and the ongoing progress that is being made by their students.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics, students are always given opportunities to apply their skills to solve problems. Providing open ended tasks encourages the use of higher order thinking skills to solve problems and develop an understanding that some problems can be solved in a many of ways, using a variety of strategies. Try solving the following problem as a family. How many different solutions can you find?

***A tree has bees and birds hovering around the luscious green leaves. There were 48 legs counted altogether. How many bees and birds could there be?***



### Kindy Excursion

Kindergarten are currently learning about sea life through the teaching of this term's English unit, 'Under the Sea'. To assist their learning further and provide real life experiences for the students, they attended an excursion to Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. The students were amazed at the diverse nature of the life that exists in our oceans. A great day was had by all!



### Swimming Carnival

Our Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 3-6 will be attending and are encouraged to participate in any of the races available to them. If any parent is able to assist on the day, please return the note by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



**Mr D. Day**  
Head of Primary



## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### 2019 College Theme

To Love – “Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one come to you without leaving happier.”  
St Teresa of Calcutta

### Term 4 Focus

Love for Self – “What can I do to be a better person?”

### 2020 College Student Leaders

It is with great pleasure we announce our 2020 College Leaders. The students were officially inducted as leaders on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at the Leader’s Induction Mass. Following Mass, the newly inducted leaders and their families attended a morning tea to celebrate their appointments. We wish our 2020 student leaders all the very best and we look forward to working with them under our newly restructured leadership model.

College Captains	Robbie El-Bazouni Nicole Farah
College Vice-Captains	Jon Boumelhem Clarita Fajloun
SRC President	Karen Hawache
SRC Vice-President	Nassif Abi-Khattar
Senior Wellbeing Prefects	Theresa El-Halabi Angela Marie Nemer
Community Outreach Prefects	Samantha Abboud Charlene Sabat
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Academic Prefects	Rafqa Kayrouz Mabelle Chamchoum
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Mackillop House Captains	Ibrahim Fakhri Mona El-Hachem
Maroun House Captains	Charbel Layoun Alexia El-Haddad
Rafqa House Captains	Jaycob Anjoul Christopher Makdessi



### Max Potential

This year, Samantha Abboud of Year 11 completed the Max Potential program. Max Potential is a unique personal leadership development program that runs over 22 weeks, connecting emerging young leaders with community leaders from all walks of life. In partnership with local Clubs, Max Potential encourages young adults to accelerate their potential, build a can-do attitude, explore their entrepreneurial spirit and challenge themselves to lift their game. Samantha completed her project at the official presentation evening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Samantha’s project title

was "Preventing the Ocean's from Drowning." Her project was to give up some time, along with other students, to clean and pick up rubbish from Manly beach in order to prevent it from going into the ocean. Thank you to Ms Roach who monitored Samantha's progress throughout her project and to Ms Pietak and Ms Carlos for attending the presentation evening. Congratulations to Samantha for successfully completing her project.

### **World Teachers' Day Recognition Award 2019**

The College was proud to nominate Ms Esber-Dayoub for the 2019 World Teacher's Day Award hosted by the Australian College of Educators. Ms Esber-Dayoub was recognised for her outstanding efforts and commitment she demonstrated in her role as HSIE Coordinator and Mock Trial Supervisor. We congratulate Ms Esber-Dayoub on being a worthy recipient of this year's award.



### **Year 6 Transition Program**

This week, Year 6 completed the final transition session before commencing their secondary education. The session commenced with a presentation I led to explain to students how to read a timetable, understanding the bell times and other general information. Mrs Abdul Ahad then led a session on pastoral care and wellbeing.

### **HSC Examinations**

We keep in our thoughts and prayers our Year 12 students who this week continue their HSC exams. A reminder to parents/guardians of Year 12 that your child must ensure they continue to adhere to the College's uniform and grooming policy during these exams. We wish the cohort all the success in these exams.

### **Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

This week our Year 11 Parent Teacher interviews were held. It was great to see a high level of attendance by parents/guardians this year to discuss and receive feedback on their child's progress this year and the improvement required as students commence the HSC course.

### **Year 11 Reports**

Year 11 Reports will be released and made available for parents/guardians and students on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 via the Parent Portal.

### **Yearly Examinations**

This week our year 10 students sat their yearly exams with the last day of exams scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Year 9 exams will commence on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Finally, our Year 7 and 8 students will be sitting their yearly examinations commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Students should be spending as much time as possible studying and preparing for their exams. Exam timetables have been emailed to all students. We look forward to seeing terrific results from our students.

### **All My Own Work and Minimum Standards Tests**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, selected year 10 and 11 students will be sitting the minimum standards test. Following the test, all year 10 students continuing their secondary education in senior years will be completing the compulsory 'All My Own Work' course. For more information, please refer to the letter that was issued to year 10 students this week.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

A reminder that year 10 students will be completing their work experience week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Students must ensure all documentation is returned to Mrs Abdul Ahad as soon as possible.

### **Year 11 VET Work Placement**

Year 11 VET students will be completing their final mandatory work placement in week 5 and 6 this term. A reminder to these students and parents/guardians that the documentation issued to the students must be completed and returned to Ms Kumar as soon as possible.

**Mr E. Asmar**

**Head of Secondary**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Yearly Exams
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Year 10 AMOW and HSC Minimum Standards Text
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 10 Work Experience
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Friday 22 November – VET Work Placements
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – HSC Exams Conclude
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Years 7 and 8 Yearly Exams
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Mass for Lebanon and Lebanon Independence Day Lunch
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 12 Formal
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Rewards Day at the Aquatic Centre
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Primary Concert (6:30-8:30pm)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – School concludes for Year 6 students
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Secondary Expo Extravaganza (6pm)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Secondary Sports Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – SCHOOL CONCLUDES

### Final College Tour for 2019 + Orientation for new students - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

**All Rounder Awards** – Tonina Nader, Olivia Khouri, Elie Tawk, Zoe May Sahyoun (Year 1)

Mikaella Fahad, Jacob Layoun, Christian Barakat (Year 2)

Jayden Sammour, Justin Green, Gloria Taouk (Year 3)

Violet Zakhia (Year 4)

Isabella Boumelhem, Monica Dagher, Dania Nakhoul (Year 6)

Juliana Makary, Joyce Yaacoub, Hannah Maalouf, Anthony Hassoun, Joe Hage (Year 7)

Therese Abi-Khattar, Marina Akik, Joya Antoun, Michael Antoun, Mariana Bechara, Maria BouMelhem, Channele Coorey, Heleena Diab, Maria Doumit, Chelsea Elias, Adriana Harb, Jack Jabbour, Jamile Jeitani, Christina Kazzi, Bassam Khattar, Reina Layoun, Mariella Mikhael, Christian Nouh, Ashton Tannous, Simon Zaiter (Year 10)

**Bronze Awards** – Lily Rose El-Katrib, Jaden Harmouche, Antonia Wakim, Anabel Bouchaaya, Ryan Harb, Eleny Joukhadar, Charbel Bou Assi, Simon Bazouni (Year 1)

Ella-Rose Botros, Steven Zaidan, Georgina Kanaan, Hiam Katrib, Rafqa Sabbagh (Year 2)

Antonio Eljer, Mia Karbaj, Veronica Youssef (Year 3)

Danielle Hobeiche, Christian Chiha, Joseph Karam (Year 4)

Christian Abdulahad, Marissa Chalita, Hannah Habib, George Zaidan, Christiane Daher, Claudia Kabalan, Ella Marie Kalache, Mary Khoury (Year 7)

Adrian Harb, Simon Zaiter (Year 10)

Mabelle Chamchoum, Rafka Semaan, Robbie El-Bazouni (Year 11)

**Silver Awards** – Mark Maroun, Alyssia Rose Saad (Kindy)

Amelia Akkaoui, Sophie Esber, Olivia Tawk, Layla Bou Francis, Elio Ephrem (Year 1)

Michael Al-Alam, Lina Alameddine, Clara Geagea, George Semaan, Celine Youssef (Year 2)

George Massoud, Matthew Elcham, Luke Whitton (Year 3)

Aaryan Basnet, Amber Fasavalu (Year 4)

Charbel Feghali (Year 5)

**Principal's Award** – Isabella Marie Zaher, Lucia Grace Saad, Sienna Ghabache (Year 1)

Gabriella Assi, Antonio Katrib, Thea Ayoub, Abraham Baissari (Year 2)

Andrew Khoury, Sarah Taouk, Sophia Khoury (Year 3)

Gabriel Deeb, Pamela Souccar, Mary Naim (Year 4)



## THIS AND THAT

7 Visual Arts students, preparing tonal charts and painting their masks.



Year 10 and 11 Drama students participated in a workshop on LeCoq techniques. They thoroughly enjoyed being taught how to push boundaries through the use of body and mask.



7.3 Technology students, under the guidance of Ms Teh, are working on felt toys using machine and hand sewing. Students are using sustainable materials for stuffing.





## PARENT CORNER

**2020 school travel applications now open!**  
Details have been emailed to your child/ren.

### SEARCHING FOR ALUMNI! – The first meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

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](mailto:gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

#### *Current 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.

### 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](mailto:fabdulahad@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

#### BYOD Link and Code –

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## COMMUNITY HUB

Our second session of healthy talk for parents.  
Our next session will be on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the Hub room.



If you are interested in joining the Community Hub family, or would like more information, please contact AFRAH HADDAD, Community Hub Leader.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday  
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