



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 - Week 3: Friday 15th May 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we welcomed back Kindergarten – Year 6 (scheduled days), Year 11 and Year 12 (full time). It was great to hear the noise and to see students in the playground and in the classrooms. As we continue to travel through these uncertain times, can I please urge all parents to continue to practice social distancing and remind your children about the importance of good hygiene routines. Once again, please do not send your children to the College if they are showing any flu like symptoms.

Reminder to please check correspondence from the Primary and Secondary regarding the Schedule for Week 4.

Thanking you all for your continued support and understanding.

This month we celebrate World Vocations Day. I ask you all to keep all the Sisters and Clergy in your prayers. May all who are pursuing the path of vocations be guided by Our Lord.

A Prayer for Vocations

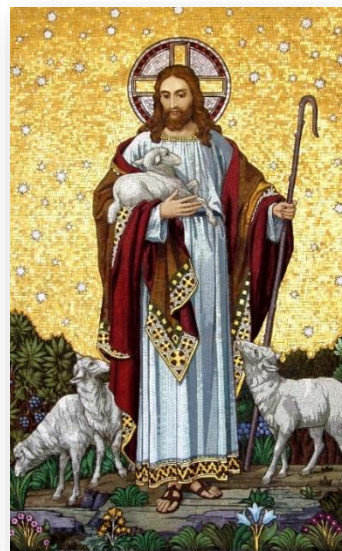
God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to Priesthood
and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love, the suffering comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Throughout this week, we have seen most of our students return to MCHF on their timetabled day. Each day, a new group of students breathed an energy back into our College. As they entered the playground, their faces glowed with excitement as they saw their friends and teachers for the first time in nearly seven weeks. The hum of activity could also be heard in the classrooms as teachers taught lessons face-to-face. A big thank you to all students and teachers for their efforts this week.



Safety and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of all members in our community is of great importance. During the week, the College has received many phone calls from concerned parents and local residents about careless driving and the failure of drivers to comply with the road rules, especially within the school zone. As more students begin their return to school, I ask everyone to be more observant of the rules and take care on the road. This will assist in maintaining a high level of safety for our students and those in our community.

K-6 Return to School

This week, an update was sent home regarding the gradual return of K-6 students to the College. It reminded all parents that the transition period was designed to reintroduce students to school structures and routines, as well as provide them with the emotional and social opportunities that school life offers. To ensure the success of the transition period, we encourage parents to follow the timetable for next week, and if possible only send your child on the day/s allocated. This will ensure that the College is following the current government directives and adhering to all suggested health and safety measures.

Personal Devices

If your child has access to a laptop that they are allowed to bring to school, we invite them to do so each day they attend. This will assist the College in providing all students with devices during this transition period. Please note that this is not compulsory and your child will not be disadvantaged if they cannot bring a laptop with them.

School Attendance

Attending school during this period is a choice that all parents need to make. We understand that some family situations can play a major role on the decision that is made. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you plan to continue to keep your child at home. Any student absent on the specified day will be required to submit a note of explanation. This is in line with current procedure outlined in College Policy. Next week's schedule is below.

Week 4	Monday 18 th May	Tuesday 19 th May	Wednesday 20 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Friday 22 nd May
Kindergarten					
Year 1					
Year 2					
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5					
Year 6					

Remote Learning Plans

During this transition period, teachers will have the challenging task of providing support to students at school as well as those learning from home. This will mean there will be times when they are unable to respond as promptly to remote learners as they have been. On the days that classes are scheduled to attend school, no Remote Learning Plans will be sent home. Teaching face-to-face lessons in the Primary Department, does not allow

Dear God,
Thank you for all I have and
all the blessings you given me
each day.
Help me to appreciate what I
have and never ask for more.
When times get tough and I may
get weak, I know you are
standing there beside me,
helping me carrying my cross
and then I will feel safe in
the palms of your hands.
God, you didn't quit when times
were tough, so I should never
quit when the situation is bad.
Help me to be patient and not
to fear anything.
Because if I fear, then I don't
have faith in God.
But I trust in God and Prayers,
and know you will help me
through these difficult times.
Amen
~ Christian Youssef ~

sufficient time for staff to provide the necessary support and feedback to those students learning remotely. We ask for your patience as we work towards returning to our regular school routines.

Communication with Teachers

At the present time, we ask that all parent and teacher communication is conducted via email or phone, and not at the end of the day as students are dismissed. This will ensure the health and safety of all.

Current College Procedures

1. The College will remain open each day for students **who are vulnerable** and for those whose **parents are essential workers**.
2. Parents may continue to keep their children at home on their scheduled days if they are concerned for their wellbeing. There is however, no health advice to support this.
3. Remote Learning Plans will **NOT** be sent home on the day/s students are scheduled to be at school or when they resume full time. Teaching face-to-face, does not allow sufficient time for staff to provide the necessary support and feedback to those students learning at home.
4. Students absent on their specified day, even if it is due to parental choice, will be required to submit a note of explanation. This is in line with the current procedure outlined in our College Policy.
5. Medical advice confirms that social distancing requirements **do not apply** to students whilst at school. The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), has determined students do not need to abide by social distancing in the classroom. Adults will continue to exercise good social distancing, when in areas such as the staffroom and playground.
6. Staff and students who present with flu-like symptoms are asked to remain at home. If they show any signs of sickness or become ill during the day, they will be sent home.
7. Parents are asked **not to** enter the College grounds unless necessary. **Access is restricted to students, staff and approved personnel only.** This is to ensure that the health and safety of all those in our community remains a priority.
8. Access to the main office foyer is restricted to two people at any one time. Visits must be for essential business only.
9. At the end of the school day, we request that parents stand in the restricted area so that we can maintain health requirements by limiting personal contact with staff and students. It is also asked that you leave the College grounds immediately once your child has been collected and avoid conversing with other parents and students.
10. Staff will continue to emphasise the importance of personal hygiene. The College has ensured that a safe environment is provided to our MCHF community with a more frequent cleaning schedule and the instillation of wall mounted hand sanitisers in every classroom.

Additional Safety and Cleaning Procedures

A reminder that the College has implemented the following procedures so that a high level of health and safety is maintained. Your compliance with these measures will be greatly appreciated by all in our community.

- Each morning, staff will be at the front gate to welcome students.
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- Social distancing is also reinforced by all staff. This in line with government advice.
- Staff and students who present with flu-like symptoms are asked to remain at home. If they show any signs of illness or who become ill during the day, will be sent home.

School Uniform

A reminder to all families that students must wear their **full winter uniform** to school each day. 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 using appropriate hair accessories. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. 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 the easy return of items if they are misplaced. If for some reason your child cannot be in correct uniform, we ask that a note of explanation is sent to the class teacher. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club have made a few changes to their ordering procedure. If you have ordered previously from Scholastic, your details will be on their LOOP database. All parents on this database, will be sent a link to the latest Book Club issue. Purchase orders can then be placed via LOOP, just as they always have. All Book Club orders will be home delivered for a \$5.99 delivery fee.

2020 Premiers Reading Challenge

Don't forget that even when learning remotely, students can still participate in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. The rules for the challenge have been adapted to cater for the current pandemic situation. An update of the rules can be located using the following link. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

A support article explaining how to add Bonus Choice Books to a student's Reading Record, has also been prepared to assist with this process. The article can be accessed via this link. [How do I add bonus choice books for 2020?](#)

Applications for Approved Leave – Travel

Just a reminder that currently, the following applies to all MCHF families.

- Applications submitted for leave to travel, will not be accepted.
- Any family returning from an overseas trip **MUST SELF ISOLATE for 14 days prior to returning to College.** Medical documentation must be provided before returning to the College.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Week 3 Remote Learning Feedback

This week we welcomed back Year 11 and 12 students on a full-time basis. We reverted back to face-to-face teaching for our seniors. Our Year 7-10 students continued remote learning. Teachers have established regular routines with students and we are receiving generally positive feedback from our students through the daily attendance form and the daily check ins with homeroom teachers. Below shows the percentage of students who have been completing the daily attendance form:

Year 7-10 Daily Attendance Rate				
Monday 11 th May 2020	Tuesday 12 th May 2020	Wednesday 13 th May 2020	Thursday 14 th May 2020	Friday 15 th May 2020
87%	85%	86%	88%	85%

We remind you that students must complete the daily attendance form emailed to them through the daily announcements every morning. We are aiming to ensure the percentage is over 90%. Year Advisors will continue following up with students and making contact with parents/guardians. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate students and staff for the hard work and efforts they are applying in this remote learning period.

Week 4 Return to School

As advised on Wednesday 13th May 2020, the return to school plan for Year 7-10 has been arranged for students to return one day a week. It is proposed that week 5 will increase to two days for Year 7-10 students. This will be determined early next week and an announcement will be made on Wednesday 20th May 2020. We will continue to announce provide weekly updates on Wednesday until all students have returned fulltime.



RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN – SECONDARY DEPARTMENT TERM 2, WEEK 4



	Monday 18th May 2020	Tuesday 19th May 2020	Wednesday 20th May 2020	Thursday 21st May 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
Year 7	Remote Learn from Home	Attend School	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home
Year 8	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Attend School	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home
Year 9	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Attend School
Year 10	Attend School	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home
Year 11	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School
Year 12	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School	Attend School

Uniform and Grooming	Recess and Lunch	Morning Drop Off	Afternoon Pick Up
Students attending the College are to be in Winter Uniform College Grooming Policy must be adhered to – this includes shaving and hairstyles.	Students will be in their designated areas for Recess and Lunch. These areas are split into different College grounds.	Secondary Students enter the College via Alice Street. No parent/guardian permitted to enter the College grounds.	Afternoon departure procedures remain as normal. No parent/guardian permitted to enter the College grounds.

PLEASE NOTE

- Supervision for vulnerable students and students with essential working parents will continue for Year 7-10 students.
- Every Wednesday, the College will release the Secondary plan for the following week.
- This plan may change based on advice and/or review. Parents/Guardians and students will be notified accordingly.

Year 7, 2021 Enrolments

The College will be contacting Year 6 parents/guardians to commence the Year 7, 2021 Enrolment process. Due to the current pandemic crisis, the application packages will be sent home. Parents/Guardians will be required to complete all the documentation and return them to the College. Completed and signed documents and the enrolment fees must be submitted and finalised on order for the enrolment to be confirmed. Interviews will be scheduled later in the year.

Year 12 Pre Trial HSC Examination

Year 12 Pre Trial HSC Examination timetable has been released for Year 12 students. The exams will be held at the College from Week 8 (Monday 15th June 2020). The last exam is scheduled to conclude on Friday 26th June 2020. Students are only required to attend the College for their exams. They are permitted to leave once their exam has concluded. Students are not required to attend the College during the examination period if they do not have a scheduled exam. A copy of the examination timetable has been included as an attachment with this newsletter.

Year 7-10 Semester 1 Exams

Semester 1 exams for Year 7-10 students will continue this term as scheduled. However, the exams will be held online in a revised format. Students will be notified of the changes. Therefore, it is imperative that students continue to be engaged in their learning.

Year 10 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Year 10 Half Yearly Examination timetable has been released to students. The exams will be conducted online this year and can be completed either from home or if the cohort is scheduled to be attending the College. The links to the exams have been included in the examination



HSC students working on Textiles and Design Major Works.

timetable for students. The online exams will have specified times to access and complete the exams. The exams commence in Week 5 from Monday 25th May 2020 until Friday 29th May 2020. A copy of the examination timetable has been included as an attachment with this newsletter.

Year 11, 2021 Subject Selection

Year 10 students will begin their subject selection process as we commence preparation for the 2021 HSC years. In light of COVID-19, we have amended the process to ensure we are still able to conduct the process. We have set up a Microsoft Teams page as a one-stop-shop for everything to do with subject selection. Students have been emailed the information to enrol in the Microsoft Teams page.

Instead of the information evening taking place originally scheduled on Wednesday 20th May 2020, a video presentation will be released to parents next week to provide all the information required to know about the process.

Uniform and Grooming

A reminder that all students at the College must be in full Winter Uniform. This includes blazers and ties. Students grooming must also ensure it meets the College's policy. Students who do not meet these requirements may be sent home.

Playground Allocations

Commencing this term, we have made changes to student's playground allocations for recess and lunch based on feedback from students and staff. Year 7 and 8 students will be based in the B/C Block playground; Year 9 and 10 students will be based in the Grass Area; Year 11 and 12 students remain in their A Block playground.

Homework Club

Commencing this term, homework club has been moved to Monday afternoons from 3:20pm – 4:20pm. However, homework club will not commence this term due to COVID-19. We will advise when homework club will recommence.

Mock Trial News

Our MCHF Mock Trial team are currently taking part of the Future Young Lawyers Program. This online initiative has been created for students to observe and learn from the comfort of their homes by the Law Society of NSW. During these uncertain times, it's important to ensure we adapt to our current environment and create new opportunities for students. The Future Young Lawyers Program will be implemented to cover the weeks the Mock Law Programs are offline, with an opportunity for students to learn from experienced and knowledgeable solicitors.

The program will span over six weeks, covering topics including Introduction to Australian legal systems, advocacy, law reform, policy and ethics, as well as mock trial topics to keep our team on their toes. It's great to see our student's performing exceptionally well in the weekly quizzes in regards to their Zoom sessions.

Elevate Education Parent Webinar

On Tuesday 12th May 2020, Elevate Education held its parent webinar with over 1900 parents/guardians tuning in. During the webinar, a discussion took place on the value in using weekly planners. If you would like something tangible to refer to, you can [access their weekly planner template here](https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/webinar-signup-28-may/).

There will be a final webinar on **Thursday 28th May 2020 for any parent/guardian who is interested. See details below...**

Event Title: Elevate Education – Independent Learning and Smart Study

Date and Time: Thursday 28th May 2020 @ 6pm

Sign-Up Link: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/webinar-signup-28-may/>

Cost: Free

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”
~ Malcolm X ~

THIS AND THAT

Under the guidance of their amazing teacher, Ms Alweddy, Kindy Rose is learning about Data. They made a picture graph on their favourite fruit! Look at those smiles!!



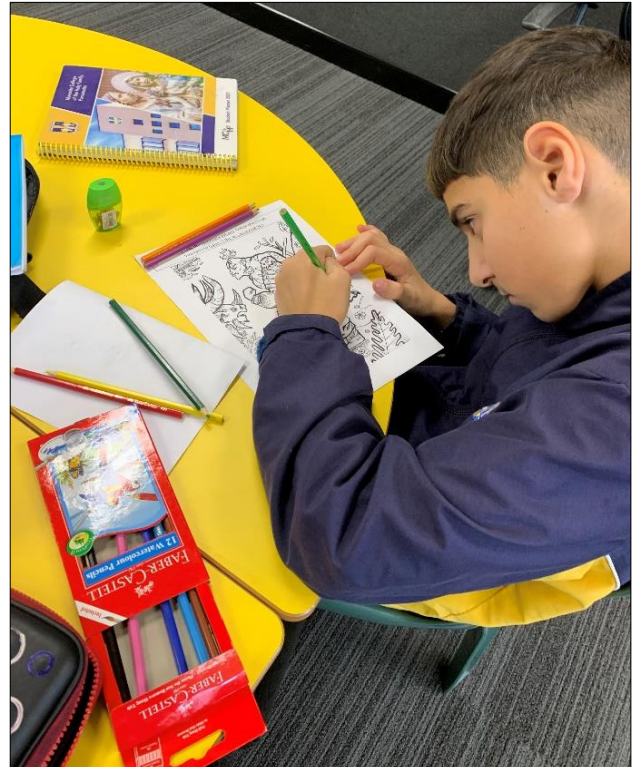
Mrs Delos-Reyes uses fun and interesting ways to teach Kindy White. This week, they learnt about picture graphs 😊



Year 9 Visual Arts students completing a series of challenges and strengthening their drawing skills.
Tonal Still life by Charline Kayrouz and Kayla Fasavula.



Students in 7.6 are working hard on a mythological drawing activity using secondary colours to give personality to the “Orc”.



We love our school sports!



Pastoral from Year 7-9 was about the idea of “to not give up” and it culminated in building houses (representing us) on strong foundations (our faith, beliefs, ethics and principles,) as inspired by Mathew 4 25-27 - “The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.”



This week's wellbeing survey questions and answers...

MY QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference"

HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR ONLINE LEARNING TODAY?

★★★★★

KNOW LOVE SERVE

Georgia Khattar



Year 10

Student

MCHF

MY QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

"Nothing is impossible, The word itself says I'm Possible"

HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR ONLINE LEARNING TODAY?

★★★★★

KNOW LOVE SERVE

Georgia Matta



Year 9

Student

MCHF

MY QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
Phillipians 4:13

HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR ONLINE LEARNING TODAY?

★★★★★

KNOW LOVE SERVE

Matthew Yacoub



Year 10

Student

MCHF

MY QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

"Success isn't just about what you accomplish in life, it's what you inspire others to do."

HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR ONLINE LEARNING TODAY?

★★★★★

KNOW LOVE SERVE

Grace El Khoury



Year 7

Student

MCHF

PARENT CORNER

Parents/Guardians: We ask that you please remember to let the College know if you have changed any of your contact details, including your email address. This is extremely important, especially at this current time, as you will receive important documentation and urgent messages via email.

Please email your change in details to Admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au .

ALL FAMILIES are required to download the SkoolBag app (free) from your app store and create an account linked to our College. This ensures you receive urgent College news immediately.

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