



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 - Week 4: Friday 22nd May 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

May 22nd



Patron Saint of the Impossible

"Let me, my Jesus, share in Thy suffering at least one of Thy thorns."

I would like to thank all parents for the way in which you have followed and respected all the College directives in social distancing when picking up your children in the afternoon. I encourage you all to continue this process as quickly as possible to ensure the safety of all.

Launch of the College YouTube Channel

This week we launched our new YouTube Channel as a strategy to improve our communication with students and parents/guardians. It has also been established to assist with curriculum delivery where departments can purchase resources to add to their playlist. We encourage you and your child to subscribe to our channel by searching for *MCHF Parramatta* in YouTube.

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of the Ascension and today we celebrate the feast of Saint Rita who is the patron saint of impossible causes, sickness, wounds, marital problems, abuse and most importantly all mothers. Please pray for all who face hardships and illness. May Saint Rita be your inspiration and guide.

I would like to wish all who are named Rita a very Happy Feast Day for today.

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**

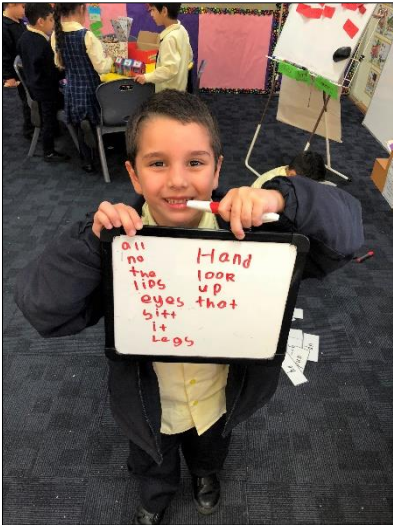
St Rita, you are the patron saint of the impossible. In our times of need and suffering, we fly to you with confidence because you are close with the Lord. You were greatly burdened during your life and you know what we are going through now. We offer our prayers for relief, please hear and answer us. St. Rita, filled with compassion for the suffering of Christ, Pray for us.

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

As more of our students return to school, no one could be happier about seeing the classrooms full of life than our teachers. Teachers have always known that education is so much more than providing content, it is about that connection with a young learner and the personal encounter that helps them to thrive. Over the recent months, our teaching staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your child's learning has been catered for through the Remote Learning Plans sent each day. The support and feedback they have continued to provide has been exceptional. I would like to thank them whole-heartedly for their efforts. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work that our students have produced and the support given to them by their parents and other family members.

Fun in Kindy

This week, Kindergarten students have been involved in a range of fun learning activities. Each time I visited their classrooms, the smiles on their faces told me how much they enjoyed being back in the classrooms with their friends and their teachers.



Students in 5 Rainbow visited the Learning Centre this week so that they could entertain their fellow class members with their storytelling abilities. The key purpose of the task was to select an appropriate picture book that would allow them to showcase their ability to read with expression, fluency and clarity.



The College has purchased a range of new sporting equipment. Ms Dibou and her students in 1 Green were happy to dive straight in and road test the colourful Potato Sacks. A great deal of fun and laughter was had by all.



The safety and wellbeing of all members in our community is of great importance. When driving I urge all members of our community to comply with the road rules, especially within the school zone. As more students begin their return to school, it is imperative that everyone is more observant of the rules and their surroundings whilst driving. This will assist in maintaining a high level of safety for all in our community, especially our students.

National Child Restraint Laws

The number of students who are currently being dropped off and picked up from school by car is on the increase. For this reason, I thought it timely to remind all parents of the National Child Restraint Laws pertaining to school age children. Further information regarding this topic can be accessed via the following link:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/childcarseats/index.html>

- All children **must be safely fastened** in the correct child car seat for their age and size.
- Children aged between 4 and 7 years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat.
- Children aged between 4 and 7 years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows. This is only allowable if all back seats of the vehicle are occupied by children younger than seven years who are seated in an approved child restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged from 7 years but under the age of 16 years, who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened, are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat.
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by:
 - a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened.
 - an approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.
- If your child is too small for the child restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move to the next level.
- If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they may move to the next level of child restraint.

K-6 Return to School

This week, an update was sent home regarding the return of K-6 students to the College. It stated that **all students are welcome to attend school each day from Monday 25th May** and that we will commence full time face-to-face teaching from **Monday 1st June**. Further updates will be provided early next week. The shaded areas on the table below, indicate when your child is scheduled to attend school in Week 5. A friendly reminder that if your child is absent on the specified day, a note of explanation is required. This is in line with current procedure outlined in College Policy.

Week 5	Monday 25 th May	Tuesday 26 th May	Wednesday 27 th May	Thursday 28 th May	Friday 29 th May
Kindergarten					
Year 1					
Year 2					
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5					
Year 6					

Remote Learning Plans

During this transition period, teachers have had the challenging task of providing support to students at school as well as those learning from home. On the days that classes are scheduled to attend school, Remote Learning Plans **will not** be sent home. Teaching face-to-face lessons in the Primary Department, does not allow sufficient time for staff to provide the necessary support and feedback to those students learning remotely. We thank you for your understanding.

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 next week. Please note that this is **not compulsory** and your child will not be disadvantaged if they cannot bring a device with them.

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. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Access to the main office foyer is restricted to two people at any one time. Visits must be for essential business only.
7. 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.
8. 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.

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.

- Mr D. Day**
Head of Primary

	RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN – SECONDARY DEPARTMENT TERM 2, WEEK 5				
	Monday 25th May 2020	Tuesday 26th May 2020	Wednesday 27th May 2020	Thursday 28th May 2020	Friday 29th May 2020
Year 7	Attend School	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	Attend School
Year 9	Remote Learn from Home	Remote Learn from Home	Attend School	Remote Learn from Home	Attend School
Year 10	Attend School	Attend School	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	
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 Pick Up					
Afternoon departure procedures remain as normal. No parent/guardian permitted to enter the College grounds.					
PLEASE NOTE					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 12 Students Parking at the College

Please be advised that Year 12 students who have permission to drive to the College will not be permitted to park at the Church Car Park until further notice. Students are requested to either park in the surrounding streets or catch public transport.

New Furniture

This week our C Block received additional furniture to accommodate the growing number of students in our secondary department. We have added further collaborative furniture to improve our teaching and learning experience.

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 7-10 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Year 7, 8 and 10 Half Yearly Examination timetables have been released to students. Year 9 examination timetable will be released next week. 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 timetable for students. The online exams will have specified times to access and complete the exams.

- Year 10 exams will be held in Week 5 from Monday 25th May 2020 until Friday 29th May 2020.
- Year 7 exams will be held in Week 6 on Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June 2020.
- Year 8 exams will be held in Week 6 on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 and Friday 5th June 2020.
- Year 9 exams will be held in Week 7 from Tuesday 9th June until Friday 12th June 2020.

Copies of the Year 7, 8 and 10 examination timetables have been attached with this newsletter.

NSW EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY

2020 HSC

What's changed for students?

Established early this year, the NESA COVID-19 Response Committee is carefully considering and making any changes needed to keep the 2020 HSC fair and everyone involved safe. The Committee includes representatives from the government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ✓ NESA and schools are following the advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, which is also supported by NSW Health.
- ✓ Your school has the authority to determine the number, type and weighting of **formal school-based assessment tasks**.
- ✓ The **written exams** start on Tuesday 20 October, and the timetable is now available.
- ✓ You will get your **results** on Friday 18 December, by SMS, email and online.

An overview of specific changes to the 2020 HSC is available over the page. If you are impacted by the changes, talk to your teacher or visit the NESA website for more information, including about how your final mark will be calculated.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT SOME PRACTICAL AND LANGUAGES ORAL EXAMS?

- **Design and Technology:** Major Design Project – now due on 10 September.
- **English Extension 2:** Major Work Multimedia-Short Film – students to submit documentation instead of the final film.
- **Industrial Technology:** Major Project (Product) – now due on 27 August.
- **Textiles and Design:** Major Textiles Project (Product) – now due on 31 August.
- The **languages oral exams** start on 15 August and an updated timetable is now available.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CREATIVE ARTS PERFORMANCE AND PRACTICAL EXAMS?

- **Dance:** Core composition – students must dance their own choreography.
- **Drama:** Individual Project – Critical Analysis (Portfolio of Theatre Criticism) – students may use filmed theatre performances.
- **Drama:** Individual Project (Video Drama) – students to submit documentation and up to 2 minutes of edited footage, instead of the final film.
- **Music:** – students can only perform solo, with pre-recorded accompaniment or with a single live accompanist.
- **Visual Arts:** Body of Work – now due on 14 September.

Cancelled exams

- **Dance:** Major Study Dance and Technology (Film and Video)
- **Drama:** Group performance
- **Music Extension:** Performance Mandatory ensemble piece

OTHER CHANGES

If you are doing a **VET subject** and are unable to complete the work placement, you will still be eligible to receive the credit units for the HSC.

If you are applying for **disability provisions**, you have more time to provide evidence to support the application.

If you are yet to meet the **HSC minimum standard** you can attempt each test up to six times in 2020. You can also take the tests once you have left school.

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.

Homework Club

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.

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](#).

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25th May until 29th May - Year 10 Half Yearly Exams
- 27th May - Wellbeing Wednesday
- 1st June and 2nd June - Year 7 Half Yearly Exams
- 3rd June until 5th June - Year 8 Half Yearly Exams
- **8th June - Queens Birthday Holiday**
- 9th June until 12th June - Year 9 Half Yearly Exams

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Mary Merheb (Year 1) - Gabrielle Abi-Khattar, Daniella Maalouf, Jacob Layoun, Jason Zalloua, Charbel Taouk, Lynn Ibrahim, Clavy Saba (Year 3) - Jessie Samya (Year 12)

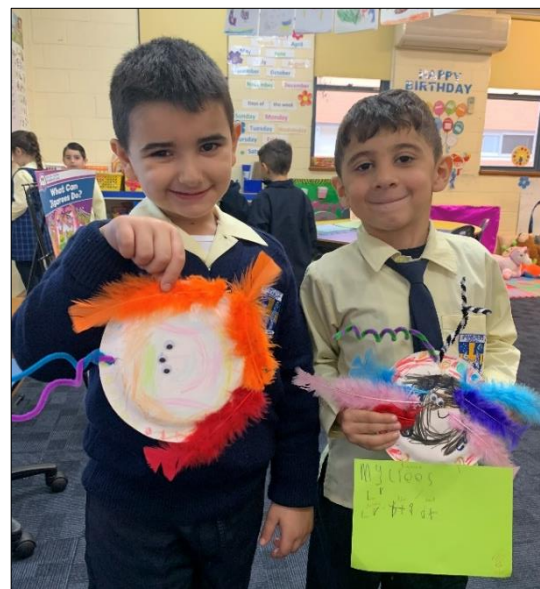
THIS AND THAT

Kindy Blue and Kindy Rose have been learning about imaginative creatures. They had so much fun creating their own imaginative creatures and even wrote descriptive sentences about them!

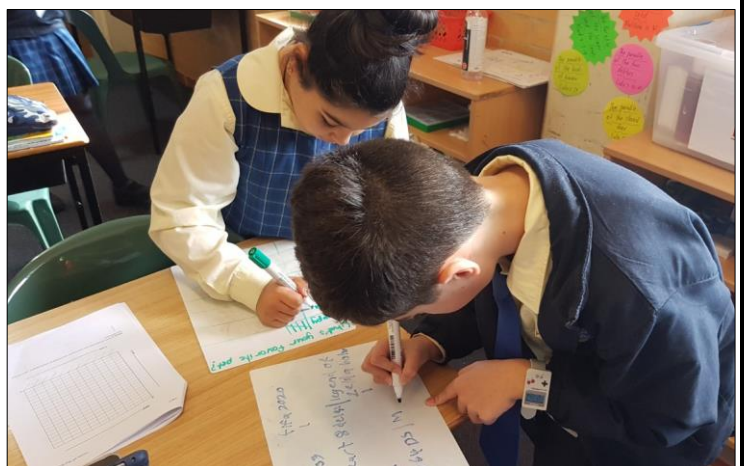


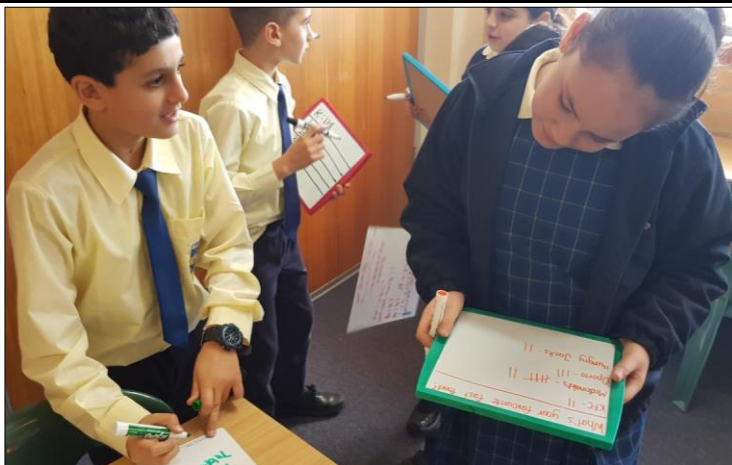


Kindy Red made some Jigarees and then wrote about them during their English block today.
Look at those smiles!!

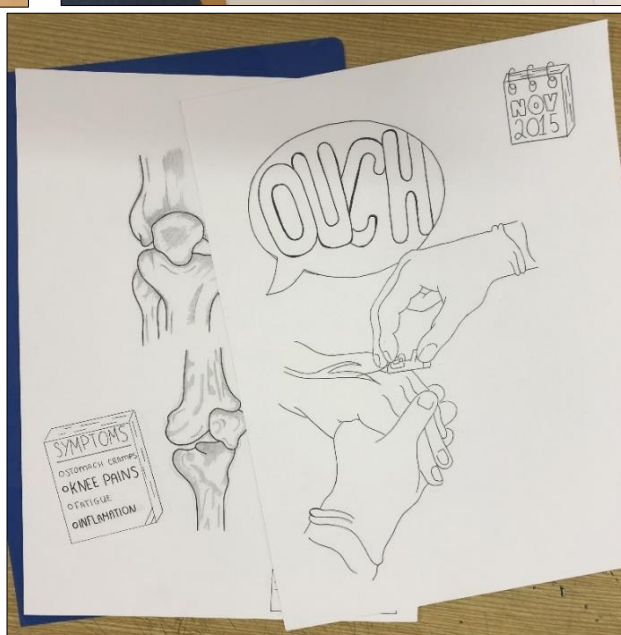


Students in 5 Sapphire conducted their own surveys to collect data about various topics, eg, students' favourite fast food, favourite pet, favourite chocolate bar, sports they play etc. The students then represented their data sets using column graphs.





Year 12 Visual Arts working on their Bodies of Work this week. Stay focused and work hard!



Miss Teh's Year 7 Art class, colouring mythological creatures of Ancient Greece.



Mrs Cordina presented a session in Pastoral today for Year 7 which focused on study skills. It was centred on memorising and study techniques as well as strategies to deal with exam stress.



Constable Dusan Dukic presenting to Year 10 on Internet Safety and the dangers of social media.



Year 11 students took part in an activity and a presentation on careers and what is happening for them in terms of university entry.



This beautiful prayer was written by Jonathan Semaan (Year 7)

Mother of God

Mother of God pray for us all
Love us sinners in the long haul.
Please nurture us all our lives
For our punishment we will meet our demise.

Mother of God save us sinners
For we are all brothers and sisters.
Nothing in this world is compared to you
Under your blessings there nothing we cannot do.

Mother of God we thank you forever
For we will adore you whenever.
Our love for you is ever-growing
We are your people who will praise you forever.



PARENT CORNER

Parents/Guardians: If you have changed any of your contact details, including your email address, please remember to *make the change/s through the **parent portal***.

This is extremely important, especially at this current time, as you will receive important documentation and urgent messages via email.

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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