



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 - Week 7: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the term continues to move along I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

A reminder to please ensure that all students are wearing the correct full College winter uniform. MCHF scarves & Beanies are on sale in the College Shop for \$10 each.

As COVID-19 continues, one of the main restrictions still in place is the opportunity for kids to participate freely in sporting activities. I ask all parents to be conscious of the lack of exercise and the importance of sending your children to school with a healthy packed lunch.



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever"* – John 6:51



*Jesus, Body and Blood,  
we are grateful for the gift of Your life  
and the way it strengthens us to live ours.  
Teach us to draw on the gift  
of Your Body and Blood  
for energy, renewal, strength and grace.  
May we never take the gift  
of Your presence for granted.  
Amen*

**Sr Irene Boughosn  
PRINCIPAL**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

This year has certainly brought with it many challenges for us to face. The need to be resilient and adaptable to the changing environment around us continues to be essential. Remote Learning was one of the major hurdles we encountered. It was the longest period of change to our educational system that we have ever experienced. It is for this reason, that the College has carefully analysed the Semester Two reporting structure and adjusted it to accommodate the recent period of Remote Learning. The student report will focus on Next Step Learning Goals and the assessment of student effort in all Key Learning Areas. Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted over the phone on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Further details will be sent home next week.

### **2021 Kindergarten Interviews**

Kindergarten interviews will be held next Monday and Tuesday in the Primary Hall. This will allow the College to adhere to current NSW Government directives on social distancing. On these days, parents and new students are asked to proceed directly to the Primary Hall entrance located on Good Street. We look forward to meeting the new members of our College community.

### Keys to Success

Positive behaviour is an important aspect of student welfare. At MCHF, the **Keys to Success** program promotes the qualities of Persistence, Kindness, Honesty, Courage, Patience and Reverence. Students who display these qualities consistently will receive a token to acknowledge their effort. Awards are received after 6 tokens have been accumulated. There are four awards to obtain in total. These include:

1. **All Rounder Award** – Awarded in class
2. **Bronze Award** – Awarded in class
3. **Silver Award** – Awarded at morning assembly
4. **Principal's Award** – awarded at end of term assembly

This week, students in 1 Green were overjoyed when they received their All Rounder Award. They have been working hard to collect tokens.



### Learning Centre News

Library borrowing is an important part of a student's learning experience at school. Please ensure that your child returns their books on a weekly basis so that they can select new books to take home and read.

### Attendance

All students absent from school are asked to bring in a letter of explanation upon their return. Detailed documentation will be required for prolonged absence. We also ask that students who present with flu-like symptoms remain at home. Any students showing signs of sickness or become ill during the day, will be sent home.

### Homework

The Reading Eggs and Maths Online programs have replaced the previous format of homework in all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. This means that Moodle will no longer be used for the delivery of homework activities.

### Communication with Teachers

Just a reminder that all communication with teachers is to be conducted via phone or email through the Primary Office. Alternatively, you can write a brief note for your child to pass on to their teacher. This will ensure that any queries or concerns can be addressed promptly. In line with new health and safety procedures, we ask you not to communicate with teachers at the end of the day as students are dismissed.

### Dismissal

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will continue to be dismissed at staggered times starting from 3:00 pm. Parents are asked to leave the playground and area in front of the College, immediately after dismissal.

## Parking

The College has been receiving numerous complaints regarding parents parking in private driveways and car spots of neighbouring unit blocks. We ask that all members of the community respect our residents and their property by only parking in permissible areas. Alternatively, you can use the pick-up zone to drop off your children in the morning or collect them in the afternoon. We thank you for your cooperation.

## Traffic

As more students are being driven to and from school each day, traffic during peak times has significantly increased. We ask all parents to remain patient. Extra staff are on hand at the end of the day to assist with the flow of cars around the pick-up zone.

## 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 are 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.

## 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

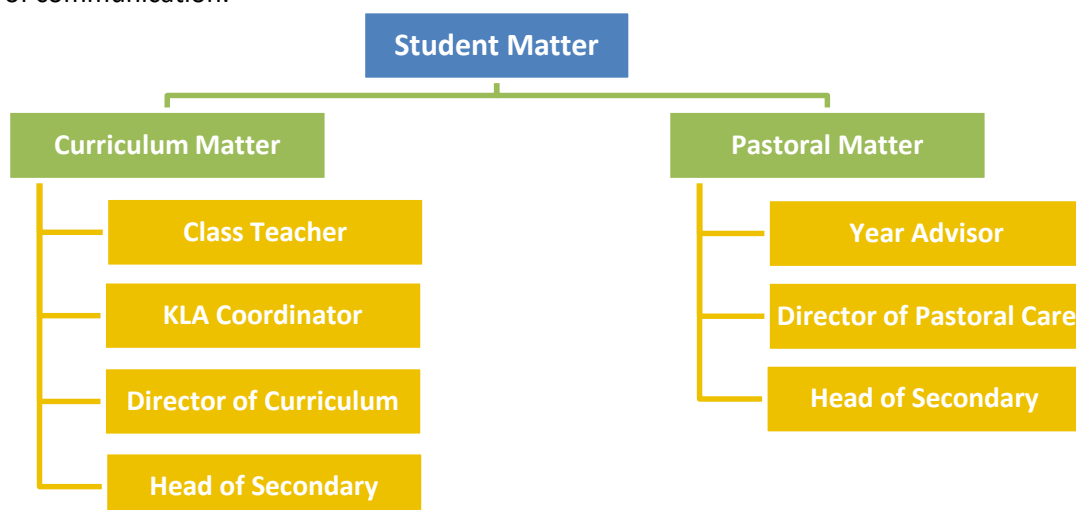
## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### Conclusion of Year 7-10 Half Yearly Exams

This week we concluded our Year 7-10 Half Yearly Exams. The online testing was a success and is a strategy the College may adopt in future years. Despite that the results may not be a true reflection, it does provide the teachers, the students and parents/guardians an indication on the level of knowledge gained this year and during the current pandemic we are working through.

### Lines of Communication

The College welcomes parent/guardians to contact the College to discuss any matters regarding your child. However, we request that the lines of communication and procedures are adhered to. Below is a summary of the lines of communication:





### **Enrichment Challenge**

Our Learning Support team, led by Mrs Macura and Mr Naim, have introduced an enrichment challenge for students to extend their knowledge and skills in various topics. The challenge, which has been established similarly to the PE Challenge, includes points to achieve for their House. It is great to see so many students take on this challenge and earn points for their respective Houses. The challenge continues and we hope to see more entries from our students.

### **Volleyball Challenge**

We have commenced a mixed volleyball challenge played at recess and lunch which consists of students from all year groups as well as a teacher's team. It is great to see the level of competition and enjoyment in this challenge.

### **Semester 1 Reports**

Year 7-11 Semester 1 reports will be issued as normal. However, the reports will be released on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Term 3, Week 1).

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

The end of term Year 7-10 Parent-Teacher interviews will continue, however, the method of the interviews will change due to COVID-19. We are currently assessing the best method for the interviews. We will provide an update soon.

### **Year 5 Transition to Secondary**

Year 5 Transition to Secondary education has commenced. On Tuesday 9th June 2020, Year 5 Rainbow participated in their Transition to Secondary session today. Students were buddied with year 8 students and experience two lessons with in secondary education. The remaining year 5 classes will experience a day in secondary later on this term and next term to prepare them for life in secondary.



### **Year 6 Transition to Secondary Session**

Year 6 students will participate in their next session on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Their session will be led by our Director of Curriculum and our Director of Pastoral Care presenting information on the secondary curriculum and pastoral care.

### **Year 7, 2021 Enrolments**

Year 6 parents/guardians are required to complete all the enrolment documentation and return them to the

College. Completed and signed documents and the enrolment fees must be submitted and finalised in order for the enrolment to be confirmed. The forms are now due to be returned. Interviews will be scheduled later in the year.

### 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. Homework Club will recommence in Term 3.

**Mr E. Asmar**

**Head of Secondary**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 2021 Kindergarten Interviews
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Transition Session
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 5 Transition Session (Year 5 Opal)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Term 2 Ends for Students
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Term 3 Begins for Students

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

**All Rounder Awards** – Noah Semaan, Adriana El Khoury, Elissa Harb, Mia Mejalli, Jacqueline Haklani, Sophia Chamoun, Christina Hadchiti, Angela Hobeiche, John Paul Bou Melhem, Zachariah Cortese (Year 1) – Jacob Khawaja, Michael Al-Alam, Thea Ayoub (Year 3) - Mary-Anne Habib, Aurora Fenianos (Year 6)

**Bronze Awards** – John-Pierre Maroun, Lina Almeddine, Charbel El Asmar (Year 3)

**Silver Awards** –

**Principal's Award** –

## THIS AND THAT

Year 8-5 Maths had a lesson to introduce Probability. It was a fun way to learn about chance and outcomes. The probability of more fun lessons like this is high.





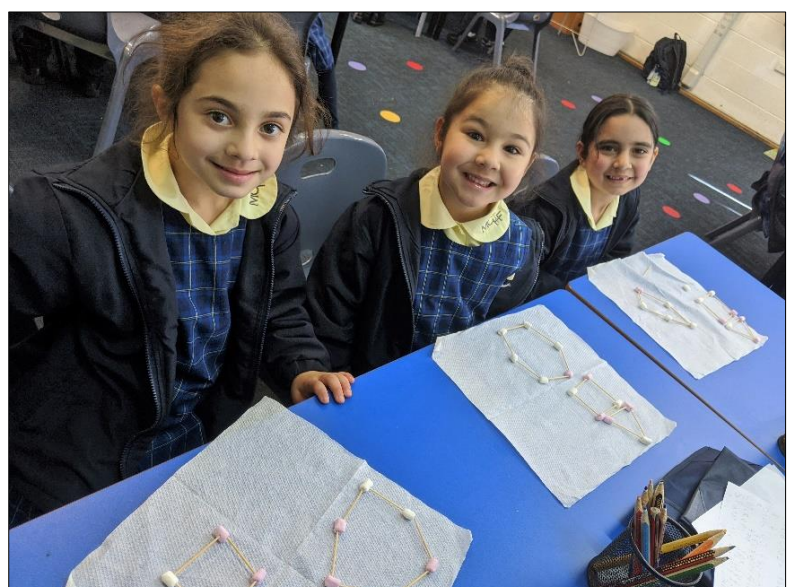
Students in 2D were using concrete materials to solve an addition and subtraction problem. Many different solutions were found!



Year 9 Commerce students participating in market research. They were given the task to identify the right brand with each cup of cola soft drink.



After disinfecting the tables and sanitizing our hands, Kindy White made 2D shapes with toothpicks and marshmallows.





## Year 10 Team Building Pastoral Session



## PARENT CORNER

**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.

**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.

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