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Term 2 - Week 6: Friday 5th June 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



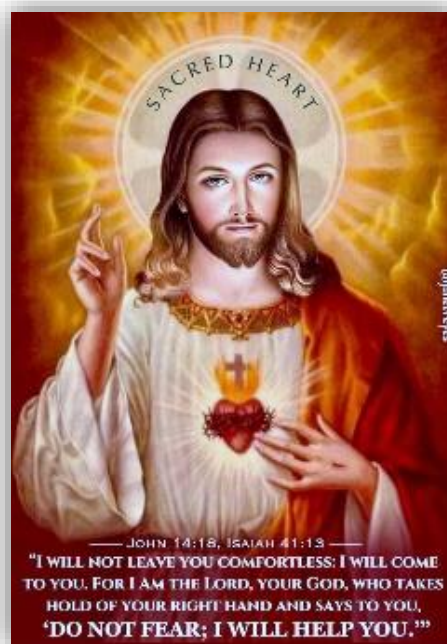
This week we welcomed all students back to the College. It has been a very challenging time for all parents, staff and students. I thank you all for your patience, understanding and support. We must continue to work together as a team and adhere to all directives from the College and Government Authorities to continue to ensure the safety of all. Please continually follow the correct procedures when parking and collecting you children in the afternoons to avoid congestion and to follow the social distancing guidelines.

A reminder that Monday, 8th of June is a Public Holiday. Hoping you all enjoy the long weekend.

As the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart, let us pray together the following prayer:

**“Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I consecrate myself, my family, my home,
everything I have and everything I am,
to Your service forever.
Please protect and bless me,
my family and all those dear to me.” Amen**

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**



HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE



The College officially resumed to full-time, onsite learning on Monday. Although most of had returned to some capacity prior to this day, it was wonderful to see the smiling faces of all the students as they entered the College under the arch of balloons. The feedback from parents was touching, explaining how the anxiety levels of their children dissipated upon seeing the colourful display. The red carpet added an extra special welcoming message, as Sr Irene and staff greeted each student like celebrities as they arrived. A big thankyou to Ms Mourched for creating the spectacular balloon display.

Praying with Sr Cynthia

This week, Sr Cynthia began teaching students from Kindergarten to Year 2 about the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Classes went to the St Elias Chapel where they listened to Sr Cynthia share her knowledge and wisdom about the prayers associated with different months of the year. Joining Kindy Red for their special prayer session was a true highlight of my week. Their love of Jesus was truly evident as they responded to Sr Cynthia's questions. We were truly blessed by sharing this experience with each other.



'Jesus meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like Your Heart'

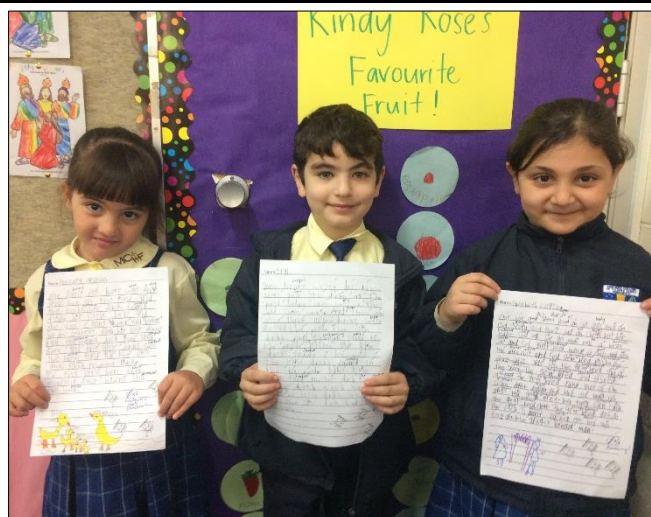


Kindergarten Writers

Kindergarten students are continuing to produce outstanding pieces of writing. They love to use their imagination and incorporate new words they have learnt into their sentences. The students are always so proud of their efforts and will read their stories to anyone who asks.

Year 3 Mathematics

During Mathematics this week, Year 3 students were learning all about length. They became familiar with the different metric units of millimetres, centimetres and metres. Students enjoyed completing hands-on tasks that involved using a variety of tools to measure lengths and distances.



Year 5 Music

Year 5 are currently learning about musical concepts. Students were asked to create a composition using their knowledge of notes, beats and bars. Groups presented their musical arrangement to their peers using percussion instruments. Fun was had by all!



Learning Centre News

Student borrowing resumed on Monday. Please ensure that your child has returned any books that they may have at home. We also remind all students to bring their library bag so that they can borrow new books each week.

Attendance

A reminder that College attendance procedures have now returned to normal. 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.

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 also 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.

Homework

The Reading Eggs and Maths Online programs were implemented this week. As mentioned, these online programs replace the current format of homework across Kindergarten to Year 6. This means that Moodle will no longer be used for the delivery of homework activities.

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 during these times. Extra staff are on hand at the end of the day to assist with the flow of cars around the pick-up zone.



Students in ICT learn how to research and gather information.

Safety and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of all members in our community is of great importance. When driving I urge everyone to comply with the road rules, especially within the school zone. As all students return to school next week, it is imperative that we are all 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.

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

Return to Full-Time Schooling

This week we officially welcomed back our students full-time. On Monday morning, we celebrated their return with decorations and an official red carpet for our students. The reaction and excitement of our students brought so much joy and reminded me why I chose the vocation to be in education. We pray that we can get through the current pandemic soon and return to our normal lives at the College and in our homes.



A reminder of the following changes that are currently in place until further notice:

- Thursday bell times will be the same as Monday-Wednesday and Friday.
- Thursday sport is now a pastoral session for students in Years 7-10. Year 11 continue with normal class and Year 12 continue with normal study.
- No excursions, incursions or camps will take place.
- Assemblies will not be held (unless required to address critical information).

Visible Learning Update

The College is continuing with working on improving our teaching and learning focusing on visible learning. We are currently gathering evidence on how visible learning is working at the College. This week focus group sessions occurred with selected students to provide their feedback on their learning experiences. Learning walks also occurred this week to gather evidence on the teaching and learning environment in classes.



Semester 1 Exams

Year 7 and 8 students completed their half-yearly exams online this week. Again, the process and transition to online exams was successful and students were able to complete their exams to the best of their ability. Next week, Year 9 students will complete their half-yearly exams. We wish year 9 all the best in their exams.

Semester 1 Reports

Year 7-11 Semester 1 reports will be issued as normal. However, the reports will be released on Friday 24th 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 and 6 Transition to Secondary Sessions

This term our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in transition to secondary sessions to prepare them for secondary education.

- Year 5 students will spend half experiencing life in secondary education. Each year 5 class will have a scheduled ate to participate in this session. Year 5 Rainbow will have their session on Tuesday 9th June 2020 and Year 5 Opal on Tuesday 23rd June 2020. The other Year 5 classes will have their sessions in term 3.
- Year 6 students will participate in their next session on Tuesday 16th 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 should have received now the Year 7, 2021 application package. Parents/Guardians are 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 in order for the enrolment to be confirmed. The forms are now due to be returned. Interviews will be scheduled later in the year.

Year 12 Students Parking at the College

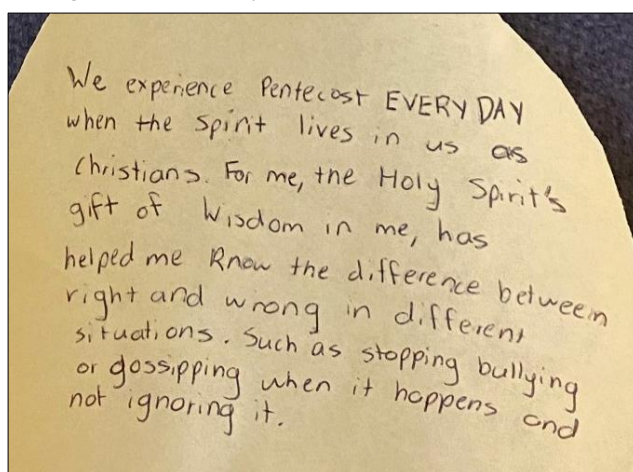
Please be advised that Year 12 students who have permission to drive to the College will not be permitted to park at the Church Car Park until further notice. Students are requested to either park in the surrounding streets or catch public transport.

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.



Year 9 students are helping the College celebrate the season of Pentecost with a photo wall, reminding us all that without God's initiative - giving birth to our mother Church and sending us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - we are lost and helpless. May the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence), and fear of the Lord (awe and wonder), guide us to carry out His will in our lives.



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 8th June - Queens Birthday Holiday**
- Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th June - Year 9 Half Yearly Exams
- Tuesday 9 June – Year 5 Transition Session (Year 5 Rainbow)
- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June – 2021 Kindergarten Interviews
- Tuesday 16th June – Year 6 Transition Session
- Tuesday 23rd June – Year 5 Transition Session (Year 5 Opal)
- Tuesday 30th June – Term 2 Ends for Students
- Tuesday 21st July – Term 3 Begins for Students

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards – Salma Abou-Azar, Jane Andraous, Chanel Chahin, Anthony Khawaja, Chloe Rehbane (Year 6) - Raymond Constanton, Leya Mouawad, Theresa Boustani, Joe Hage, Tatijana Tannous, Katia Akik, Jean Paul Azar, Jade Farah, Joseph Ghannoum, Hannah Habib, Brealle Hasham, Rita Raffoul, Joyce Yaacoub (Year 8)

Bronze Awards –

Silver Awards –

Principal's Award –

THIS AND THAT

This week, Kindergarten were very excited to be back in the Learning Centre with Ms LeMerle. They created Britney and Whitney puppets from the book *Chicken Divas* and danced to wonderful Jazz music. It's definitely great to be back full time!





Year 8 Technology have been building up their basic food skills and knowledge on nutrition by rolling up healthy pizza scrolls! They even handpicked their own fresh herbs from their garden patch at school!!



Students in Kindy Rose were working with Fractions and writing sentences about their findings.







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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