



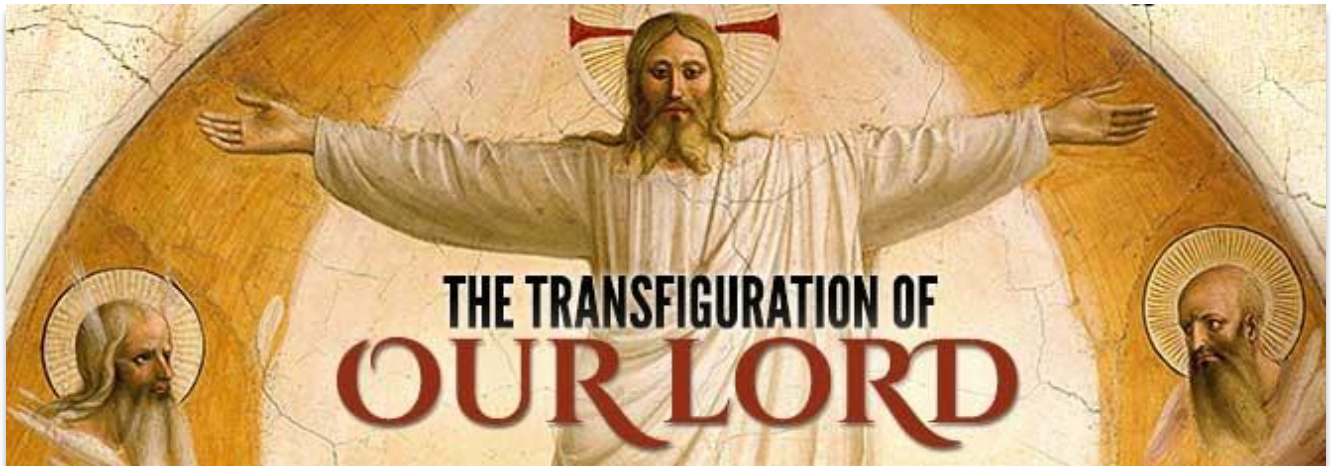
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Term 3 - Week 3: Friday, 7th August 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17:5)



Father; At the Transfiguration, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle.

Jesus, how good it is to be here with You. Let me never lose sight of Your glory, no matter how much darkness may press on me. Let me live in Your presence forever.
Amen.

- **REMINDERS!** If your child displays any flu like symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the Doctor.
- Please continue to observe social distancing procedures when dropping off or picking up your children from the College.
- No visitors/parents will be allowed on the College grounds unless it is for an essential reason.
- No parent/carer is to enter the College grounds unless it is **absolutely necessary**. If you must enter, you are to go directly to the office and then leave immediately.
- In the afternoon, please collect your children and immediately leave the grounds. Please avoid discussions with teachers or other parents.
- The drop off zone is not a parking zone. You must remain in your vehicle for your children to come. Furthermore, it is only a two minute drop off and pick up zone. You should not be sitting for lengthy periods there.



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

Please Help Save Geitaoui Hospital to Help Save Lives

The Lebanese Hospital Geitaoui-UMC has been strongly hit by the Beirut port blast on August 4th, 2020, damaging all patient care areas. This 94-year-old institution is in dire need of donations to help restore what was severely damaged by this devastating explosion.

For those who wish to donate (International donations):

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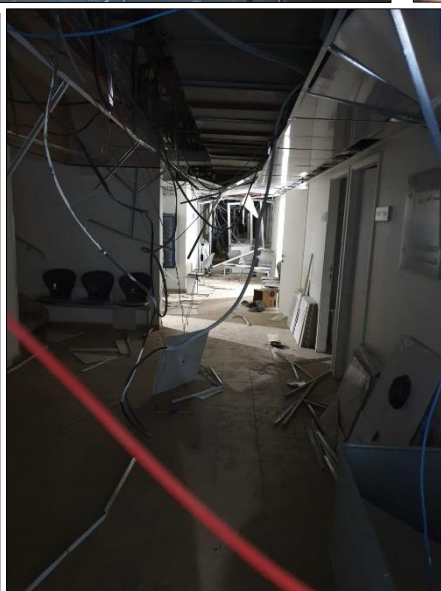
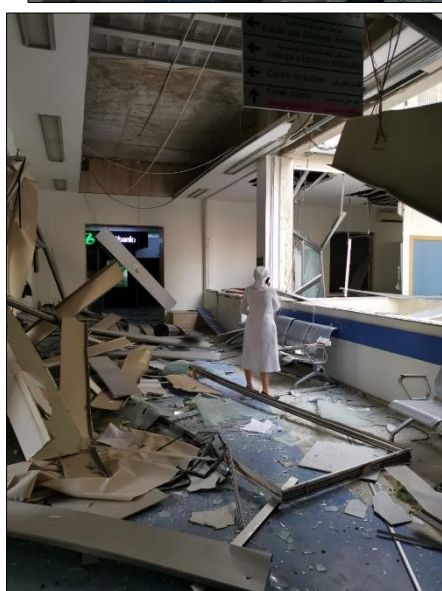
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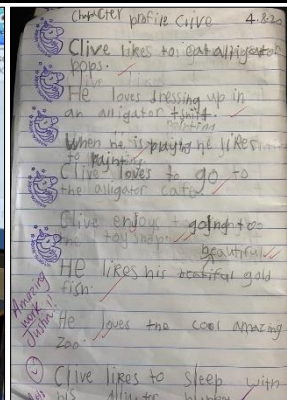
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HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

I am always greeted by such excitement when visiting classes throughout the day. This week I was amazed yet again at the wonderful learning that is happening in the Year One classrooms. The students are developing wonderful reading and comprehension skills, as well as producing amazing pieces of writing. They are always proud to share their efforts and it certainly brings a smile to my face. Thank you to the Year One teachers for their continued dedication to our students' learning.

27.7.20		Children's list of likes and loves							
Clive Eats Alligators		Wk 1							
Activity	Frank	Nicky	Rosie	Tessa	Ernie	Clive	Rosie	Celeste	
Breakfast	Muesli	banana	egg yolk	sausage	porridge	alligator	toast	bread	
Getting Dressed	striped trousers	overalls	cow print	tail	red and blue	alligator print	tail	tail	
Playing	frank chess	putty	swing	sandbox	marbles	painting		dress up	
Lunch	snack	treasure	honey	chocolate	sausage	alligator		pickles	
Shopping	boerries	hardware	milk	butcher	toys	toys		kit	
Pets	loves dog	guinea pig	pony	cat	toys	toys		rooster	
Treats	chocolate	beach	rodeo	birthday	museum	zoo		music	
Bedtime	blueberry	teal	teal	teddy bear	light on	alligator		music	



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Ms Jessica Azzi and Ms Sandy Ters who were both recently blessed with the arrival of their newborns. Ms Azzi welcomed a beautiful boy named Charbel into the world, while Ms Ters delivered a gorgeous girl named Elizabeth. We wish both them and their families all the best.

Making Learning Fun and Meaningful

At school, teachers use a range of strategies to assist student learning and make real life connections. Using a hands-on approach is vital for students to consolidate their knowledge and apply new skills to a variety of situations. They also allow for students to make connections to real life experiences and understand the purpose of their learning.

Kindergarten (Pictured Right)

Our Kindy Rose students had great fun during Mathematics this week. The class used a variety of materials to make, draw and write their 'Friends of 10' and 'Friends of 20'. Being able to construct and visualise their thought processes allows for a greater understanding of mathematical concepts.



Year 4

4 Olive and 4 Amber have been learning about how to maintain a healthy, safe and active lifestyle. They used pedometers to keep track of their daily movements. Utilising their mathematical skills and knowledge, the students counted their steps and measured the distance they covered whilst using their pedometer. Their competitive nature to increase their daily step count became evident throughout the process as they attempted to be more active than their fellow class members. Fun was had by all!



Year 3

Students in Year 3 enhanced their learning of Aboriginal culture by engaging in a dot painting activity designed to increase their awareness and understanding of Indigenous Australia. Their final artworks were truly amazing.



Foundation Day



A reminder that next **Friday 14th August 2020**, the College will be holding a K-12 Pyjama and Tracksuit Day. On this day, all students from K-12 are invited to come to school in their pyjamas or tracksuits. To participate in this event, we kindly ask for donations of new scarfs, gloves, blankets, non-perishable food or money. The St Vincent de Paul Society will then distribute all donations to people in the community who need support during this winter season. This event coincides with our College theme for this year, 'To Serve'.

Communication with Teachers

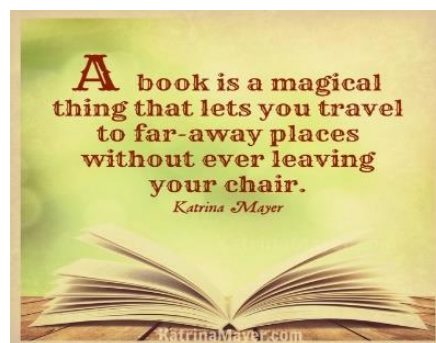
Please note that all communication with teachers is to be conducted via **phone or email through the Primary Office**. Alternatively, you can write a brief note for your child to pass on to their teacher. At no time should a parent approach another student or parent, either at school or outside the College grounds regarding an issue relating to their child. These issues must also be raised at the Main Office so that the situation can be referred to the appropriate staff member. Following the correct procedure will ensure that any concern is addressed promptly.

Important Reminder

At the end of the school day, we request that parents stand in the restricted area along the edge of each playground so that we comply with social distancing laws. 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. We appreciate your support so that we can maintain the wellbeing and safety of all in our community.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual event which aims to encourage a love of reading in students using quality literature. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 must read a total of 30 books while students from Years 3-6 need to read 20 books. A reminder for all those students who are participating in the challenge, the closing date for entries is 28th August 2020. Keep reading and good luck!



Attendance

A reminder that any student absent from school requires a letter of explanation specifying the reason for non-attendance. More detailed documentation such as a doctor's certificate, needs to be submitted for prolonged absence. This procedure is mandated by the government. This term, we continue to insist that students who present with flu-like symptoms remain at home. We thank you for your continued support.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Praying for Lebanon

There is no doubt that the tragic event that occurred this week in Lebanon has impacted many staff, students and parents of our beloved College. The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family in Lebanon were also deeply affected by the aftermath of the explosion which severely damaged their hospital and school in Beirut. Many of our family and friends have also been directly or indirectly impacted by this tragic event.

Our students have spent time this week reflecting on this tragic event and expressing their emotions, thoughts and support of our homeland and its people through prayer and art.

On behalf of the Secondary department, we offer our condolences to the family and friends who lost a loved one and our prayers go out to the thousands of injured innocent people. Lebanon has suffered greatly in recent times; however, we can be assured that the strength of Lebanon is the faith and strength of its people. We will overcome this and we pray, through the intercession of all the saints, that Lebanon will rebuild, will flourish and grow like the Lebanese Cedar.



Foundation Day and Walkathon

This coming week we celebrate the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. We will be celebrating this occasion with Mass in the Primary Hall which our Year 7 students will attend. The Mass will be streamed so that other students can participate in the Mass from their classrooms.

Our Annual Walkathon event will not be held this year on Foundation Day due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we have instead decided to make the most of this opportunity to host a community fundraising event. This fundraising event coincides with our theme for this year, to serve. Due to COVID-19, St Vincent de Paul have seen an increase in the number of people in need coming to them for help. Therefore, our fundraising event will be a Pyjama/Tracksuit Day Vinnies Winter Appeal. On Friday 14th August 2020, we are asking all students to come to school in their pyjamas/tracksuits. To participate in this event, we invite families to donate new scarfs, gloves, blankets or non-perishable foods on the day for St Vincent de Paul, Harris Park. There is also an option

for students to provide a financial donation and the College will purchase items St Vincent de Paul, Harris Park need.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation will continue as planned; however, we are assessing our options on how the celebrations will be held this year. We are continuing planning and discussions and we hope to make a decision in the next week or so pending on the advice and restrictions.

Year 7, 2021 Enrolment Interviews

Enrolment interviews for our year 7, 2021 cohort commenced this week and will continue this coming week. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have booked their appointments. Appointments are scheduled to conclude on Friday 14th August 2020.

Secondary Levy

The Secondary Levy for this year has been amended due to the cancellation of various initiatives. The College Athletics Carnival and Representative Sport will no longer be occurring this year. The Rewards Day in Term 4 will remain and will go ahead subject to the advice and restrictions in Term 4.

Camps

Year 8 camp will unfortunately not go ahead this year. however, we have pledged to organise a camp for the students in 2021. The Year 11 Camp, which has been scheduled for Term 4, will go ahead as planned unless restrictions in Term 4 change.

Year 11 Elevate Education

Our Year 11 students participated in their elevate education session on Friday 7th August 2020. The session was led by our guest presenters from Elevate Education. We hope our students found the session beneficial and will assist them in their learning journey this year.

Semester 2 Class Captains

This term our students elected for their class captains for the remainder of the year. We congratulate the following students for being elected class captains for Term 3 and 4:

7A	Patrick Matta and Allegra Achy
7B	Maroun Ters and Mabelle Kassas
7C	Nadim El Halabi El Makari and Margaret Wakim
7D	Joshua Daoud and Josee Rizk
8A	Charbel Habib and Christina Khoury
8B	Rami Abou Azar and Ella Marie Kalache
8C	Xavier Nabhan and Veronica Ibrahim
8D	George Zaidan and Hannah Habib
9A	Maroun Bou-Melhem and Sed-Rita Aflak
9B	Jonah Daher and Angelina Yaccoub
9C	Tony Bechara and Angelina Kassis
9D	Johnathan Stravinakis and Therese El-Haddad
10A	George Kanaan and Oriana Frangie
10B	John Massoud and Ashley Habib



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JOIN THE ST VINNIES PJ/TRACKSUIT DAY!

**Come and be a part of the call to
help those struggling during
COVID-19!**

When?
August 14th, 2020.

Who's Involved?
K-12.

What Can You Do?
Bring scarfs, gloves, blankets,
non-perishable foods or
money for us to purchase the
items!



10C	Elissa Maroun and Matthew Yacoub
10D	Sebastian Daoud and Grace Sleiman
11A	Ashton Tannous and Chanelle Coorey
11B	Joey Layoun and Nina Bousaid
11C	Adrian Harb and Marina Akik

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 14th August – Foundation Day and Vinnies Winter Appeal
- Monday 17th until Friday 28th August – Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
- Wednesday 19th August – Wellbeing Wednesday
- Tuesday 25th August – Years 7 and 10 Immunisations
- Friday 28th August – Year 9, 2021 Subject Selection
- Saturday 12th September – 4 Amber Holy Communion at 10am / 4 Olive Holy Communion at 3pm
- Sunday 13th September – 4 Aqua Holy Communion at 10am / 4 Violet Holy Communion at 3pm
- Wednesday 23rd September – Year 12 Graduation
- **Friday 25th September – Term 3 Ends**
- **Tuesday 13th October – Term 4 Begins**
- Tuesday 20th October to Friday 11th November – HSC Exams
- Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd October – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November – Years K-3 Swimming lessons
- Tuesday 10th November – Catch-up Immunisations
- Wednesday 11th November – Years K-6 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Friday 13th November – Year 3 First Reconciliation
- Friday 27th November – Year 6 Graduation
- **Tuesday 8th December – Last Day for Students**

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Marybella Taouk, Naya Al-Ajrash (Year 1)
- ★ Bianca Maroun, Eleny Joukhadar, Heavannah Nehme, Luciana Nini, Jan Shalhoub, Georgia Hobeiche, Elie Tawk, Gianno Sleiman, Andrew Ters (Year 2)
- ★ Gabriella Assi, Alyssa Dababneh, Tony Daher, Lilyrose Ghabache, Victoria Eskaff, Lucas Tadros (Year 3)
- ★ Joshua Ghabache (Year 5)
- ★ Georgia Farah, Deeana Tawk (Year 6)
- ★ Monique Abou Touma, Kaylah Daher, Charbella Hanna, Hannah Youssef, Jonathan Semaan, Giovanni Makari (Year 7)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Jeana Bou Melhem, Clavy Saba, Charbel Taouk, Daniella Maalouf, Fadia Taouk (Year 3)
- ★ Mary Anne Habib (Year 6)

Silver Awards:

Principal's Award:

THIS AND THAT

Year 9B Commerce students took charge of class today and taught their peers on the various types of employment. They did a great job researching various statistics and created extremely engaging presentations.



Year 11 Society and Culture: Thank you to Joseph Layoun, Kristina Ishak and Jack Jabbour for role playing how miscommunication can take place in a non-verbal communication scene.

Academy Awards for their acting skills!



Mr Shah's Year 8.1 Maths worked with each other to explore a practical applications of ratios. The students explored different ratios of cordial concentrate to water, using measuring cylinders to get them exactly right. They then reviewed the various tastes of cordial mixes, depending on the ratio tested with a rating out of 10.

We ultimately found that a ratio of 1:5 was the best ratio according to reviews across the class!

Many more practical activities of maths to come. Watch this space.



Year 9 Visual Arts students have been extending their printmaking skills in class. They have created Intaglio Drypoints. The Self Portrait print is by Rafqa Kayrouz.



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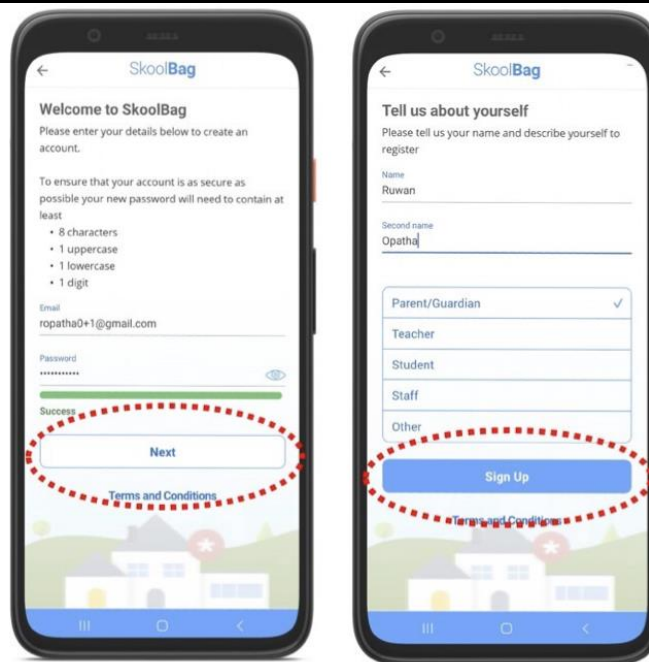


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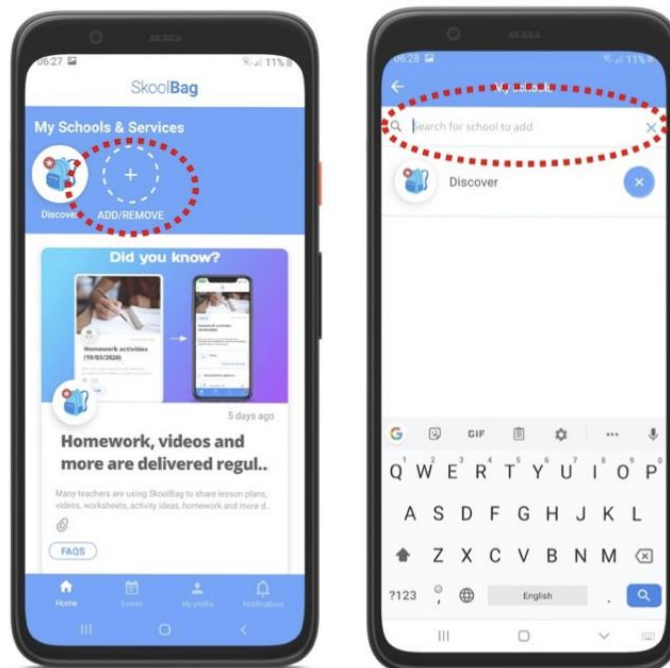
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