



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 3 - Week 4: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions in place we were unable to celebrate Foundation Day and the Feast of the Assumption. Although it was not a full College event Mass was celebrated twice today with Year 7 & Year 5 cohorts.

May our Lady bless and protect you all. May She shower her blessings upon all who need her, especially the injured victims, the families of those who have suffered the loss of loved ones and all the displaced families and children of the recent tragedy in Beirut.

*Immaculate Virgin,  
Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
We believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven  
where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.  
We join them in praising you and bless the Lord  
who raised you above all creatures.  
With them we offer you our devotion and love.  
We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs.  
We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb,  
O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Holy Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us!*



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**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**

*Thank you for your generosity*

Special thanks to our wonderful parents and friends who made very generous donations to our sausage sizzle fundraiser. All profits will be sent to Geitawi Hospital in Beirut.

The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family would also like to send their heartfelt thanks to all who donated money. The hospital is in desperate need of funds and your generosity will, literally, save so many people. Every cent counts!

God bless you all!



## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Today we celebrated the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. Our annual celebration included a beautiful Mass, conducted in the Primary Hall. The Mass also honoured Patriarch Elias Howayek, the founder of the Maronite Sisters. Unfortunately, the current restrictions prevented all classes from being physically present at today's celebration, however with the wonders of technology, those not there were able to watch the live stream in their classrooms. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, Sr Constance and all their fellow Sisters, a very blessed day tomorrow as they renew their vows. We especially pray for the Sisters in Lebanon who continue to do their good work amidst the devastation of recent events.



### Pyjama Day

The excitement of wearing pyjamas or comfortable tracksuits to school was evident on the students faces as they arrived today. The true meaning behind this special event however, was not forgotten. Thinking of others in need



and doing something about it, especially during these uncertain times, is a positive step towards making a difference in our community. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for supporting this event. The generosity shown through your kind donations was greatly appreciated by the St Vincent de Paul Society. The efforts of our College community will certainly bring warmth and hope to many people's lives.



### Holy Communion

The Year 4 First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The celebration will be conducted in four separate sessions in order to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions. We keep all students in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their journey in preparing for this special Sacrament.



### Learning Adventures

Exciting learning opportunities happen every day at MCHF and this week was no exception. Here is a glimpse inside some of our classes.



## Kindergarten

Our Kindy Red students demonstrated their wonderful addition skills during Mathematics this week. They used counters to construct and visualise their thought processes as they continue to develop their understanding of mathematical concepts. The excitement of our younger students as they learn new things is always so uplifting for their teachers.



## Kindy Buddies

Having a 'buddy' is a valuable experience for both our younger and older students. They aide the development of essential social skills. This week, Kindy Rose were helped by their buddies from Year 6 Emerald. Together they made amazing artworks which highlighted each student's creativity.



Year 6 Indigo and Kindy Blue have been working together to create an animal or object out of recycled materials. The activity ignited the imagination of all students. A list of many great ideas and possible designs was constructed with the result being the creation of not one, but two fantastic artworks.



## Year 1

As part of their Geography unit this term, 1 Silver students moved their learning outside so they could conduct



some very important 'field work'. They explored the College playgrounds to identify specific features and then recorded their findings.



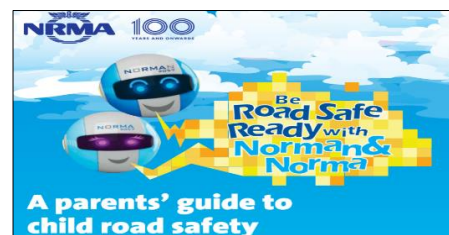
### New Boards

This week new display boards were installed on the corridor walls of E Block. The teachers wasted no time at all in creating their displays that exhibit the wonderful work of their students.



### NRMA Road Safety

Next week, all Primary students will be participating in the Road Safety Program. They will be completing a range of informative and interactive lessons designed to raise their awareness of safety on our roads. The [NRMA Parents Guide to Road Safety](#) is attached so that the road safety rules and procedures can be reinforced at home.



### 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.



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the closing date for student entries into the Premier's Reading Challenge is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August. All reading records need to be completed prior to this date so that they can be lodged on time. Remember,

even if you are finished, keep on reading!

### Important Reminder

At the end of the school day, we again 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. This will also alleviate the congestion on the Primary Playground and allow teachers to easily assist students to their buses. We appreciate your support so that we can maintain the wellbeing and safety of all in our community.

### 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.

### School Uniform

Many thanks to the parents who are ensuring that their children arrive at school well presented each day. Teachers conduct regular checks to make sure that students are wearing the correct uniform. Haircuts are also checked to ensure that they are appropriate and adhere to College Policy. Wearing the school uniform with pride is an important message to give to your child about their identity as a member of the MCHF community. Please encourage them to wear the correct school uniform every day.

**Mr D. Day**

**Head of Primary**

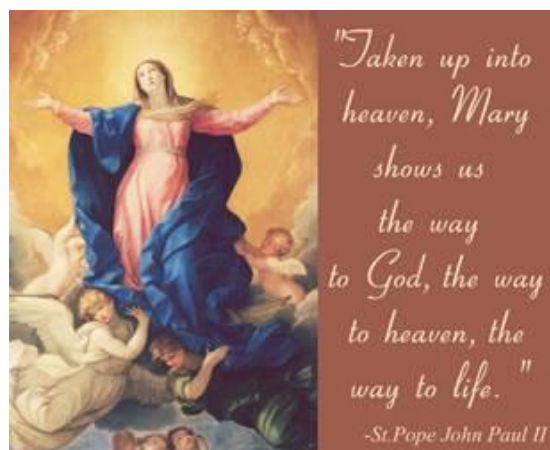
## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

### Hygiene and Safety

A reminder to our parents/guardians of the importance to consistently remind your child and promote effective personal hygiene practices either at home or at the College. We remind you to continue monitoring your child and if they develop any flu like symptoms to keep your child at home and get tested. The College continues to adhere to all guidelines and restrictions which we are consistently reviewing and updating based on the daily information and advice we receive.

### Foundation Day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. We celebrated Mass attended by Year 7 and the remainder of students watched a live stream of the Mass from their homerooms. Please click on the link if you would like to view the Mass - [https://youtu.be/pLwGaFIPH\\_s](https://youtu.be/pLwGaFIPH_s).



We wish you all a happy feast of the assumption and we wish the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family a blessed foundation day for this weekend.

### St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020, we held our annual winter appeal for St Vincent de Paul in lieu of the Walkathon.



Students were asked to wear pyjamas or tracksuits for the day and donate blankets, gloves, beanies, scarfs or non-perishable food. Thank you to all the students who contributed to this event and to Mrs Abdul Ahad for coordinating the fundraiser along with Mr Abood, Ms Pietak and Ms Khattar for supporting her.



### Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

Our Year 12 students commence their Trial HSC Exams on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and conclude on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The trial exam timetable has been emailed to all students. We keep our year 12 students in our thoughts and prayers and wish them all the very best in their trial exams.

### Year 12 Graduation and Formal

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 12 students have voted to continue planning with this year's formal. The College is satisfied to support their decision. Therefore, the formal will go ahead as planned, however, students have been informed they need to secure their deposit and they will need to abide by the restrictions and COVID-19 guidelines of the venue.

### **Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for Lebanon**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020, as part of Wellbeing Wednesday for this term, we will be having a sausage sizzle to raise funds for the Maronite Sisters of the Holy



Family in Lebanon – for their hospital and school that was damaged in the explosion. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete the order slip provided in the letter issued this week and return to the College by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Cost of the Sausage Sizzle and a drink is \$5. We thank in advance all those who donated items for event.

### **Another Win for our Mock Trial Team**

Congratulations to our Mock Trial team on yet another victory in the NSW Mock Trial competition.

Our College won with a score of 270 to 207 against Penola College, Emu Plains. We thank the prosecution on their efforts during the Trial today. The MCHF team showed great dedication and strength in their defence, with much time dedicated in preparing for this victorious case. Thank you to Barristers, Patricia Harb and Wadih Tannous, our solicitor Grace Sleiman, our witnesses Celine Harb and Christina Geagea and our court officer, Jacob Semaan. We also thank the researchers Stephanie Atie, John Massoud, Georgia Khattar, Nina Bousaid and Roula Abou Chedid. This team has truly shown an amazing effort and we are all exceptionally proud of them. Congratulations also goes to their hard working coach, Ms Esber-Dayoub for the time and effort she puts in with this team preparing them for each round.



### **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.

### **Homework Club**

Please be advised that Homework Club has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. please ensure arrangements for your child have been made to make their way home following afternoon homeroom on Mondays.

### **Elevate Education Parent Webinar**

Elevate Education is hosting another webinar next week on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6pm. During that event, parents/guardians will be shown on how to help students manage their time, plan ahead, improve their focus and avoid procrastination. The details of the webinar are as follows!

**Event Title:** Elevate Education – Time Management

**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Time:** 6pm AEST

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Cost:** Free

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT](#)

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Head of Secondary**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Wellbeing Wednesday
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Years 7 and 10 Immunisations
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Year 9, 2021 Subject Selection
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 4 Amber Holy Communion at 10am / 4 Olive Holy Communion at 3pm
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 4 Aqua Holy Communion at 10am / 4 Violet Holy Communion at 3pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 12 Graduation
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 Ends for Students**
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Term 4 Begins**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – HSC Exams
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Years K-3 Swimming lessons
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Catch-up Immunisations
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Years K-6 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 First Reconciliation
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Graduation
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day for Students**

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Ayoub Dayoub (Year 1)
- ★ Rafka Semaan, Mabelle Chamchoum, Raquel El Katrib (Year 12)

### Bronze Awards:

### Silver Awards:

### Principal's Award:

## THIS AND THAT

3 Beige have been learning about Aboriginal dot art and the language of the local Darug people. The students discovered that "Cooee Mittigar" means "Hello friend" in Darug.





Mrs Douaihy's Year 7 & 8 French students show their solidarity with Lebanon through these beautiful artworks.



The image shows a bulletin board covered with numerous hand-drawn posters and cards. The posters feature various themes related to Lebanon, including the Lebanese flag, the word 'LIBANON', and religious symbols like crosses and hearts. Some posters include text in French, such as 'Que Dieu bénisse et protège le Liban' and 'PRAY FOR LIBANON'. The artworks are displayed on a light-colored wall, and a small yellow speaker is visible in the top left corner.

Kindy White painting about God's creation



The image shows a young girl, Kindy White, sitting at a table and painting. She is focused on her work, which appears to be a painting about God's creation. The table is covered with a blue cloth, and there are various art supplies and materials around her.

Kindy White painting about God's creation





Year 11 VET Construction class are currently working on their toolbox assessment task. Students are developing their practical skills and knowledge and are showing significant improvement as they complete their project. Our construction industry is in good hands for the future!



Students in 1 Lilac are learning about mapping features of our College. They walked the grounds and used their maps of the school to identify different areas of our College.



Ms Pather with her Year 11 VET Hospitality Class. Master chefs in the making.





## PARENT CORNER

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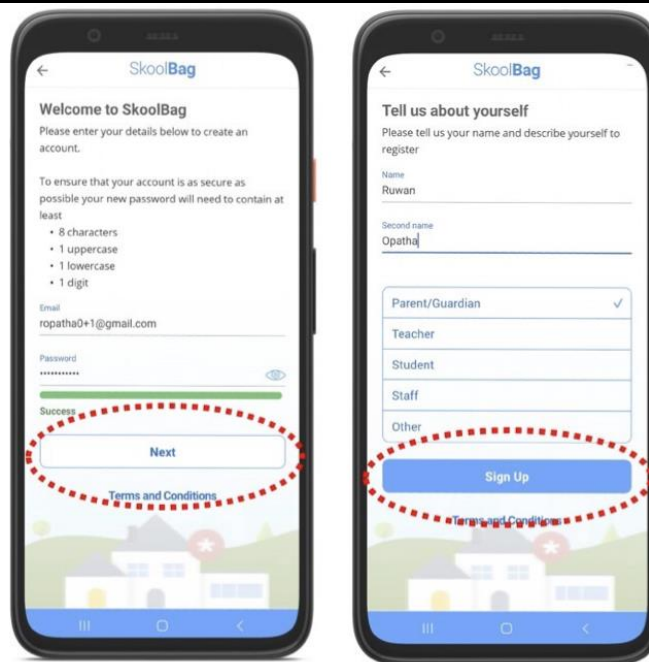
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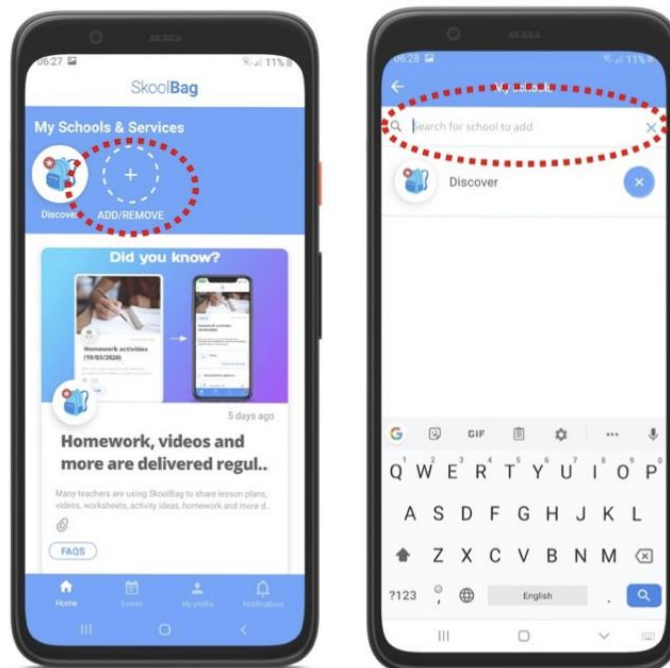




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Click '+' to add your school.

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