



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 6: Friday, 28th August 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we will be holding our Annual Father's Day Stall. This will take place on Thursday, 3rd September 2020.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 are invited to buy a special gift for their dads, grandfathers and/or godfathers. There will be a wide range of quality gifts offered at unbelievable prices. All profits from the day will go to our charities in Lebanon.

Primary students will visit the stall one class at a time, with the opportunity to purchase some extra gifts during their breaks. Our Secondary students will be able to shop for their gifts during their break times only.

Parents are reminded to continue with the practise of social distancing when bringing and collecting their children from the College.

Please Note: Only parents who have children in Kindergarten and Year 1 are allowed to be on the College premises at 3.00 pm. If you have other children in different grades as well as Kindergarten and Year 1 please DO NOT come onto the College grounds before 3.10 pm.

NO PETS are allowed on the College premises at any time. Please DO NOT bring your pets with you in the afternoon when coming in to pick up your children.

We are still collecting donations towards the tragedy in Beirut. Donations can be made in cash to the College office or via the details below:

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Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Providing a hands-on approach to learning in Mathematics allows our students to achieve a complete understanding of a concept rather than simply memorising it. Physical tools such as concrete materials and visuals, stimulate additional pathways within the brain. This deeper level of learning provides greater opportunity for students to transfer their knowledge into both classroom practice and real-life situations. Enabling our students to create and visualise in such ways not only makes the learning fun and engaging but allows them the opportunity to fully comprehend the concepts being taught. Thank you to our teachers who aim to enhance their students' knowledge in such creative and purposeful ways.



Math-Active!

Kindergarten Rose have been learning all about 3D shapes. They worked in groups to examine and describe the properties of a variety of shapes. The students then excitedly shared their newly found knowledge with each other in deep discussion.

The focus for 5 Rainbow's Mathematics lessons this week has been three-dimensional space. Students constructed various 3D

shapes and identified their properties before drawing them from different viewpoints. The whole class enjoyed this hands-on lesson as they were able to demonstrate their conceptual understanding of 3D shapes.



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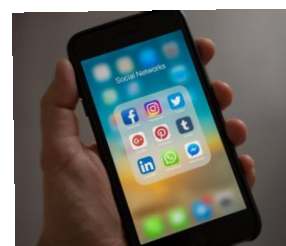
As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is important for parents to teach their child about the dangers of the online world and monitor their behaviour when using any device, especially phones and iPads. The following tips

will assist in keeping your child safe when online.

1. Place time limits on all internet usage so that there is a balance between physical activity and screen time.
2. Teach your children about what can and can't be said online. Obscene or offensive language, as well as negative comments about another person are not to be tolerated. Online bullying through social media is a police matter.
3. Explain to your child that they are never to respond to a threatening email, message, post or text. They should always notify you or other trusted adults about any communication or conversation that was inappropriate.
4. Be a good role model. Children will often duplicate what they see their parents or older siblings do and say online.
5. Avoid social media platforms that offer anonymity. These can be detrimental to your child's physical and mental wellbeing.
6. Comply with the legal age requirements for all sites and applications.
7. If you allow social networking accounts, ensure privacy settings are enabled. Discuss what personal information can be shared online and the implications that can arise from uploading images of themselves or others.
8. Know who your child's friends are online. Not everyone online is who they say they are.
9. Remove devices from bedrooms at night. Preventing unsupervised use will ensure a good night's sleep is obtained.
10. Monitor the games that your child plays. There are games rated 18+ and others that have 'in game' chat functions which can pose a risk to your child. Take control of gaming choices and check the age ratings prior to any purchase.

Mobile Devices at School

There has been an increasing number of students bringing mobile phones to school. In many cases parents are unaware that this is happening. The need for these items to be brought to school is not necessary for Primary students and it is advised that they are left at home each day. If there is a pressing necessity for your child to bring such a device to school, can you please supply a note to their class teacher so that they are made aware. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Year 5 On the Move

Keeping active is very important for people of all ages. This week, 5 Rainbow completed a range of activities that aimed to not only improve their physical fitness but also awaken their minds so that they were ready to tackle their learning for the day.



Paper Plane Challenge

Christopher Khoury and Joseph Sassine from 3 Orange along with Giuseppe Taouk and Martin Hobeich from 5 Rainbow, competed in this year's Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge. After completing the design and make process, their plane's ability to fly was tested. All students did exceptionally well with their planes averaging a

speed of 2 metres per second. Thank you to Mrs Lal for organising this fun learning experience.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation visit that was scheduled for Thursday 17th September, has been postponed until further notice. This is due to the newly imposed restrictions placed on all schools by the NSW Government. Parents of our 2021 Kindergarten students have been informed.

Father's Day Stall

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held next Thursday, 3rd September. There will be a wonderful selection of gifts priced up to \$15 for students to purchase for their dad, grandfather, godfather or uncle. Profits from the sales will be donated to the Lebanon Appeal.



Morning Supervision

Supervision for students begins at 7:45am in the Primary Playground or Primary Hall, depending on the weather. No child should be at school before this time as there is no staff member on duty to supervise them.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Today is the last day for submission of student entries into the 2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done to all those students who have completed their reading target. Remember, even though it is finished, keep on reading!

Attendance

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 with the student's name needs to be submitted for prolonged absence. This procedure is mandated by the government. A reminder that we must all adhere to the government guidelines below so that we can maintain the safety and wellbeing of all.

To ensure that the College continues to comply to all NSW Health Guidelines, we will:

- send any student or staff member home if they present with even the mildest symptoms of COVID-19.
- request any symptomatic student or staff member to seek immediate medical advice.
- prohibit anyone with documented symptoms from returning to school until a negative COVID-19 test result has been issued and presented to the College.
- ensure adults always maintain physical social distancing.
- continue to promote and demonstrate good hygiene practices throughout the College.

For all other members of our College community, you must:

- remain at home if unwell and immediately seek medical advice if suffering from flu-like symptoms.
- provide your child's COVID-19 test result upon their return to school.
- keep a minimum of 1.5 metres distance from others, especially during end of the day dismissal.
- quickly move off College grounds and away from exits once students have been collected.
- refrain from conversing with College staff both in the morning and afternoon. Meetings over the phone can be organised by contacting the Primary Admin Office.
- limit the need to enter the main office by making alternate arrangements for payments or return of documentation.

School Uniform

It is at this time of the year that our Lost Property baskets begin to overflow with school jackets and jumpers. To address this issue, we ask that all student clothing is labelled with your child's name as this will make it easy for any lost items to be returned to them.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



Updating Family Details

A reminder to families to update their details via the Parent Portal if any details have changed. This includes addresses or contact details. Furthermore, it is essential that families contact the College and notify the College if any family circumstances have changed which impacts the student at the College. If you need any assistance, please contact the Main Administration. It is vital that all details in the College's system is up-to-date.

Social Media and Use of Mobile Phone

A reminder that use of mobile phones at the College are not permitted. Students are to keep their phones away. A further reminder that students are not permitted to upload any photos or videos taken at the College or of any student in College uniform. Breaches of this policy will result in automatic suspensions.

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams and Final Weeks

This week we conclude our Year 12 Trial HSC Exams. We pray that students have attempted and completed these exams to the best of their ability. Students will be returning to normal classes on Monday 31st August 2020. During this time student will be finalising their courses, reviewing their trial exams and preparing for the HSC exams. Attendance is compulsory from Monday until their graduation on Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

SRC Footy Jersey Day and Cake Stall

The SRC are hosting a Footy Jersey Day and Cake Stall this coming Friday 4th September 2020. Students are requested to wear their favourite Jersey and contribute in this event via a gold coin donation. A cake stall will be set up on the day for



FLASHBACK FRIDAY - Jersey Day, 2017

students to purchase. The funds raised will be donated to Lebanon following the explosion that occurred on 4th August 2020.

Year 11 Celebrating Mass

On Friday 28th August 2020, Year 11 students celebrated Mass in the Primary Hall. It was an opportunity for Year 11 to participate and join together in prayer before the commencement of their preliminary HSC exams.

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

The timetable for Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams has been released to students and a copy has been emailed to you with this newsletter. The exams will commence on Monday 14th September 2020 and are scheduled to conclude on Monday 21st September 2020. Students are only required to be at the College for their exams during this time.

Year 11, 2021 Enrolment Interviews

Parents of Year 10 will soon be receiving documentation for enrolling their child in senior years at the College. These documents will need to be completed and submitted back to the College. Interviews will be held in Term 4. Further information and the packages will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Year 7 and 10 Immunisations

On Tuesday 25th August 2020, our Year 7 and 10 students completed their immunisations. If any student missed the immunisation, they are encouraged to visit their local GP to complete the immunisation.

Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection

On Friday 28th August 2020, year 8 students participated in their subject selection session as they prepare to select their elective subjects for 2021. Students are required to submit their preferences by this weekend via the form sent by Ms Dalla.



Year 5 and 6 Transition to Secondary Sessions

The Year 5 Transition Sessions for this term have been postponed due to the tightened COVID-19 restrictions. The sessions will be scheduled for Term 4. The Year 6 Transition Session scheduled for Tuesday 8th September 2020 will continue as planned.

Uniform and Grooming

It is great to see a big improvement with the majority of students taking extra pride in their appearance. However, we need to remind you of our expectations in regards to uniform and grooming:

- Students must be wearing their Blazer to and from the College. This displays a professional image of our College in the wider community.
- The College does not accept hair colouring or streaks or foils etc. Students must display their natural hair colour at all times.
- Boys haircuts must be clean, neat and tidy.

• Boys must ensure they are cleanly shaven. The College will be focusing on this in the next couple of weeks. Students at the College must demonstrate a sense of professionalism at all times and their appearance and presentation is a key and important factor of demonstrating professionalism. We thank all our parents/guardians who comply and support our expectations.

Elevate Education Parent Webinar

The next webinar hosted by Elevate Education will be held on Tuesday 1st September 2020. Please refer to the details below:

Event Title: Elevate Education – Smart Work

Date: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Time: 6pm AEST

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: Free

Copy and paste this link into your search engine to register –

https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/parent-webinar-study-skills-independent-learning-1-sept/?school=MaroniteCollegeoftheHolyFamily&mc_cid=73a771dad6&mc_eid=7d0b54a6e2

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 23rd September – Year 12 Graduation
- **Thursday 24th September – Term 3 Ends for Students**
- **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
- Sunday 24th October – Year 4 First Holy Communion
- 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:

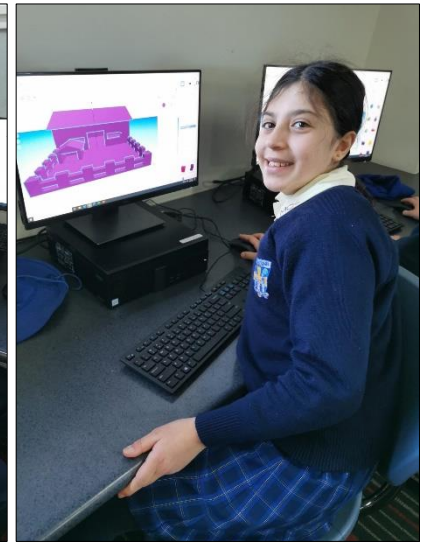
- ★ Anabelle Kobayaty
- ★ Hannah Ghabach, Elio Ephrem, Eliasa Kanaan, Anabel Bouchaaya, Jazz Sleiman, Elyas Abed, Joe Obeid, Charbel Taouk, Eli Baker, Clarita Deeb (Year 2)
- ★ Elie Ghannoum (Year 5)
- ★ Nicole Atie, Olivia Bechara, Emily Farah, Charbel Massoud, Sophia Saab (Year 7)
- ★ Ella Bouchaaya, Christina Khoury, Mary Younane, Rami Abou Azar, Ella Marie Kalache, Hannah Maalouf, David Abi Khattar, Maddison Aktilla, Rebecca Hanania, Michaela Ibrahim, Claudia Kabalan, Christian Abdul Ahad, Michelle Ishak, Mary Khoury (Year 8)
- ★ Patrick Licha, Matthew Yacoub, Georgia Khattar, Natalie Khoury, Stephanie Atie, Grace Sleiman, Chanelle Mekary, Patricia Harb, Vanessa El-Katrib (Year 10)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Mary-Bella Taouk (Year 1)
- ★ Zoe May Sahyoun (Year 2)
- ★ Tatijana Tannous (Year 8)
- ★ Mikayla Stavrinakis (Year 10)

THIS AND THAT

5 Ruby created 3D models using Tinkercad. And they had so much fun doing it, thanks to Mrs Sadek!



Year 11 Society and Culture students took part in a JAPANESE COOK-OFF challenge. They created and presented their Japanese dishes and were judged on various elements such as Cultural Presentation and Japanese cultural communication skills (verbal and non-verbal). The judges were exceptionally impressed with their cooking skills.

Thank you to Mr Asmar, Mr Julius and Mrs Delimitros for helping Ms Esber with the judging process.

Well done team!





As a part of the year 11 PDHPE syllabus, students are required to demonstrate their knowledge in applying various bandage and sling techniques. Pictured below, students are distinguishing between the arm, elevation and collar and cuff slings.



"You've heard of the Amazing Race? Well, this is somewhat similar. We sat in the lovely sunshine, and broke up into groups of about 4-6. Each group member assigned themselves a leader, and worked as a group to get through challenges presented. All these challenge questions were based off work that we have completed so far this year - so it was a great bit of revision too. For example, for our measurement topic: *The surface area of a cube is 1176 square centimetres. Find the volume of the cube.* It was great to see Year 8.1 Maths work together, and work out each other's strengths and weaknesses. Remember, we all learn together unity!"



Year 7 girls participated in a workshop on developing body image and self-esteem. The girls were asked to challenge society's expectations and set their own standards for themselves, based on their strengths and positive qualities.



Year 7 Religion had a go at recreating how God created the world using Minecraft in Education.



Mr Khatar's Year 8 Technology students – A little bit of fresh air can bring a whole lot of inspiration.



PARENT CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is imperative that road rules are obeyed during drop off and pick up times. The College expects parents who cannot locate a legal car park on the street, to park in the Church car park. Parents should then walk to collect their children from the College grounds and accompany them safely back to their vehicle.

Police have been requested to patrol this area after a community complaint was received regarding illegal parking in front of the College.



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