



Maronite College of the Holy Family
NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 7: Friday, 4th September 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Father's Day, Dads and Jiddos!



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Fathers, from both staff and parents, a very blessed Father's Day this Sunday. May you enjoy the love of your family and may God's blessings be upon you. A special thankyou to the Parents Association for all their hard work in organising the gifts for the Father's Day stall.

Dear God,
Bless all the fathers in the world.
Father, we ask that You guide them
to be good role models and loving to their children.
We also ask that You help them to be fathers like You.
Give them grace and patience
to handle any situation in a loving way.
Amen



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PRINCIPAL

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

Father's Day as we know it, originated in the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd who was inspired by Mother's Day celebrations, believed that fathers should also be honoured in the same way. In Australia, it is believed that the initial Father's Day occurred on the 4th of September 1936. Today we celebrated Father's Day with a short liturgy to honour this special day. Each grade prayed and reflected on the beauty and wonder of all fathers. On behalf of the Primary staff and students, I would like to wish all our fathers a very happy and blessed day, surrounded by those who love you.

Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall was a great success again this year. Our students had a vast array of wonderful gifts to choose from and were excited to pick the perfect present that was just right for their dad, grandfather, godfather or uncle. A huge thank you to Mrs Harb, Ms Ghabache, Ms Zdrilic and Ms El Asmar who assisted our students with their purchases throughout the day. Thanks also to Mrs Mary Bechara for ensuring that this community event still took place during this current period of government restrictions. Events such as these, could not happen without the dedication and support of the Parent Association.

Science Day

The Primary Department joined in the fun of National Science Week which is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Students from all grades became '*Super Scientists*' as they participated in a range of scientific activities which included fun hands-on experiments. A big thank you to all the staff who made the day so enjoyable and engaging for our students.





Year Four Chocolate Making

As part of their English unit this term, Year 4 have been reading 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'. The students enjoyed the story immensely and were always eager to complete the range of activities that the teachers designed to enhance their learning. One of the tasks undertaken, was to create a new and interesting chocolate bar that they could sell. The first step was to plan their chocolate then list all the ingredients that they

would need. The fun part was making their chocolate sensation. The result was of course.....**DELICIOUS!!!**

Social Media

A great deal of information about Social Media and online safety has been provided in recent newsletters. Stage 3 students were also visited by Senior Constable Dusan Dakic who spoke of the dangers of the internet and consequences for any misuse. Despite this, staff are still being asked to deal with issues that are arising at home. Although we can assist by discussing matters with the students, it is ultimately a parent's responsibility to monitor their child when they are online. If permission is granted for a child to access an app or site with age restrictions above their own, then it is the parent who becomes accountable. Issues such as inappropriate sharing of information and images as well as online bullying are reportable offences. ThinkUKnow is a nationally developed program that provides parents, carers, teachers and students information on how to stay safe online. Some important information and home learning activities have also been attached to this week's newsletter. Further details can be located at www.thinkuknow.org.au



Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that teacher 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 teacher on duty to supervise them.

Holy Communion

The Year 4 First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 24th October 2020 in Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. There will be three sessions held on the day which will ensure we comply to the current COVID-19 restrictions. We continue to keep all students in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their journey in preparing for this special Sacrament.

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 so that we can maintain the safety and wellbeing of all.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Year 12 Major Works

Year 12 students undertaking courses with major works have been busy in the last couple of weeks preparing their submissions and performances. Our Drama students performed their HSC performances, our Textiles and Design students have now submitted their major projects, our Music students perform their HSC work on Monday 7th September and our Visual Arts students have also submitted their major artworks.





RUOK? Day

In a year with continuous challenges, pandemics and tough times, we take an opportunity to make the most of important initiatives that come our way. This year RUOK day will be held on Thursday 10th September 2020. On this day, our secondary department will be promoting this day.

Social Media and Use of Mobile Phone

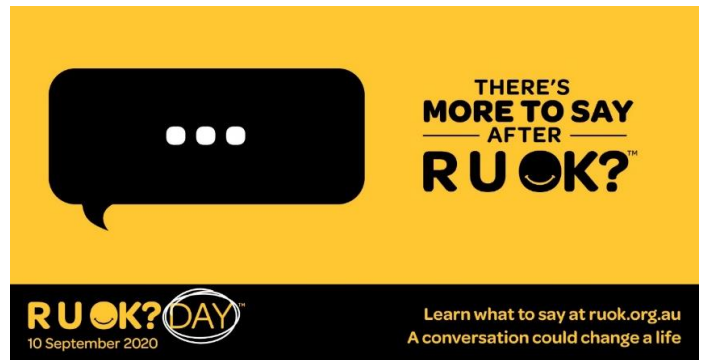
A reminder that use of mobile phones at the College are not permitted. Students are to keep their phones away. A further reminder that students are not permitted to upload any photos or videos taken at the College or of any student in College uniform. Breaches of this policy will result in automatic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

Year 12 Graduation, Formal and Day Out

A letter was issued to all parents/guardians and year 12 students regarding the College's plans for Year 12 Day Out, Graduation and Formal. The Day Out has been cancelled and will not go ahead. The Graduation will go ahead but will only be attended by students and selected members of staff. Unfortunately, no parents/guardians or guests are permitted to attend. The College will livestream the Graduation via the College's YouTube channel. The formal is still going ahead as planned unless restrictions change next term.

SRC Footy Jersey Day and Cake Stall

Today our SRC and Class Captains hosted a Footy Jersey Day and a Cake Stall to continue raising funds for Lebanon. We thank the students who prepared the event and donated items for the cake stall. A special thank you to Ms Abdul Ahad, Mr Julius and Ms Khattar for assisting with the coordination and preparation of this event.





Year 12 Celebrating Mass

On Friday 4th September 2020, Year 12 students celebrated Mass in the Primary Hall. It was an opportunity for Year 12 to participate and join together in prayer as they head towards concluding their secondary education at the College.



Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

The timetable for Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams has been released to students and included as an attachment 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 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 has been moved to Tuesday 15th 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.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday 22nd September - Final day of classes for Year 12
- Wednesday 23rd September - Year 12 Graduation Assembly
 - 9am: Preparation for Assembly
 - 10am: Graduation Assembly (Live streamed on College YouTube Channel)
 - 11:30pm: Conclusion - Students dismissed
- **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:

- ★ Elizabeth Katrib, Charlie El Katrib, Roy Akik, George Dib (Kindy)
- ★ Jacinta Sassine, Isaac Dahdah, Andrea Haddad, Anthony Fakhri, Justin Chiha, Dany Sakr (Year 1)
- ★ Theresa Bassil, Angelina Moussa, Theresa Bassil, Angelina Moussa, Charbel Lobana (Year 2)
- ★ Meme Yaccoub, Christabel Fajloun (Year 3)
- ★ Natalia Maroun (Year 7)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Gabriella Assi, Alyssa Dababneh (Year 3)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Jeana BouMelhem (Year 3)

Principal Awards:

THIS AND THAT

Kindy White join together in prayer for Lebanon.
Please remember to continue to pray for Lebanon and give when you can.



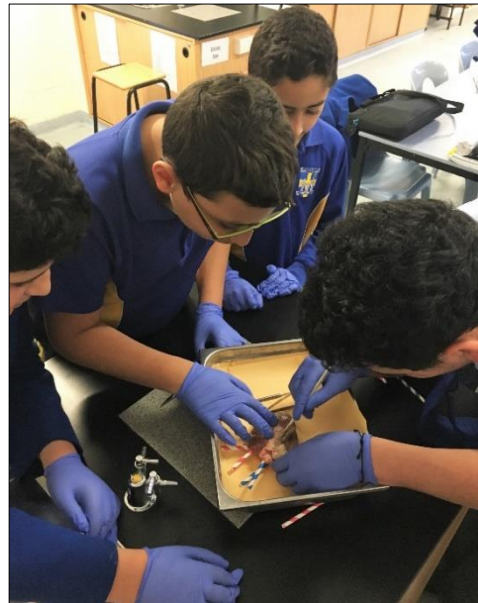
Year 7 students completed their final Peer Support session for the term with their Year 10 leaders. Today's session focused on understanding the relationships we have, how they can be healthy or unhealthy and what can happen when we want them to change.



Ms Dasouqi's Year 6 Topaz students learned about 3D shapes in Maths ☺



After the "Eew!", "Yuck!", "It smells!" and "I don't want to do it!" responses, prior to their dissections of the sheep hearts, Ms Carlos' Year 8-1 Science students seemed to enjoy it. A memory to last for sure!



Year 11 Society and Culture students working hard on the Key Terms and Concepts Challenge. The first team to complete the task, correctly, win a meal of their choice!



Year 8 students have been learning about body systems in Science. Today students were testing the effects of exercise on heart rate and blood circulation.



Our remarkable Year 8 students have created Medieval Europe dioramas. The talent coming through is amazing! Well done Year 8!!



PARENT CORNER

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.

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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