



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 1: Friday, 16th October 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin this last term for the year I ask all parents, staff and students to keep Year 12 in their prayers as they commence the HSC. We pray that they retain all the information they have studied and we look forward to very pleasing results. Good Luck Year 12.

I ask all parents and friends of the College to please donate items towards the collection for the needy of Lebanon. The people of Lebanon are struggling from all areas. Help is needed. Please share this message with extended families and friends.

A container has been organised on behalf of the Maronite Sisters to be sent to Lebanon at the end of the month. The following is a list of items which are in need:

- ★ **Used iPads and laptops that we can send to students in Lebanon for online learning (these items in particular are in dire need as students are working remotely and do not have any devices)**
- ★ **Cleaning and disinfectant products including sanitisers (Dettol, Bleach, Surface Spray, floor cleaners, Pine O Clean, etc)**
- ★ **Medicine and First Aid supplies (Panadol, Panamax, Nurofen, Voltaren, Arthritis Creams, bandages, band-aids, antiseptic wipes, gloves, masks etc)**
- ★ **Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair combs/brushes etc)**
- ★ **Canned food (Tuna, fish, beans etc.)**
- ★ **Long shelf life items (Nescafé/coffee, sugar, powered milk, lentils, beans etc)**
- ★ **Stationery for Primary students (pens, pencils, books, calculators, rulers, rubbers, sharpeners, glue sticks etc)**
- ★ **Senior Care products and equipment (Diabetes checker, blood pressure monitor, disposable pads, bed liners, walkers, walking sticks, walking frames, wheelchairs, any mobility equipment etc.**

Please note; Aerosol sprays are not permitted on the aircraft.

To make things easier and more effective, each grade will be asked to donate specific items. Please see the table below...

Item	Allocated Grade/s
Toiletries	Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2
Canned Food (especially tuna cans)	Years 3 and 4
Medicine (especially Panadol and Panamax)	Years 5 and 6
Stationary	Year 7
Antiseptic bottles and Dettol bottles	Years 8 and 9
Money to be used to purchase digital equipment (iPad and laptop) to assist students with remote learning.	Years 10 and 11

The last day for donations is Friday 30th October 2020.

We thank you for your generosity and we hope that together we can make a difference to the lives of many Lebanese people who are struggling. Please ensure all items are donated by the 30th October 2020.

Risk Management Workshop

During the term break, members of our Governing Board organised a Risk Management workshop with members of our Executive and Leadership teams. The workshop focused on identifying risks facing the College,

assessing and ranking these risks and considering the strategies to control these risks. We thank the members of our Governing Board for organising the workshop and for our staff who attended.



Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm.

The interviews will be held online through the video chat function on Microsoft Teams and not face-to-face. Bookings must be made through the Parent Portal.

The booking portal will be open from Wednesday 14th October 2020. Please ensure interviews have been scheduled by 11:00pm on Sunday 25th October 2020 as the booking system will close.

Please refer to the letter sent through your child for further information.

Please contact the Head of Secondary, Mr Asmar, for any clarifications.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EXECUTIVES

Welcome back to what will be yet another busy but exciting term ahead. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break with their family. Term 4 is always fast paced and intense in nature. For teachers, it is their last opportunity to ensure that their students' learning is consolidated in readiness for next year. At school, it is vital that we always encourage our students to remain focused on their learning and try their best. The teacher's job is not complete until the last day of term when all that could be done to assist the development of their students has been implemented. We ask that as parents, you also ensure your child displays a committed work ethic at home by completing any assigned work given to them by their teachers. Working together and supporting each other in partnership, will ensure the best opportunity for educational growth to occur.

As educators, we continually partake in professional learning experiences in order to enhance our teaching practice. On Monday, all staff continued their Visible Learning journey by participating in a Professional

Development session which focused on defining what a 'Good Learner' at MCHF looks like. The rich discussion that took place, demonstrated the shared vision that all MCHF staff have for our students and their learning.



Teacher training for the newly installed CommBox boards



Mr D. Day and Mr E. Asmar
Head of Primary and Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

The disappearance of events indicates cancellations due to COVID19 restrictions

- ★ Tuesday 20th October to Friday 11th November – HSC Exams
- ★ Friday 24rd October – Slurpee Friday. \$2 per Slurpee (Advertisement below..)
- ★ Saturday 24th October – Year 4 First Holy Communion
- ★ Tuesday 27th October (3:30-7:30pm) – Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ★ Tuesday 10th November – Catch-up Immunisations
- ★ Wednesday 11th November – Year 3 First Reconciliation

- ★ Wednesday 11th November – Years K-6 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ★ Friday 27th November – Year 6 Graduation
- ★ Monday 30th November to Tuesday 1st December – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- ★ Tuesday 8th December – Last Day for Students

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Hanna Elias, Anthony John Sleiman, Natalya Ibrahim (Year 5)
- ★ Nicole Abou-Chedid, Mariam Maroun, Faith El Katrib (Year 7)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Natasha Ishak (Year 7)



THIS AND THAT

6 Indigo and 6 Emerald conducting an experiment for their science unit, 'What's the Matter?'. Students are investigating the different properties of ice-cream as a solid, liquid and gas.



5 Sapphire students hard at work on their writing task.



Year 4 participating in mass with Fr Tony, ahead of receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion next week.
We keep the year 4 students in our prayers.



5 Rainbow are learning various dance styles in Creative Arts. This week they actively participated in a dance lesson focusing on the elements of body, energy, space and time. They sure worked up a sweat!



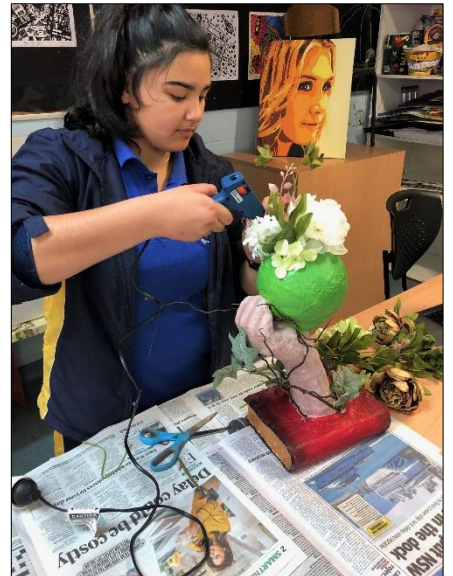
Using our new CommBox boards



Ms Nguyens year 7 Art class making plaster masks.



Year 9 Visual Arts students, creating their sculptures using recycled materials.



Year 7 students participated in an Amazing Race for Pastoral today, organised by their Year Advisor, Mrs Cordina. During the race, students completed many team-building challenges that taught them to be patient, encouraging, and good sportsmanship skills.



Year 8 Boys with The Culture Project, discussing "Masculinity", the ideas of being a man and spirituality.



As the current Year 11 students begin their HSC year, we started them off with a pastoral session on wellbeing, run by the College psychologist, Christie Khoury. The students were well engaged, discussing warning signs and management strategies for positive mental wellbeing.



Help us help Lebanon

Slurpee
Friday



Friday 23rd October

Buy a Slurpee and help us raise funds for Lebanon.
They are in desperate need and every drink counts,
so get slushied! There will be lots of yummy
flavours to choose from.



\$2 a Slurpee

Sold on the day to MCHF (Years K-11) students only.

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PARENT CORNER

2021 school travel applications are now open!

Please see the email attachment, attached with this newsletter.

Term 4 Live Parent Webinars + Q&A with Elevate Education

We're excited to announce that parents of MCHF have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series: **Empowering Parents to Reinforce Study Skills at Home.**

Topics Covered:

- ★ **Wednesday 21st October – Independent Learning:** How to know that your child is focusing on the right kind of work that gets top marks.
- ★ **Wednesday 4th November – Stress & Wellbeing:** Understanding your child's stress triggers, symptoms, and a toolkit for stabilising during tough periods.
- ★ **Wednesday 18th November – Exam Preparation:** Developing a pre-exam roadmap with your child to maximise their chances of success and keep overwhelm at bay.
- ★ **Wednesday 2nd December – Technology:** Understanding the impact of technology on your child's habits and how to develop techniques for responsible device use.

Register here: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/register>

Webinar Format: The webinar will run **online** from **6pm–7pm**. The webinars are live, where the Presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, plus answer questions so parents can get the specific tools they need.

To contact Elevate directly you can: Call 1300 667 945, Email auscoaching@elevateeducation.com or head to <https://au.elevateeducation.com>

Dear parents and friends, we are constantly looking into ways to ensure our College environment remains a safe place for all to enjoy. College staff, students, parents and visitors are encouraged to report any hazards they may see while on campus grounds. In order to make this reporting process a little more accessible we have created an eform in our SkoolBag App. As always we look forward to working closely as a College community.

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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