



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 10: Friday, 25th September 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Another term has come to a successful end. I know the staff and students are looking forward to the holidays so they can recharge their batteries and come back refreshed for the final term. I wish all staff, parents and students a very relaxing break and I look forward to all your support next term.

END OF TERM PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for this term.
For the challenges, the successes,
and the mistakes from which we have learnt.
Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.
Give us strength and courage to do what is right;
to be witnesses of our faith.
Help us to appreciate what others do for us,
to give time and effort to help others,
to be peacemakers in our family.
Keep us safe in our activities and travels.
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.
We thank you for our parents, teachers, friends and a community that cares for us.
May we always be conscious of YOU in our lives. Amen

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

We have come to yet the end of another busy but rewarding term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sr Irene and Sr Marlene for the guidance and support they continually provide to the MCHF community. I would like to acknowledge the staff and students for all the hard work and commitment that they have shown over the past ten weeks. Thank you also to the many parents who continually support our College in so many ways. I wish everyone all the best for a well-earned break, to relax and refresh, ready to commence a new Term on Tuesday, 13th October.

Learning in the Holidays

Sr Irene spoke to the students this week about the importance of continuing their learning during the holiday period. If you have a child in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2, please encourage them to read and write each day so that they can continue to enhance the reading and writing skills they are developing at school. For the older children in Stage 2 and Stage 3, please minimise screen time and encourage daily reading of novels and magazines that may interest them. It is also important to continue to find Mathematics in everyday places so that your children can continue to develop their mathematical thinking. Lastly, remember the importance of family time. Playing games, taking walks or cooking together not only provides fun experiences but everlasting childhood memories.

End of Term Assemblies

On Wednesday, a special award presentation was held for each grade. We acknowledged the efforts of all students and celebrated the achievement of those who had worked especially hard during the term.



Stationary Appeal

All classes have shown great kindness and generosity by donating stationary products for students in Lebanon. Thank you to all the families who generously supported the appeal. A special thanks to George from 4 Amber, who brought in \$450 worth of products. A fantastic effort from all.



First Aid

This week Kindergarten to Year 3 students participated in a First Aid course run by St Johns Ambulance. Students learnt valuable life skills and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



School Uniform

Wearing the College uniform with pride is something that we need to instil in our students from a young age. From the beginning of Term 4, all students will be required to wear their summer uniform. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, according to College Policy. If for some reason your child is not wearing the correct uniform on any given day, please write a short note to their class teacher to explain the reason. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles that comply with school expectations. Boys hair must be kept short without excessive hair product used. For girls, long hair must be tied back. They are permitted to wear sleeper or stud earrings, but no expensive jewellery is to be worn at school. Students are to wear the College hat when outside. As always, we ask that all clothing is labelled with your child's name as this makes it easy for any lost items to be returned. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Dates to Note

Thursday 24th September 2020 – Term 3 Concludes for Students
Friday 25th September 2020 – Staff Development Day and Term 3 Concludes for Staff
Monday 12th October 2020 – Staff Development Day and Term 4 Commences for Staff
Tuesday 13th October 2020 – Term 4 Commences for Students (**SUMMER UNIFORM**)

End of Term 3

Another term down with one more term to go. I take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents/guardians and students for their support and consistent hard work during this term. The term was yet another busy term and the upcoming break is well deserved for all. Stay safe during this term break and we look forward to continuing our learning journey with you in next term.

Return to Term 4 – Uniform and Grooming

A reminder students are to return next term in summer uniform. The College jumper can be worn on colder days. Parents/Guardians, please ensure your child's grooming is according to our expectations. This includes no hair colouring, haircuts must be neat and blended, and boys cleanly shaved. We again stress the importance of our students presenting themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

This week we held our Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Wednesday 23rd September 2020. Although the celebration was conducted differently this year, we can confidently state that the staff and students will remember this day. The feedback from some parents/guardians was also very positive and we thank all those who joined us virtually through our College YouTube channel.



Please note; The Graduation photo album will be posted on Facebook next week.

We thank Ms Abdul Ahad, Ms Roach and the IT Team for their tireless efforts to prepare for this graduation assembly. Also a thank you to the Sisters, all the staff and students that assisted with preparing and running the assembly.



We congratulate all the award recipients for this year, including all our major award recipients who have been stated below:

<i>ETHICAL Award</i>	Mabelle Chamchoum
<i>Bishop of Parramatta Award</i>	Lara Chamoun
<i>Students' Choice Award</i>	Raquel El Katrib
<i>The Quiet Achiever Award</i>	Jessie Samya
<i>The Academic All Rounder Award</i>	Rafqa Kayrouz
<i>Active Citizenship Award</i>	Dominique Lahood
<i>Caltex Best All Rounder Award</i>	Angela Marie Nemer
<i>Reuben F Scarf Award</i>	Samijo Laoulach
<i>Australian Defence Force Award for Leadership Skills</i>	Jon Boumelhem
<i>Australian Defence Force Award for Future Innovators</i>	Nicole Farah
<i>The Community Service Award</i>	Samantha Abboud & Robbie El-Bazouni
<i>The Howayek Award</i>	Nassif Abi-Khattar
<i>Principal's Award – Exemplary Student Award</i> ميدالية الطالب المثالي	Clarita Fajloun

Conclusion of Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

This week our Year 11 students completed their preliminary HSC exams. The College will now be completing marking of these exams and preparing student reports. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Term 4 to discuss your child's progress. Further details will be released next term once the College receives directives regarding COVID-19 restrictions.

Staff Professional Development Workshop "Developing Visible Learners"

Our staff participated in a professional development workshop on Friday 25th September 2020 focusing on developing visible learners. This important professional development session continues our visible learning work and this workshop focused on four components that defines a student as a visible learner. The four components are: *Using Learning Dispositions, Understanding How to Learn, Is "Assessment Capable", and Effective Feedback.*



Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ **Tuesday 13th October – Term 4 Begins (Summer Uniform)**
- ★ Tuesday 20th October to Friday 11th November – HSC Exams
- ★ Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd October – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- ★ Saturday 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:

- ★ Danielle Delia, Sofia Diab, Theresa Marie Khoury, Sebastian Nematian, Daniella Elias, Habib Naoum, Lea Medawar, Hanna Sleiman, Jaxon Frangieh (Kindy)
- ★ Jasmine Kalache, Joseph Rahme Khalifeh, Sienna Karam, Amelia Yaacoub, Mia Barbar, Elias Nachar, Anastasia Ishak, Maged Elghazawy, Grace- Marie Mouawad, Joshua Azar, Charbel Tannoury, Rebecca Sassine (Year 1)
- ★ Charbel Mallouhi, Jon-Claude Loulach, Charbel Sleiman, Charbel Taouk, Nathaniel Malouhi, Jenny Makary, Cecil Diab, Anthony-James Namnoum, Natasha Kassis, Tonina Nader, Monica Sabbagh, Marie Youssef, Jacob Abo-Haydar, Charbel Diab, Maroun Katrib (Year 2)
- ★ George Malouhi, Angelina Saba, Helen Maroon (Year 3)
- ★ Jason Azar, Selina Dib, Timotheus El Katrib, Christian Ghabache, Gabriella Helou (Year 5)
- ★ Angelina Franjie, Rebecca Franjie, Jacinta George, Rachelle Rizk, Tony Chebat, Adriana Saba (Year 7)
- ★ Jorjous Jarjes, Christian Mekary, Issac Azzi, George Chalhoub, George Youssef (Year 8)
- ★ Raymond Hadchiti, Raymond Bechara, Chanelle Coorey, Maria Doumit, Tatiana Estephen, Erica El-Bazouni, Celine Harb, Christina Kazzi, Theresa Sassine, Charbel Makary (Year 11)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Mariah Elia, Jerome Akoury, Mary Bella Taouk (Year 1)
- ★ Savannah Anjoul, Bianca Maroun (Year 2)
- ★ Lilyrose Ghabache, Lynn Ibrahim (Year 3)
- ★ Claire Khoury, Mikayla Atie, Rafael Ishac, Angelina Khoury (Year 4)
- ★ Anthony Khawaja (Year 6)
- ★ Melody Sleiman, Omar Amoud (Year 8)
- ★ Christelle Joukhadar (Year 9)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Justin Chiha, Joseph Dababneh, Antonio Dib (Year 1)
- ★ Abraham Baissari, Clavy Saba, Lina Alameddine, Jacob Layoun (Year 3)
- ★ George Bou Said (Year 4)

Principal's Awards:

- ★ Next term for sure!!



THIS AND THAT

A big THANK YOU to Year 12 for their very generous gift to the College - A picnic table (on the roof) for our Staff to use.



In Kindergarten, we believe that children learn best when learning is hands on. Hands-on learning is more effective at helping children grasp new concepts, helping them **make meaning** of these concepts and **make connections** with their own lives.



Year 3 from vege patch to the plate!

We made delicious cheese and spinach pastries, with Mrs Botros, in the Food Tech Room - Mrs Ramsey



Year 6 participated in a STEM activity based on Federation. They had to create a train and train tracks to transport goods between colonies.

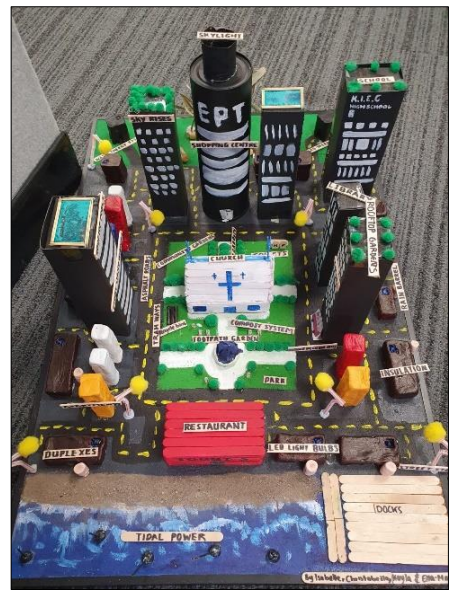


Unstoppable Year 7 English students demonstrating empathy and understanding of creation myths from other cultures!

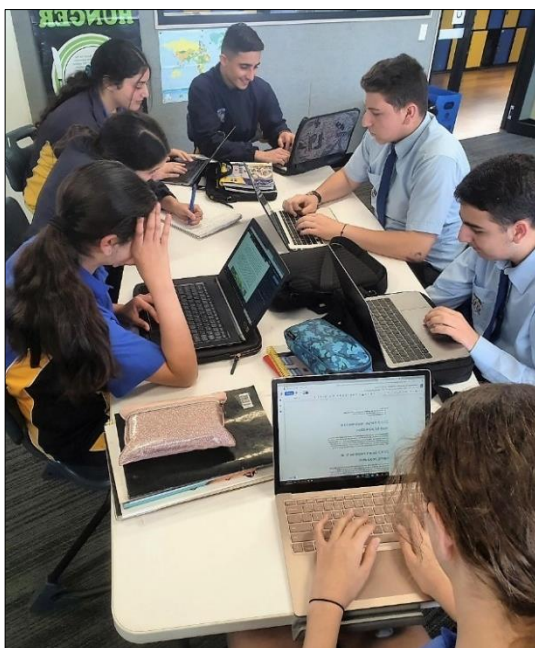




Our amazing Year 9 students have created sustainable cities for their integrated (Geography-Science) assessments. Amazing work!



Year 10 Geography preparing for a class debate on the topic: 'In fifty years' time, you would be better off being born in Kenya than Japan'. May the best team win!



Year 8 Science students dissect a chicken wing to learn its muscular and skeletal system.



PARENT CORNER

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.

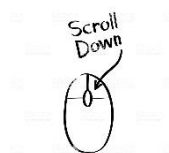
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