



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 2: Friday, 23rd October 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Today we inducted the new Leaders for 2021. Mass was celebrated in the College Hall and a small morning followed. We wish all the new Leaders much success for the new year.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion for the students in Year 4.

May **the** peace **of** God rest on you and **the** joy **of the** Lord fill your hearts. You will now be intimately united with Jesus, and we pray that your union with Him grows stronger every day.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY EXECUTIVE

Tomorrow our Year 4 students will celebrate their First Holy Communion. The restrictions this year have meant that a great deal of extra time, organisation and planning was needed to ensure that the day is even more special for the children as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the very first time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sr Irene and Sr Marlene for their guidance and support, Mr Bechara and the Year 4 teachers for spiritually preparing the students throughout the year, the Administration and Support staff for their continued hard work behind the scenes, as well as Mrs Sassine, Mrs Chalhoub, Mr Wood, Mr Nouh and all the teachers who will be assisting on the day. We ask our College community to keep the Year 4 students in their thoughts and prayers.

For those that would like to view tomorrow's Holy Communion ceremonies live, you can do so online using the following links:

Ceremony Time	Livestream Link
10:00 am	https://youtu.be/EPpID5Se1s
1:00 pm	https://youtu.be/a20xkVOz8ww
3:30 pm	https://youtu.be/GDVcXwWeCgg



Upcoming Primary Events

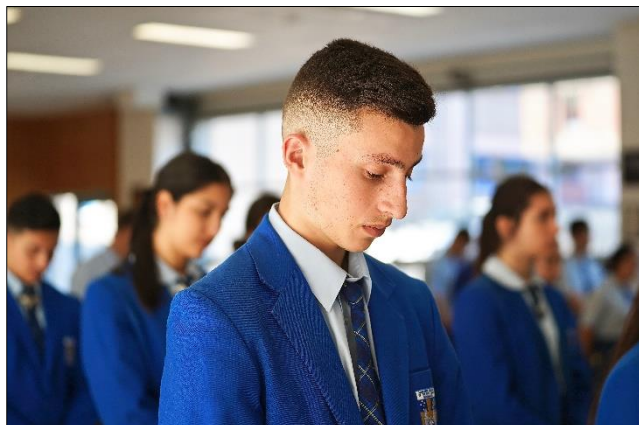
Week	Date	Event
3	Monday 26th October to Thursday 29th October 2020	Kindergarten Orientation
	Friday 30th October 2020	World Teacher's Day
4	Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November	Book Week 'Curios Creatures, Wild Minds'
	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Book Character Dress Up Parade
	Wednesday 4th November 2020	K-6 Creative Arts Day
5	Wednesday 11th November 2020	Remembrance Day Ceremony
6	Wednesday 18th November 2020	Year 3 First Reconciliation
	Friday 30th November 2020	Lebanon Independence Day

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

MESSAGE FROM THE SECONDARY EXECUTIVE

2021 College Leaders Induction Mass

On Friday 23rd October 2020, we officially inducted our 2021 College Leaders with the celebration of a Mass which included the blessing and presentation of the leadership badges. This was followed by the new College Leaders cutting their cake and attending a short morning tea. We congratulate our leaders and look forward to the initiatives they will bring to the College in 2021.





HSC Examinations

HSC Exams commenced this week and they continue until Wednesday 11th November 2020. We wish all our year 12 students the very best and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks.

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 student's video chat function on Microsoft Teams. A reminder that bookings must be made through the Parent Portal. Bookings close at 11pm on Sunday 25th October 2020.

Year 9 and 10 Examinations

The Exam Timetables for Year 9 and 10 have been released and are included as attachments with this newsletter. We expect our year 9 and 10 students are already preparing for these exams and have been focused on revision and studying. We wish them all the very best in these exams.

Mr E. Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ Monday 26th October to Tuesday 3rd November – Year 10 Yearly Exams
- ★ Tuesday 27th October (3:30-7:30pm) – Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Video Chat)
- ★ Wednesday 4th November to Wednesday 11th November – Year 9 Yearly Exams
- ★ Tuesday 10th November – Catch-up Immunisations
- ★ Friday 13th November to Wednesday 18th November – Years 7 and 8 Yearly Exams
- ★ 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:

- ★ Joshua Azar, Laurice Zoghaib, Rebecca Sassine, Grace-Marie Mouawad, Christian Sleiman (Year 1)
- ★ Evana Maalouf, Jamie-Lee Boutros, Elizabeth Ayoub, Charlize Nohra, John-Paul Bechara, John-Paul Ibrahim, John-Paul Khoury, Jaden Harmouche, Simon Bazouni, Nicolas Atie (Year 2)
- ★ Olivia Rizk (Year 5)
- ★ Alisa Saghabi (Year 7)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Charlise Sassine, Naya Al-Ajrash (Year 1)
- ★ Annabella Khoury (Year 5)

THIS AND THAT

Our greatest appreciation to The Slushie Co (North Rocks) for their very generous contribution to our Slurpee Day for Lebanon fundraiser. We cannot thank you enough!



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To help raise money for the Maronite Sisters charity fund in Lebanon, our students opened their hearts and their wallets, today, and bought a range of delicious slurpees. Many thanks to Mrs Abdul Ahad for organising the event, the Slushie Co for their fantastic product, and special thanks to our parents/guardians for their continued support of our College activities!





Each week, Mr Wood conducts group music lessons for keyboard and guitar. If you would like your child to have music lessons within the school, please contact the primary administration office. There are still places for both beginners and more experienced players.



Kindy White love going to the Learning Centre. We enjoy listening to stories, read by Mrs LeMerle. On Wednesday, Mrs LeMerle read a story about a pet monster, then we wrote about pets that we would like to have. I wonder if our wish will come true on Christmas morning...



In English, students in Kindy Rose have been looking at different advertisements and understanding their purpose. Students have created advertisements about their class. They learned about the different elements needed to be included when making their advertisement.



Year 6 Emerald students, collecting data for their Mathematics task.



2 Jade students, in the Learning Centre, constructing their dioramas based on the shortlist book.



This week the college purchased a new volleyball net for our students to use in PE. Here are some photos of Year 3 students enjoying a game of volleyball with the new net.



Years 3-6 Primary students learn what to do in emergency first aid cases. These important lessons build the knowledge and confidence a child needs to deal with any emergency that may arise. This lesson focussed mainly on CPR.





5 Opal and 5 Sapphire had a great time playing games with a focus on possession for PE.



Year 6, conducting a science experiment - They are investigating observable properties of different materials.



5 Opal enjoyed acting out characters for their classmates to guess who they were from Hating Alison Ashley.



We love our new landscape in the Secondary Department!
Many thanks to Sr Irene for making our College look beautiful.



PARENT CORNER

2021 school travel applications are now open!

Please see the email attachment.

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 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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