



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 3: Friday, 30th October 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

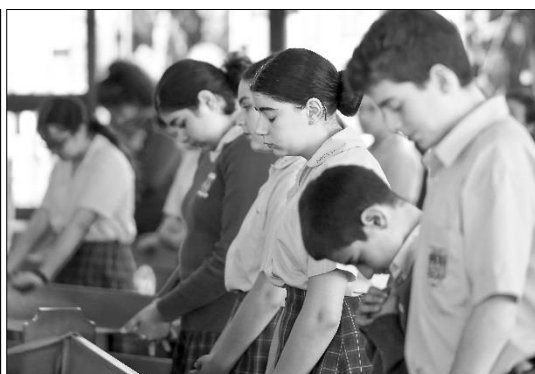
I would like to thank all parents, staff, students and the wider community for your generous donations towards filling the container going to Lebanon. I am truly overwhelmed by all the items which were donated. May God bless you and your families. I would like to request one last time if anyone has any devices which are used and are in good condition to donate to the students in Lebanon, we would really appreciate it. The final day to send these items is Monday, 2nd November 2020 as the container will leave on Wednesday.



A very big thankyou to all the staff, students and parents for their attendance and cooperation with the First Holy Communion last week. It was a very special day for the students and enjoyed by all.

We wish all our teachers a very Happy Teacher's Day today. Please keep them in your prayers always.

*Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching.
Thank you for the special gift that You have given them
and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion.
May they have strength and endurance to perform
their many tasks, and may they know and feel the deep
gratitude of those whom they teach.
Amen*



World Teachers Day Mass

Following concerns for the safety of students attending the College by Council and Transport NSW a review was undertaken of the section of road – Good Street, Weston Street, Alice Street and Alfred Street, Harris Park. Both Council and Transport NSW have deemed it necessary to provide a school zone extension for the safety of the children. Therefore, under the Safety and Schools Program, Network and Safety will be extending the school zone for the Maronite College of the Holy Family. It has been agreed that the school zone will be extended to Alfred Street and Alice Street, Harris Park to 40km/h.

The work will involve installing new speed limit signs. The work will take two to three days to complete. The work will be day shifts between 7am and 6pm between Saturday 31 October and Saturday 7 November 2020, on site for up to 3 days.

I have attached the notification for your information which also includes a map. Hoping all parents will be cautious and obey all road rules.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

Teachers Encourage Minds to Think, Hands to Create and Hearts to Love.
- Unknown

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY EXECUTIVE



World Teachers' Day is an annual event which first began in 1994. It is a day that recognises the wonderful job that teachers do and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. In NSW alone, there are over 160 000 teachers working in schools and early childhood facilities. Today we celebrated a beautiful mass in honour of all teachers. Unfortunately, not all staff and students were able to be present in the church but were able to participate via the livestream. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our teachers a very happy World Teacher's Day and thank them for the time and effort they put in to teaching our students every day.



Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a magnificent ceremony and a very important day for our students who were able to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you once again to Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, Fr Tony, Fr Danny, Mr Bechara and all the Primary staff who helped make this a very memorable day for our students.



Book Week

The theme for Book Week this year is, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Ms LeMerle and Ms Coorey have magically transformed the Learning Centre with colourful displays showcasing the theme and the shortlisted books. A reminder that all K-6 students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Tuesday 3rd November 2020**. We are looking forward to seeing all the 'Curious Creatures' and 'Wild Minds' come alive.



Lebanon Independence Day

The College will be celebrating Lebanon's Independence Day on **Friday 20th November 2020**. This week, a note was sent home advising that all BBQ lunch orders must be pre-paid. We ask that pre-order forms with the correct payment, are returned to your child's classroom teacher by **Tuesday 10th November 2020**.

Upcoming Primary Events

Week	Date	Event
4	• Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November	• Book Week 'Curious 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

World Teachers Day

We celebrated World Teachers Day on Friday 30th October. The celebrations commence with Mass followed by a morning tea for staff. Year 11 VET Hospitality students prepared lunch for the staff. A special video message was presented to the teachers on behalf of the students. Thank you to Ms Nguyen who led this initiative with the students. Finally, staff were presented with certificates of appreciation prepared by students. We take this opportunity to wish all our teachers a happy world teachers day and we thank them for all their hard work and commitment towards the College.



Year 9 and 10 Examinations

Year 10 conclude their exams on Tuesday 3rd November 2020. Year 9 commence their exams this week on Wednesday 4th November. The Year 9 exam timetable is attached with this newsletter. We wish them all the

very best in these exams.

Year 11 Max Potential

We congratulate Year 11 students, Marina Akik, Celine Harb and Erica El-Bazouni for completing the Max Potential Program for 2020. The Max Potential program involves 9 hours of youth leadership development workshops, 8 sessions of personal leadership coaching, completed 5 modules, delivered a personal expression presentation and produced a Community Service Pitch. Congratulations!



Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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:

- ★ Anthony Khoury (Kindy)
- ★ Aaryan Basnet, Elias Chalhoub, Charlize Ellis, Joy Howley, Charbel Jabbour Halloun, Alexi Nasr, Ava Nohra, Daniella Ters (Year 5)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Peter Boutros (Kindy)
- ★ Mary Merheb, Anabelle Kobayaty, Olivia Debs, Zachariah Cortese, John Paul Bou Melhem, Ayoub Dayoub (Year 1)
- ★ Lucas Dahdah (Year 4)
- ★ Jason Azar, Mykal Abdou, Amber Fasavalu, Juliana Licha, Christian Youssef (Year 5)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Angelina Khoury, Ava Fakhri, May Nakhoul, Rafael Ishac (Year 4)

Principal Awards:

- ★ Claire Marie Khoury (Year 4)

THIS AND THAT

5 Ruby measured a variety of areas around the school using different mathematical tools.



♥
I LOVE MY TEACHER



2 Diamond constructed dioramas to represent one of the 2020 shortlisted books.



If you can read, thank a teacher!



After a few days of wet weather and with Thursday Sport being cancelled, some Year 7 students decided to pray to Mother Mary for the sun to come out.
We were blessed with some sunshine within minutes and Sport went ahead!



Learning CPR is a must at our College, thanks to Mr Abood.



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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