



Maronite College of the Holy Family  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Term 1 - Week 10: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, staff and students for their support and cooperation during this term. As we continue to pray for good health, patience, peace and calmness in our lives, may the Risen Lord walk through our homes and shower His abundant blessings upon us all. Hoping we all enjoy the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday and can proclaim with faith,

*"Jesus is Risen, He is truly Risen".*



*Easter Blessing's to you all.*

***Each month we will reflect on the many virtues of St Joseph***

***April – Lover of Poverty***

Joseph could count on nothing in this world to be his stay. Neither his trade nor property were employed in his first years as father of the Divine child. He had to abandon all that was his and provide for them in whatever way was possible as they were on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to Egypt, and finally to Nazareth.

**Sr Irene Boughosn  
PRINCIPAL**



**MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**End of Term 1**

As we conclude Term 1, I take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff for all their hard work and efforts in their roles at the College. We are blessed in this community to have wonderful staff who go above and beyond for their students. I thank the students for all their efforts and hard work throughout this term and I look forward to continue the learning journey with them. Finally, I thank our parents/guardians for the support and cooperation shown throughout this term.

I wish you all a blessed Easter and holiday break. Jesus has Risen, truly Risen!



### **Parent Feedback – New Student Management System**

The College is currently working through a process to change our current Student Management System (SchoolEdge). This includes our current Parent Portal which we aim to change to improve College operation and functionality of the portal. As part of the process, the College welcomes feedback from parents in the user requirements of the parent portal. This survey will be open until 11pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. You can access the survey by [CLICKING HERE](#). We strongly recommend and would appreciate feedback from our parents/guardians.

### **Parent Association's Easter Raffle**

The College is excited to see our energetic Parent Association return and contributing to the College life. I take this opportunity to thank them for the work they did with the Easter Raffle. We thank our generous families who donated items for the raffle and who bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to all our winners. We look forward to future activities and initiatives of our Parent Association.

### **Clarification: Sun Smart Policy**

A couple of weeks ago I placed a message in the newsletter advising that the wearing of hats would be compulsory for all students at the College. Following advice and feedback, the College has amended this policy for secondary students. Therefore, commencing next term, secondary students must apply a method of sun protection such as wear a hat, apply sunscreen or remain in a shaded area.

### **2022 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Initial enrolments for 2022 Kindergarten are now open until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Those wishing to enrol are required to complete an application form which can be downloaded from our College website or a hard copy can be collected from the Main Administration. Application forms must be completed and submitted for the College to prepare for the interview process. For more information, please contact the Enrolment Officer in the Main Administration.

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Assistant Principal**

**2022 Kindy Enrolments**  
**NOW OPEN**

**Enrolments close Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

Enrolment Applications can be downloaded from the College website or a hard copy collected from the Main Administration.

For more information, please contact the Enrolment Officer in the Main Administration

MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## PRIMARY NEWS

As Term One draws to a close, I would like to thank Sr Irene and Sr Marlene for the guidance and support they continue to provide to the MCHF community. Thank you also to the teaching and support staff who show great dedication and passion to deliver quality learning experiences for our students. To the students and parents, we appreciate the commitment you display towards learning here at the College. Lastly, I would like to thank the office staff for the amazing job they do in assisting students, parents, and teachers each day. I wish you all a very Holy Easter and pray that we remain safe during the break.



### Learning in the Holidays

During the week, Sr Irene spoke to the students 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 further enhance the skills they are developing at school. For the older children in Stage 2 and Stage 3, minimise screen time and encourage daily reading of books and magazines that interest them. It is also vital to continue to find Mathematics in everyday places so that your children can practise using their skills and apply their mathematical thinking to real life situations. Finally, remember the value of spending quality time together as a family. Activities such as playing board games, taking walks, and cooking together, provide both fun experiences and everlasting childhood memories.

### Social Media

The use of Social Media and online safety has been discussed many times. As we approach the holidays, I thought it important to remind parents of the dangers associated with the online world. Technology is often an easy way to occupy a restless or bored child at home, but it is essential that all children are closely monitored when using any device, especially phones and iPads. Child safety whilst online and the effects the amount of screen time has on a child's wellbeing, are two vital things to remember.

### End of Term Assemblies

This week, Stage Assemblies were held to acknowledge the efforts of all students during Term 1. Those who worked exceptionally well, were presented with an award in recognition of their achievement. Students were excited to hear about the addition of two new awards which will be handed out each term.

**College Spirit Award** recognises students who show great pride and enthusiastically participate in all aspects of College life. They contribute to creating a positive culture and community spirit amongst staff and students.

**Creative Excellence Award** recognises students who demonstrate an outstanding ability in Creative and Practical Arts. Students display imagination, creativity, and individuality in all aspects of their learning and work produced.



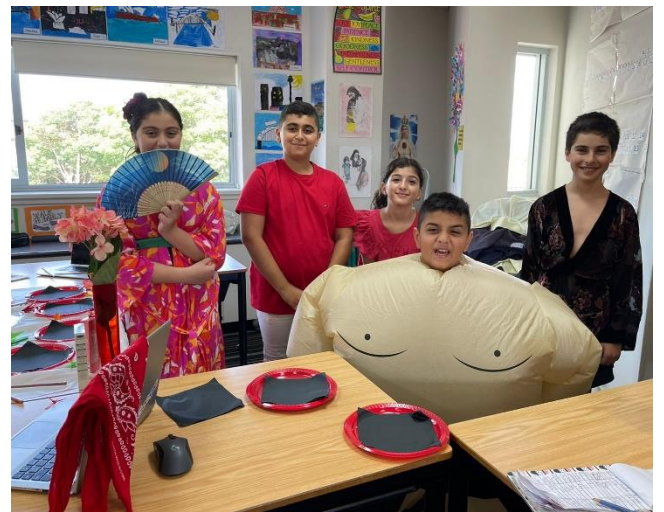


### Year One - Godly Play

Students in 1 Lilac and 1 Green were thoroughly engaged in the Godly Play lesson of the Last Supper. Using visuals allows students to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the scripture.

### Year 6 - Travel Expo

This term, Year 6 have been developing their geographic skills and enhancing their knowledge of Asia. Students explored the countries of Asia and discovered the many ways Australia is connected to them. Their final task was to create a Travel Expo Stand so that they could showcase their learning.





### **SRC and Sport Captain Announcement**

Congratulations to Annabella Khoury (6 Emerald) for being selected to join the Primary Student Representative Council and Daniel Azzi (6 Teal) for being awarded Sports Captain. Both students received their badges during the Primary Assembly on Tuesday. Another two students will be chosen at the end of Term 2.

### **Sport at MCHF**

Sport and physical activity are essential elements of a child's development. This term, our students have been given many opportunities to participate in a range of sporting activities including swimming, athletics, and football. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Kartabani for her coordination of all PDHPE related events.

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club will resume next term on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Students wishing to attend are asked to have enough homework to complete during the hour session. A detailed note with an attached permission slip, is available from the Primary Administration Office. Students are asked to hand the signed permission slip to their class teacher each Monday morning.

### **Birthday Celebrations at School**

A reminder that parents and students are not permitted to bring cakes, toys, or lolly bags to school to distribute to other students. The reason for this is due to allergies, personal safety, hygiene, and nutritional concerns. We thank you for your understanding.

### **School Uniform**

When students return in Term 2, they will be required to wear the College winter uniform. We will, however, be flexible for the first two weeks in case the weather is unseasonably warm. This will mean that your child can either wear the full winter or full summer uniform, not a mix of both. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name as this makes it easy for any lost items to be returned.

### **2021 Premiers Reading Challenge**

The upcoming holiday break is the perfect opportunity for students to read as many books as they can from the Premier's Reading Challenge book list. Once a book is read, students just need to add the title to their personal Reading Log so their progress can be tracked along the way. The closing date of the Challenge is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Happy reading!

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



**Mr D. Day**  
**Head of Primary**

## SECONDARY NEWS

On behalf of the Secondary department, I would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Easter and a safe holiday break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back, raring and ready to go for a successful Term 2. Personally, I would like to thank all students and parents for making me feel so welcome in my first term at MCHF. Your kindness and generosity have made the transition much easier and I feel privileged to be a part of such a wonderful community. I look forward to continuing to work with you all and to meet those families whom I haven't had the chance to meet yet.

### **An Easter Prayer**

*Praise You Father, for the atoning death and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank You, Father, that Christ was risen from the dead and is seated today at the right hand of the majesty of high, having won the final victory over sin, Satan, and death. Thank You, that Christ has become the first fruit of a great harvest of souls, who have fallen asleep in Him. Thank You, that all who belong to Christ, have been given the forgiveness of their sins and received newness of life in Him and will one day be raised from the grave, to live for evermore with You in heavenly places. Thank you, that by the cross and resurrection of Christ every ruler, authority, principality and power have been placed under His supreme authority and rule, and that Christ Himself shall reign until He has humbled all His enemies beneath His feet. All power and glory, might and majesty, dominion and power be unto Him that sits upon the throne, for ever and ever. Amen*

### **Project Compassion**

I would like to thank all our staff, students, and their families for their generous donations to Project Compassion this Lenten Season. Secondary has raised \$6861.10 for Caritas, which is the most we have ever raised!!! Your kindness will see the money raised go towards local and international programs, including vital education and advocacy programs in Australia and will help maintain and expand the scope of Caritas' humanitarian partnerships.

### **Feeding the Homeless**

Early Saturday morning, Mrs Abdul Ahad, Mrs Botros and 6 MCHF senior students humbly took part in serving our local community to feed the less fortunate in our society.

Although shy at first, the students walked away from this experience with a feeling of fulfilment especially during Lenten time, a clearer understanding of the needs of our society and an appreciation with the life our saviour has granted us.

Deacon Robert Bayeh founded Heaven on Earth and we thank him for establishing this foundation and providing us with one of many opportunities to strengthen our relationship in fulfilling God's deeds.

### **Holy Week Mass**

On Wednesday, Year 7 were able to attend Holy Week Mass in our Cathedral. Holy Week is very important to the Maronite Catholic faith and our students were fortunate enough to be able to have this experience. The mass gave students the opportunity to reflect and meditate upon their lives so that they can renew themselves and prepare to live again in the mystery of our salvation. Students begun to prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord.



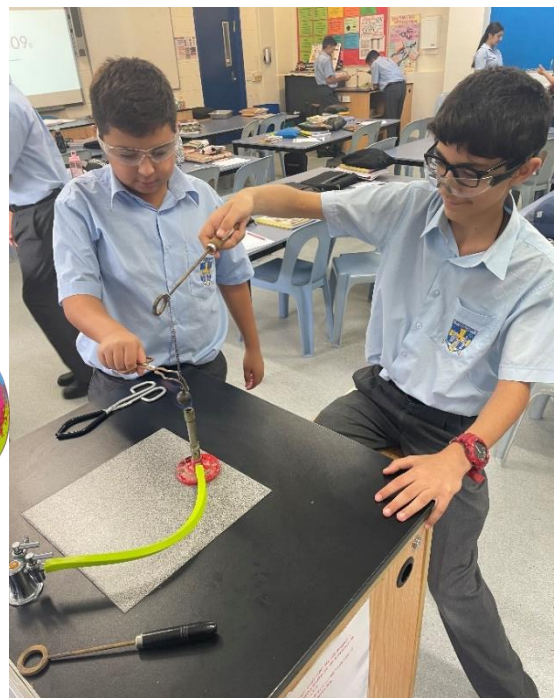
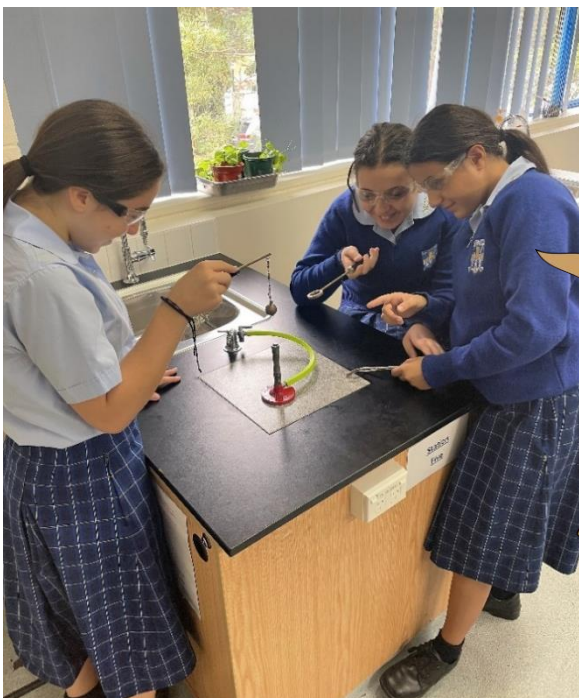


### **Yard Swap Term 2**

In Term 2, Years 9 and 10 will use the grass area at recess and lunch and Years 7 and 8 will use the B/C Block yard.

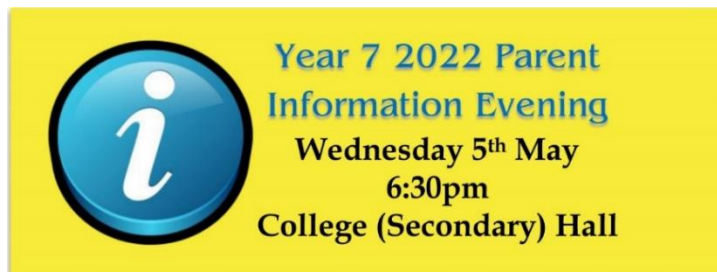
### **Year 8 Science**

Ms Tleige's Year 8 science class performed an 'Expansion and contraction' experiment using a Bunsen burner, metal ball and ring. Students demonstrate the thermal expansion and contraction of metals when heated and cooled. When the ball is cold it can easily go through the ring and when heated up, it will expand and not go through the ring. Students applied this classroom learning to a real-world problem by discussing the factors engineers would need to consider in making their designs of buildings, bridges, and machinery.



## Year 7 2022 Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a Year 7 2022 Information evening for parents and students. The night will include a presentation by the Secondary Leadership Team and the chance to speak to the current Year 7 staff and students. There will also be several stalls for parents and students to view including information on our BYOD policy and options, uniforms, textbooks, curriculum, and pastoral care. A letter will be sent home with all current Year 6 students early next term with further information.



**Ms E. McCluskey**  
**Head of Secondary**

## DATES TO REMEMBER



- ★ **Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term 1 Ends**
- ★ Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Development Day
- ★ **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School for Students**
- ★ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – ANZAC Assemblies
- ★ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – VET Retail, Construction & Hospitality Work Placement

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Brandon Ghosn, Mariam Tawk, Alyssa Bellido, Adele Mysak, Rafqa Kassis (Kindergarten)
- ★ Rachael Khalil (Year 1)
- ★ Ethan Azzi, Tiana Nasr, Christiana Hadchiti, Charlie Maroun, Reina Nour, Pio El Khoury, Charbel El Haddad, Lucia Saab, Siena Karam, Olivia Debs, Christian Abboud, Izabela Abdou, Mabelle Houry, Mia Barbar, Tahleen Jehidan, Mary Merheb (Year 2)
- ★ Anthony James Namnoum, Lucia Saad, Evana Maalouf, Matthew Abi- Khattar, Simon Bazouni, Sally Zeydan, Sophie El Kadi, Eli Baker, Layla Bou Francis (Year 3)
- ★ Rafqa Bousijaan, Eliana Al-Somsom, Lilyrose Ghabache, Mema Yaacoub (Year 4)
- ★ Ella Marie Kalache, Joe Hage, Matthew El Bazouni, Mia Younan, Melody Sleiman, Rita Raffoul (Year 9)

## ALSO THIS WEEK...

3 Yellow and 3 Lavender students re-enact the Last Supper





Kindergarten Red is so egg'cited for Easter!



Kindy White students make Easter baskets with their buddies ☺





2 Jade students, working hard in Maths – Mapping the positions of different parts of the playground.



Kindy touring the world with their Year 6 Buddies

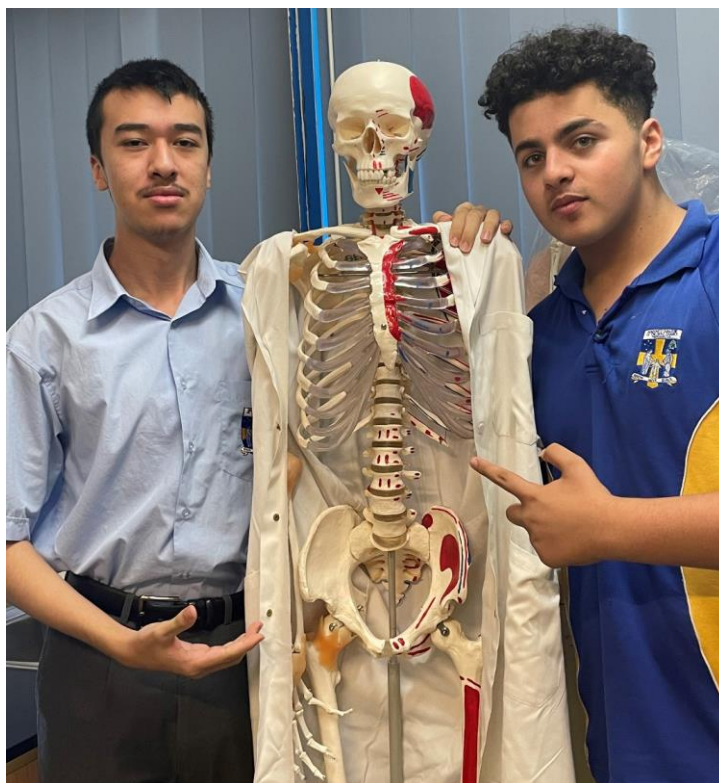




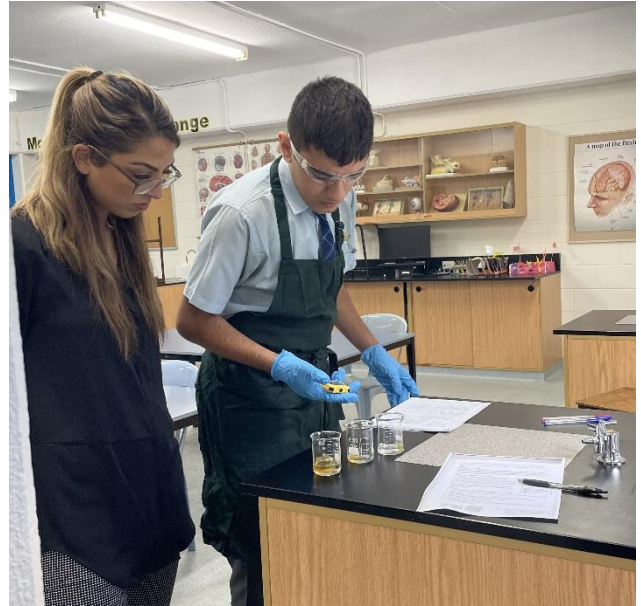
Mrs Khattar's Year 7-6 Arabic students, getting into the Spirit of Easter by designing Arabic Easter cards.



Year 10 Science boys with their skeleton friend



### Year 11 Bio-Diffusion Across a Cell Membrane Experiment



### Year 7 Peer Support Activities



Well done to Mikayla Moussa, Adriana Saaba, Charlise Sleiman, Giovann Makari, Naem Nowra and Charbel Massoud for helping Year 8 understand the power of resilience during Pastoral.





# Vaping

## a webinar for parents and carers

There's a lot of discussion about young people and vaping at the moment. headspace Newcastle presents this webinar to sort out the fact from the fiction.

To help us out on the evening we'll be joined by Mel Jackson. Mel is a Clinical Research Coordinator for Hunter New England Health Drug & Alcohol Clinical Services. Mel is currently researching vaping and has good knowledge of vaping from a local and international perspective.

Join us for this FREE webinar (via Zoom) on  
**Thursday April 22nd**  
**730pm -830pm**

Registrations through Evenbrite.  
 Zoom link will be sent the day before the event.

search

'eventbrite -a webinar for parents and carers'



email  
 bwilliams@hunterprimarycare.com.au  
 for further information



### Lowes – School Uniforms

Dear Parent/Guardians,

This is to advise that, unfortunately, Lowes has experienced a flood event in our warehouse and this has resulted in damage or destruction of some uniform items.

At this stage, we are yet to determine the specific items affected, or the impact on supply of those items in the coming months. We will contact you as soon as we have more information.

### PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is necessary for parents/guardians to download the SkoolBag App. This ensures you receive urgent messages seconds after they are posted.

Go to app search on your phone:

- ★ Download the SkoolBag app
- ★ Create an account
- ★ Add your school

Please contact Georgette Bains if you have issues – 9633 6600.

**2021 BYOD Portal**

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: MCHFBYOD

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