



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 6: Friday, 20th November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Today we celebrated Mass for Lebanese Independence Day. Following Mass there were a number of activities organised for the students from Kindergarten to Year 11. Students were given the opportunity to order a traditional Lebanese lunch for the day. The day was enjoyed by all. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Safi, the Arabic Teachers and all staff for their organisation and help on this day. I would like to also thank the Parents Association and in particular Mrs Mary Bechara the President of the Association for their help with the preparation of the lunch orders. A big thankyou to all who donated towards this worthy cause.



I ask you all to remember all the people suffering in Lebanon as a result of all the many years of war, the recent blast in Beirut and the many people who are infected by the Corona Virus. We pray for the healing of all who have been affected in some way.

Prayer in a Time of Disaster

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos.

Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood.

By Your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

Our very special thanks to...

We offer our heartfelt appreciation to the following people who gave so much to our Lebanon Independence Day fundraiser for Lebanon...

Bob The Butcher (supplied all the meat for the BBQ!)

Rania and Samire Fakhri and family, Jalal & Mary Bechara and family, Charlie and Rita Mouawad and family, Jean & Fabiolla Kanaan and family, Elias & Arze Abi-Khattar and family, Richard & Abir Merheb and family, Grace Laser Clinic, Michel & Silvana Geagea and family, Jumana and Shenouda Tawadrous and family, Carol and Joseph Merheb and family, Raymond and Nelly Haddad and family, Michelle and Charbel Deeb and family, Aline El Hawat and Ron Sahyoun and family, Amanda and Joseph Geagea and family, Jannau and Gerges Obeid and family, Mira and George Azzi and family.

Many thanks to Mary Bechara and our parent volunteers for all their hard work!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY EXECUTIVE

Lebanon Independence Day

Today MCHF celebrated Lebanon Independence Day. We began with a beautiful Mass attended by Year 8 and Year 4 students and staff. Other Primary classes were able to participate at school via the livestream. The celebrations continued throughout the day with a barbeque lunch at the College hosted by our Parent Association. The students certainly enjoyed the variety of food that was on offer. A big thank you to Mrs Mary Bechara and her team, for all the preparation that went into this event. A great day was had by all.





First Reconciliation

Yesterday our Year 3 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They have been preparing for this day by developing a true understanding that reconciliation is a celebration of God's gift of forgiveness. It allows them to reconcile with God, the Church and those they may have hurt. Knowing the true meaning of 'sorry' and learning about how they can truly reflect on the decisions they have made, has been an important part of their journey. Thank you to Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, Fr Tony, Fr Danny, Mr Bechara and our Year 3 Teachers for assisting in the development of the students' spiritual growth.



Library Borrowing

A reminder that library borrowing has now ceased for the year. Can we please ask that all books are

returned as quickly as possible so that the end-of-year procedures that need to occur in the Learning Centre can begin. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2021 school year.

Uniform

As we approach the end of the year, it is important that students continue to comply with uniform expectations. This also includes having appropriate haircuts and wearing suitable accessories. We would appreciate parent assistance in ensuring that the College Policy is adhered to by your child at all times. If you have good reason why your child is not in correct uniform, we kindly ask that a note be written and sent to the class teacher. As always, we appreciate your assistance.

School Bus

In recent weeks, there have been increasing reports of poor behaviour on the buses travelling to and from school each day. Please remind your child that correct behaviour is expected at all times, especially when wearing the College uniform. All students must continue to abide by College rules and expectations until they arrive home. Disrespectful and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated, and consequences will be given to students if necessary.

Upcoming Primary Events

Week	Date	Event
7	Tuesday 24 th November 2020	Year 6 Taser Day
	Thursday 26 th November 2020	Year 6 Rewards Day
	Friday 27 th November 2020	Year 6 Graduation Mass

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

MESSAGE FROM THE SECONDARY EXECUTIVE

2021 Book Lists

The 2021 book lists have been released. Copies were provided to students as well as made available through the College website, Parent Portal and the College App.

Lebanon Independence Day Celebrations

This week we celebrated Lebanon Independence day through a range of initiatives. On Wednesday the staff joined together for a Lebanese breakfast. On Friday, Year 8 students attended Mass to pray for Lebanon. The Parent Association hosted their annual BBQ lunch. Students also competed in a Kahoot challenge against each other with winners from every homeroom receiving a prize.





Conclusion of Yearly Exams

This week we officially completed all yearly examinations for Year 7-10 students. The focus for staff now will be to complete all marking and reporting.

Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement

This week our Year 11 VET Hospitality class participated in their mandatory work placement. Students experienced working in the industry for the week. The College received overall positive feedback from the employers. Congratulations to the students!

Emphasis on Presenting in a Professional Manner

A reminder that the College is enforcing an emphasis on student uniform and grooming. We request from parents/guardians to support the College if it has any concerns regarding your child's uniform or grooming. We have been addressing students of the importance of presenting themselves in a professional manner and how it impacts their attitude and readiness for school each day.

Year 11, 2021 Enrolments

A letter to Year 10 parents was sent out advising that face-to-face enrolment interviews will no longer be required to take place this year. All enrolment documentation has been completed by parents/guardians and will now be processed by the College. Confirmation of course selections and book lists will be issued to Year 10 students.

Year 10 Senior Taster Lessons

Year 10 students this week participated in their senior taster lessons. These lessons allow students to get a 'taste' of what senior classes will look like. The taster lessons continue this week every period 1 and 2 until Wednesday 25th November 2020. We hope that the students will benefit from these taster lessons.



All My Own Work

Year 10 students will complete the All My Own Work modules on Thursday 26th November 2020. This is a compulsory task for students to complete in order to commence senior years.

Year 5 Transition to Secondary

All Year 5 students participated in their evaluation session following their experience for half a day in secondary classrooms. The evaluation session addressed questions or concerns students had raised in their worksheets.

Rewards Day

Rewards Day for this year will be held on Monday 7th December 2020. There will be a range of activities planned for students as well as a BBQ lunch provided. Further information will be released shortly.

Mr E Asmar

Head of Secondary



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 27th November – Year 6 Graduation
- Monday 3^{0th} November to Tuesday 1st December – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- Monday 7th December – Secondary Rewards Day
- Tuesday 8th December – Last Day for Students
- Friday, 29th January 2021 – Year 7 start school
- Monday, 1st February 2021 – Years 1-6 and 8-12 start school
- Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 – Kindy start school (*Half days from Wednesday until Friday 5th February*)

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Dylan Darjani, Hiam Katrib (Year 3)
- ★ Angelina Bechara (Year 6)
- ★ Riyana Massoud, Samih Nassim, Mariame Dib, Joseph Youssef, Pierre Azzi, Makayla Bazouni, George Malkoun (Year 7)
- ★ Tiana Bou Melhem, Anthony Germanos, Juliana Makary (Year 8)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Carlos Boumina, Christian Sleiman (Year 1)
- ★ Richard Semaan, Jazz Sleiman, Cecil Diab, Isabella Zaher, Ashley Youssef, Marie Youssef, Joe Hassoun, Sarkis Semaan, John Paul Bechara (Year 2)
- ★ George Malhouhi, Christabel Fajloun, Angelina Saba, Charbel Hanna, Rafqa Sabbagh (Year 3)
- ★ Selina Dib, Rene El Khoury (Year 5)
- ★ Monica Dagher, Monique Abou-Touma, Isabella Boumelhem, Kaylah Daher (Year 7)
- ★ Ella Marie Kalache, Rita Raffoul, Jean Paul Azar, Claudia Kabalan, Simon Bazouni, Cyrine Nakhoul (Year 8)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Luciana Nini (Year 2)
- ★ Anthony Mallouhi, Lilyrose Ghabache, Charbel Baaklini, Victoria Eskaff, Alyssa Dababneh, Charbel El Asmar (Year 3)

Principal's Awards:

- ★ Jeana Bou Melham, Jacob Layoun, Lina Alameddine (Year 3)
- ★ Salma Abou Azar (Year 6)

THIS AND THAT

Senior Constable Dusan Dakic presented Sr Irene with a Certificate of Appreciation the outstanding support that our College has shown to the School Liaison Police Team.



Senior Constable Dusan Dakic pays Kindy a special visit.



Year 1 green student, using informal meaning tools to measure the areas of shapes.



As a part of their Hinduism topic studies in Society and Culture, Mrs Esber-Dayoub's Year 12 class took part in their own mini Diwali celebration.



Year 10 stem flying the drone



Year 7 have been learning about Ancient Egypt this term. Students completed a Mummification activity that concludes this unit. Students put their skills and knowledge into action and were given 20 minutes to create the best Mummy. I thank 7A for their mature approach to this task and for showing enthusiasm towards their learning.

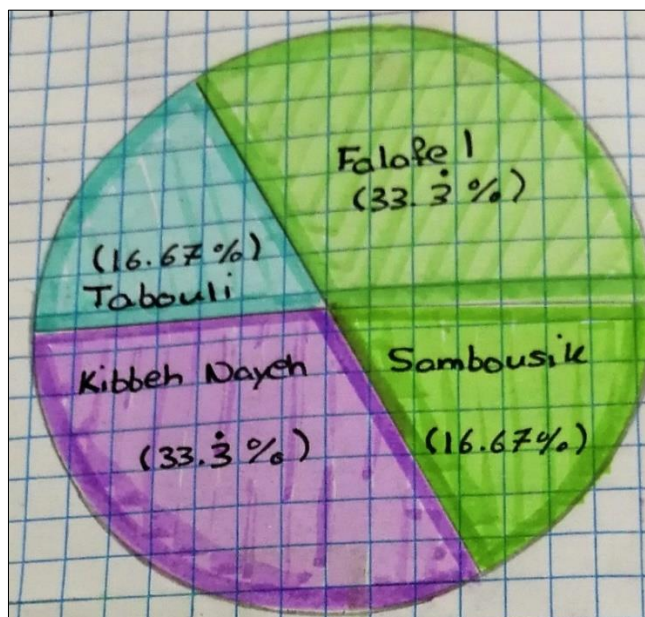


Year 11 VET Construction students completed their mandatory brick and block workshop on Thursday and Friday this week at CathWest Innovation College, Emu Plains. The students impressed with their bricklaying skills.



Making Pie charts: Favourite Lebanese Foods

Real data is hard to come by, but when you are in Period 4, right before lunch, it's only natural that you make a pie chart about your favourite Lebanese foods, which naturally forms part of our Graphs unit. I personally love Kibbeh Nayeh. It's different, but OMG so good! – Mr N. Shah



PARENT CORNER

The 20212 BYOD portal is up and running...

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

School Code: MCHFBYOD

Important information regarding Non-Medicare Medical Expenses Claims Process

All claimable expenses should first be submitted through your Private health insurance. Chubb may pay the outstanding difference after your rebate subject to the terms and conditions of the Policy.

Please be advised that the Policy does not cover medical expenses that attract a partial or full Medicare rebate. This includes the "Medicare Gap" and any invoice items listed under the Medicare Benefits Scheme.

Cost of GAP, if any, has to be met by the parent/guardian.

Examples of expenses Chubb typically cannot pay include:

- Hospital surgery
- X-rays and Ultra sounds
- Doctor's fees, Specialist consultations and Anaesthetists

It's that of year again where the canteen has their annual Christmas raffle.

All you have to do is order lunch for your child/ren...

Every time you place a lunch order, your child's name will go in the draw to win this fabulous

Christmas Activity Pack.



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>

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.

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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