



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 7: Friday, 27th November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now counting down the days to the end of the year. As imagined, there is quite a great deal of movement happening as we draw closer to the end. Exams are underway and nearing completion for the students. The final event in the life of the Year 12 students at the College will be the Year 12 Formal which will take place tonight. Hoping that the evening is enjoyed by all.

Today we farewelled the Year 6 students. The day commenced with the celebration of Mass which was then followed by the Graduation Ceremony in the hall. I once again thank all the staff, students and parents which helped make this day a wonderful event in the lives of the Year 6 students. A few words of advice for the Year 6 students:

“**CHOOSE** YOUR **FRIENDS**
WITH CAUTION;
PLAN YOUR **FUTURE**
WITH **PURPOSE** &
FRAME YOUR LIFE
✠✠ WITH **FAITH**”



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY EXECUTIVE

We are fast approaching the end of not only the term, but another year. For our Year Six students, today marks the culmination of seven years of primary schooling and the beginning of the next stage of their educational journey. As we say goodbye, I would like to wish them well as they transition into Year 7. For those very few students who are leaving the MCHF Community, I hope that you remember your time at our College with great fondness and cherish the special memories you've made along the way.

Year 6 Graduation



The special day for our Year 6 students began with a beautiful mass held in their honour. It was a wonderful celebration, made even more special with the attendance of their Kindy buddies. The choir led by Mr Nouh, Mrs Chalhoub and Mrs Sassine, did an outstanding job as always. Thank you to Ms Rozario, Ms Mourched, Ms Dasouqi, Mr Watkiss and Ms Mourani for their efforts in preparing all aspects of the Mass. A special thank you to Fr Tony and Fr Danny for the constant spiritual guidance they provide.

The Year 6 Awards Ceremony was held in the Primary Hall at the conclusion of the Mass. Sr Irene delivered an inspirational and heartfelt speech to all

students before the presentation of the awards and Graduation Certificates. The cutting of the cake officially ended the ceremony. Students then shared their Primary School memories and said their goodbyes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sr Irene for her guidance and support throughout this year of uncertainty. Thank you also to Sr Marlene for her guiding presence. Finally, to Ms Rozario and the Year 6 teachers, your dedication and hard work throughout the year has been much appreciated.





Water Bottles

As the weather is heating up, we encourage all students to bring water bottles to school so that they can be refilled throughout the day.

Year 5 Mathematics

In Mathematics, 5 Rainbow have been learning all about measurement. They were given the challenge to design and make packaging for lollies and weigh the gross mass. It was a delicious learning experience.

Overdue Library Books

There are still a number of books needing to be returned to the Primary Library. We ask that all books



are returned as quickly as possible so that the end-of-year procedures can be finalised. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2021 school year. If your child has misplaced or damaged their book, please advise the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property accumulating in tubs outside the Primary Office and on the Primary Playground. If you have lost any item of clothing, please check to see if it is in either tub. All lost property will be cleared at the end of next week.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

MESSAGE FROM THE SECONDARY EXECUTIVE

Last Day of Term 4 for Students: Tuesday 8th December 2020

Last Day of Term 4 for Staff: Friday 11th December 2020

Term 1 Commences for Staff: Wednesday 27th January 2021

Term 1 Commences for Year 7 Students: Friday 29th January 2021

Term 1 Commences for Year 8-12 Students: Monday 1st February 2021

Year 7-11 Reports

Reports for Year 7-11 will be released via the Parent Portal on Friday 11th December 2020.

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.

Year 10 Senior Taster Lessons

Year 10 students continued this week participating in their senior taster lessons. These lessons allowed students to get a 'taste' of what senior classes will look like. The feedback from staff and students was very positive.



Year 6 Secondary Taster Day

Year 6 students participated this week in their secondary taster day where they experienced a life in secondary. This was the last session of their transition program as they had the opportunity to read a timetable, move around the secondary buildings and attend secondary classes. Year 6 students are to be congratulated for the enthusiasm they showed on this day. We look forward to having them with us next year in secondary.





All My Own Work

Year 10 students completed 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.

Geography Fair

This week we held our first ever Geography Fair where students displayed their Geography projects for staff and students to view. The fair provided students an opportunity to explain their project and demonstrate their knowledge gained while completing the project. The projects included volcano eruptions, videos, presentations, Minecrafts, models and even a performance. Congratulations to all the students involved. Thank you to Ms Azzi and the HSIE department for their work and efforts in preparing this wonderful initiative which we hope will become an annual event.





Rewards Day

Rewards Day for this year will be held on Monday 7th December 2020. Students will be participating in 5 activities and events:

1. Awards Ceremony
2. Virtual Expo
3. Team Building Activities
4. Sporting Challenge
5. GEM Session

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on this day (no house polos). A BBQ lunch will also be provided for the students.



Mr E Asmar

Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ 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:

- ★ Laurina Abi-Khattar, John Elias, Isla Jalloh, Clarita Ayoub, Louis Azar, Marissa Ibrahim, Ella Abi-Khattar (Kindy)
- ★ Maria Deeb, Adriana El Khoury, Christiana Hadchiti, Mia Mejalli, Jacqueline Haklani, Emmanuel Bazouni, Noah Semaan, Charbel Geagea, Elissa Harb, Matthew Sassine, Samia Taouk, Ely Dib, Ethan Azzi, Yassmeen Dayoub (Year 1)
- ★ Jayden Sassine (Year 3)
- ★ Gwen El Haddad and Marina El Katrib (Year 7)
- ★ Maribelle Azzi, Brianna Morad, Joya Tawk, Madeline Tawk, Rebecca Elias, Melissa Francis, Mia'Bella Nohra (Year 9)
- ★ Joy Sleiman, Marissa Frangie, Georgia Deeb, Cynthia Sabat, Jacob Semaan, Ray Hobeich, John Massoud, Layla Mouawad, Mandalin Moussa, Pierre Raffoul, Sabine Bou Sanayeh (Year 10)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Daniella Elias, Mariebelle Baaklini, Sofia Diab (Kindy)
- ★ Theresse Buan (Year 7)
- ★ Melissa Makhoulf, Jessica Khoury, Therese El-Haddad, Charline Kayrouz, Ella-Marie Bassil (Year 9)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Porsha Hawach (Year 1)
- ★ Anthony Khawaja (Year 6)

Principal's Awards:

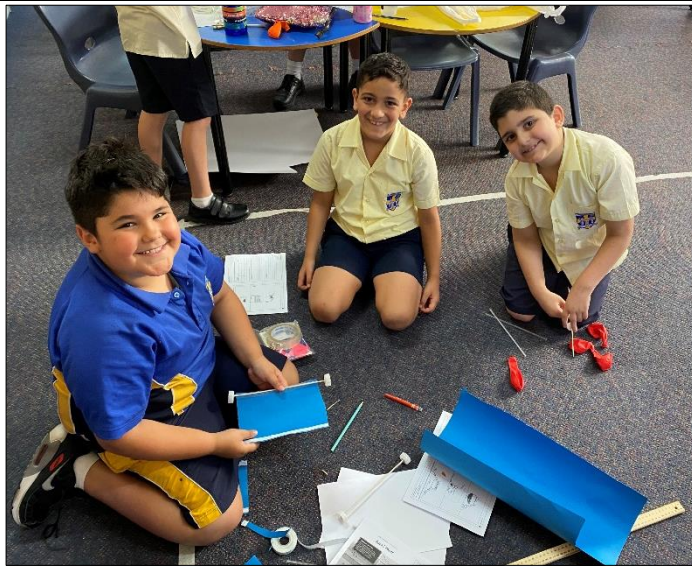
- ★ Brendan Bazouni, Mary Merheb, Naya Al Ajrash, MaryBella Taouk, Olivia Debs, Elizabeth Azzi (Year 1)
- ★ Charbel Baaklini (Year 3)
- ★ Anthony Khawaja (Year 6)

THIS AND THAT

Thank you to our Year 6 buddies for helping us through our first year of big school, for fostering our love of learning, and teaching us about friendship and great leadership.



3 Orange Science lesson – The students have been working on force as a concept and were tasked with building a car using thrust to generate movement.



Year 6 had their rewards day yesterday! It was a day filled with fairy floss, slurpees, popcorn, pizza, and lots of fun!



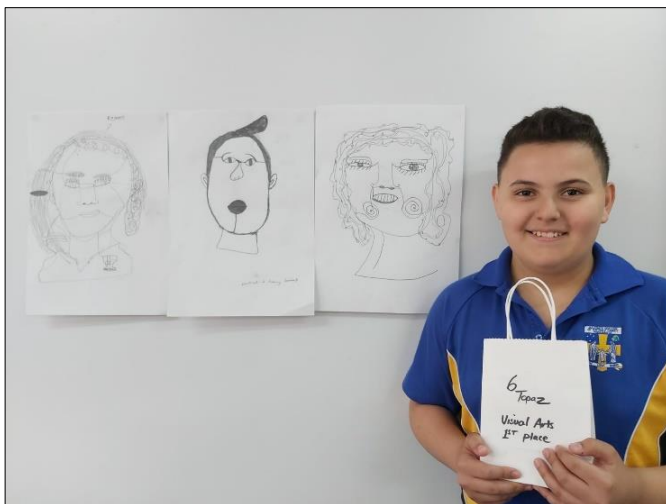
Kindy Blue loved writing letters to Santa with their Year 6 buddies!



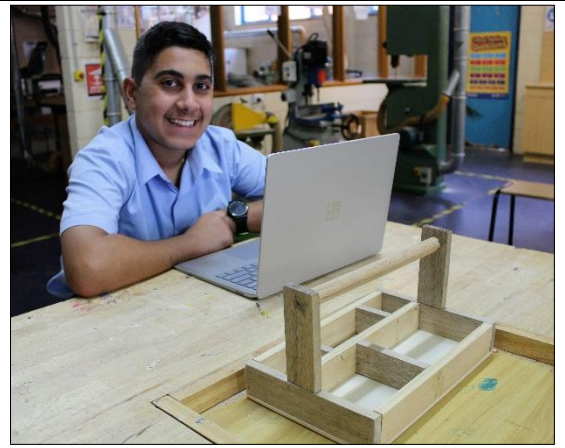
1 Silver and 1 Green students had a great time asking Constable Dakic some hard hitting questions about police work. Thank you for visiting, Constable Dakic!



Art Taster Lessons – Our 6 Indigo and 6 Topaz first place winners in the continuous line drawing portraits.



Ms Pather's Year 8 Technology students remain focussed and hardworking, even when an annoying photographer barges into the classroom 😊



Congratulations to our 2020 MCHF Volleyball Champions! Girls: KOALAS, Boys: RAZORBACK



Forensic Science Incursion





Year 10 peer support leaders, with the Year 7 cohort, at their final session for the year. The students have developed life-long skills, great mentors and memories over many pastoral sessions. We wish them all the best and thank the Year 10 leaders for their great leadership skills this year.



PARENT CORNER

The 2021 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...

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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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