



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 - Week 5: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we commenced with the Primary Parent Chats. It was a wonderful turnout by all parents. I thank you all for your continued support and for making the time to come out of your busy schedules.

On Wednesday we celebrated Well Being Wednesday. All staff and students shared in a number of activities to ensure that they are taking care of their Mental Health and Well Being.



Today the Secondary students participated in the Annual Swimming Carnival. The day was enjoyed by all.

As we continue on our Lenten journey we ask the Lord to touch our lives and make us feel His touch in all our actions and words.



**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
PRINCIPAL

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

Parents/Guardians are no longer permitted to enter the College grounds to drop their child in the mornings. You are requested to say goodbye at the entrance gate and the staff at the gate will direct them to their respective area. In regards to afternoon pick up, parents/guardians can enter the College grounds to the point advised by the staff on duty. We thank the parents/guardians who have been supportive and adhering to our procedures.

### Student Pupil Free Day – 1st March 2021

There will be a student pupil free day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as staff will be undertaking a visible learning professional development workshop. There will be no classes on this day and therefore students are to remain at home. Classes will resume on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

### College Photo Days

The Annual College Photo Days will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. Please refer to the attachments for more information. Please ensure your child's presentation of their uniform and grooming is to the College's expectations and procedures. This means that any student who does not have appropriate grooming will not be permitted to have their photo taken until they rectify themselves. Your support is appreciated in this matter.

### Opening of College Gates in the Morning

Please note, commencing in Term 2 the College gates will be opened at 8am every morning where supervision will commence. The gates will be closed prior to this time.

### 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

Initial enrolments for 2022 Kindergarten is 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.

## 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

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### Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

The College held its lockdown and evacuation drills over the past two weeks. The evacuation drill was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Lockdown drill held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**Mr E. Asmar**

**Assistant Principal**

## PRIMARY NEWS

The acquisition of leadership skills is an important part of every student's growth and development. From a young age, students are given the opportunity to gradually attain the necessary skills needed to be an effective leader. As a part of Wellbeing Week, the Primary SRC demonstrated their evolving skills by leading morning prayers and assisting with Wellbeing activities which were held during break times. Wellbeing Week is an opportunity for everyone to develop the tools and knowledge to help them to take time and reflect on all aspects of their personal growth and development.

### Student Pupil Free Day

A reminder that there will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. MCHF staff will be involved in a Professional Development Day focused on Visible Learning.



### The Primary Learning Centre

The Primary Learning Centre is always a hive of activity. At the beginning of the week, Mrs LeMerle teaches library skills to students from Kindergarten to Year Three. During breaks, students spend time reading, playing games or using the computers. This week's activities were designed around uniqueness and belonging with student's work on display for all to see.



On Thursdays and Fridays, the focus is on the use of technology. Ms Hort supports classes from Year Four to Six with research tasks linked to current units of work taught in the classroom. Using technology effectively is essential for all students, so it is vital that we explicitly teach the necessary skills so that they can achieve success.

### Homework Club

Homework Club occurs each Monday after school for students in Years 2-6. It is a supervised session run by volunteer teachers who assist students in completing homework and research tasks. Students are asked to have enough homework to complete in the hour session. A detailed note with an attached permission slip is available from the Primary Office.



### Parent/Teacher Chats

Our Parent/Teacher Chats were held earlier this week. Feedback from staff was extremely positive with everyone agreeing that it was a wonderful opportunity to meet the parents/guardians and learn more about their students. This initial meeting also reinforces the importance MCHF places on the partnership of teachers and parents/guardians in the education of our students. For those that could not attend this week, please contact your child's teacher so that a meeting can be arranged.

### Year Two Art

Ms Mourani's class had great fun creating a range of new colours by mixing paint together. They were amazed at how using the basic primary colours such as red, blue and yellow can produce such a rainbow of fun.



### STEM Day

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, all students from K-6 will be participating in a STEM Day. The aim of the day is to provide hands-on experiences for our students so that they can further develop their problem-solving skills in a fun and relaxed environment. Due to current COVID-19 advice, we are unable to have parent assistance on the day but you will be able to see all the fun learning in next week's edition of the MCHF Newsletter. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

### College Photos

A reminder that our College photos will be taken on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Students are required to wear their full school uniform on both these days. Class teachers will advise their students if they are required to wear their sport uniform on an alternate day.

### Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program provides students the opportunity to further develop their swimming skills and techniques. A reminder that there will be no lessons conducted next week due to College photos being taken on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The regular class schedule will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.



*Above – We are so very proud of April who is currently competing in the State Lifesaving Championship, representing Manly Surf Club*

### 2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge student site is available again this year. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in all students and enables them to experience quality literature. Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs and track their progress throughout the challenge. The website will be



available for students when the challenge opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The Final date for entry of student reading records is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Mr D. Day  
Head of Primary

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Secondary Swimming Carnival

Let the photos speak for us!



**LIFTED Leaders** On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> February our College Leaders attended a virtual leader's workshop alongside 24 schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Students explored the theme of 'Be More' and included some formation around the 'art of accompaniment' as a tool for Christian Leadership. Students were able to connect with students from other Colleges through Zoom. - Mrs Abdul-Ahad





### PDSSSC Basketball

On Wednesday 24th February, Students from years 10 and 11 competed in the Opens Basketball Gala Day. The team won their first game and lost narrowly in the remaining games. The boys were competitive through all games with many producing individual highlights that will not be forgotten. All players should be very proud of how they played and how they represented the College with high standards.

- Mr Vial and Mr Gabrael



### Wellbeing Wednesday

Every term in Week 5 - Wednesday is Wellbeing Wednesday. It is a day where all year 7-12 staff and students promote wellbeing. Students are served free breakfast, have no homework for the night, receive an affirmation note in their lockers, listen to music in the playground and be a part of wellbeing activities such as a wellbeing snakes and ladders, board games and skipping. Staff also have a casual dress day, lunch and leave work on time day.

- Mrs Abdul-Ahad







### Gratitude Garden

The gratitude garden has been created after the students completed a wellbeing activity on one of the Resilience Project pillars – Gratitude! The garden reminds us to be grateful for what we have no matter how big or small. Our aim is to rewire our brains to look for the positives in life, they help develop positive mental health habits and build resilience. - Mrs Abdul-Ahad

### Photo Day

A reminder that photo day for the Secondary school is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Family photos will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Photos must be taken in school uniform only, if students have sport that day, they will need to come to school in their school uniform and get changed for their sport period. Normal College uniform and grooming expectations apply. Any student who doesn't meet these expectations will not be allowed to have their photo taken.



### Leadership Assembly

On Tuesday we were able to recognise our newly appointed leaders for Semester 1 with our Leadership Assembly. We congratulate all of the below students on being elected as leaders in 2021.



### 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

College Captains			
Ashton Tannous		Chanelle Coorey	
College Vice Captains			
Raymond Hadchiti		Celine Harb	
College Leaders			
SRC President	Nina Bousaid	Liturgy Prefects	Reina Layoun Elissa El Katrib
SRC Vice President	Jason Chakti	Academic Prefects	Simon Zaiter Celine Moussa

<b>Senior Wellbeing Prefects</b>	Tatiana Estephen Mariella Mikhael Christian Nough	<b>Community Outreach Prefects</b>	Joe Deeb Marina Akik
<b>MacKillop House (Blue)</b>		George-Joseph Maroun and Kristina Ishak	
<b>Charbel House (Yellow)</b>		Anna Maria Kobti and Christina Geagea	
<b>Rafqa House (Green)</b>		Christina Kazzi and Adrian Harb	
<b>Maroun House (Red)</b>		Veronica Bou Melhem and Dejahn Darjani	

<b>Year 7 Leaders</b>		
	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>SRC Representatives</b>	Joseph Habib and Therese Sassine	
<b>7A Class Captains</b>	Elizabeth El-Katrib Joseph Maroun	
<b>7B Class Captains</b>	Christian El Bahroun Rebecca Boustani	
<b>7C Class Captains</b>	Salma Abou-Azar Tony Bou-Melhem	
<b>7D Class Captains</b>	Mia-Mariah El-Helou Jude Hasham	
<b>Learning Centre Monitors</b>	Mary Moubarak, Elias Bassil, Rita Nough, Aurora Fenianous, Thomas Abi-Khattar, Elias Abou-Karam	

<b>Year 8 Leaders</b>		
	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>SRC Representatives</b>	Jayden Bazouni and Alisa Saghabi	
<b>8A Class Captains</b>	Angelo Abi Zeid Kayla Maalouf	
<b>8B Class Captains</b>	Christian Ibrahim Rachelle Rizk	
<b>8C Class Captains</b>	Phillip Dib Georgia Ibrahim	
<b>8D Class Captains</b>	Jonathon Semaan Marielle Khoury	
<b>Learning Centre Monitors</b>	Therese Angelique Buan, Sophia Saab, Kaylah Daher, Alex Abi-Khattar	

<b>Year 9 Leaders</b>		
	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>SRC Representatives</b>	George Youssef and Claudia Kabalan	
<b>9A Class Captains</b>	Christian Abdul Ahad Mary Khoury	
<b>9B Class Captains</b>	Matthew El Bazouni Michaela Ibrahim	
<b>9C Class Captains</b>	Anthony Elia Norma Samaha	
<b>9D Class Captains</b>	David Abi Khattar Cyrine Nakhoul	
<b>Learning Centre Monitors</b>	Sayed Sleiman and Christian Abdul Ahad	
<b>Chapel Leaders</b>	Anthony Germanos and Braelle Hasham	

<b>Year 10 Leaders</b>		
	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>SRC Representatives</b>	Georgia Matta and John El-Barhoun	
<b>10A Class Captains</b>	Jasmin Nakhoul John El-Barhoun	
<b>10B Class Captains</b>	Madeline Tawk Bakhos Hadchiti	
<b>10C Class Captains</b>	Angelina Kassis Charbel Khoury	
<b>10D Class Captains</b>	Margarita Harb Daniel Chahin	



<b>Chapel Leaders</b>	Antoinette Chebat and Elie Menhem
<b>Peer Support Leaders</b>	Georgia Matta, Ella-Maria Bassil, Elie Menhem, Eliana Zaidan, Christelle Joukhadar, Anthony Habib, Ann Tannous, Angelina Yaacoub, Angelina Kassis, Isabelle Baker, Tony Bechara, Tiana Maalouf, Therese El- Haddad, Savannah Ann Youssef, Rafqa Iskandar, Nicholas Laba, Milad Tony Aouad, Michel Shalhoub, Kayla Fasavalu, Joya Tawk, Johnathan Stavrinakis, John El-Barhoun, Jerome Francis, Joanne Sader, Melissa Maklouf, Antoinette Chebat, Christabella Sleiman, Charlene Kayrouz, Abdo Abou-Chedid, Jessica Elkrina

Year 11 Leaders		
<b>SRC Leadership Team</b>	Secretary	Georgia Dib
	Treasurer X2	Joe Bayeh, Stephanie Atie
	Media/Promotions	Cynthia Sabat
	General Members	Julien El Bazouni, Alissar Ishac, Cindy Massoud, Elias Lahood, Christopher Germanos, Wadih Tannous, Mikayla Stavrinakis, Maria Ebeed
<b>Anti-Bullying Ambassadors</b>	Ashley Habib, Patricia Harb, Georgia Khattar, Anthony Chohaili, Mark Nemer, Jonathan Chidiac, Sabine Bou Sanayeh, Mandalin Moussa, Joy Sleiman, Justin Chahin, Joelle Lahood, Charbel Ibrahim, Badwi Makary, Sebastian Daoud, Elissa Maroun, Christopher Germanos	
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>11A Class Captains</b>	Elie Joukhadar	Luciana Dib
<b>11B Class Captains</b>	Joseph Nakhoul	Layla Saroufin
<b>11C Class Captains</b>	Matthew Yacoub	Ashley Habib
<b>Chapel Leaders</b>	Georgia Mawad, Elias Lahood	

Year 12 Class Captains		
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>12A Class Captains</b>	Briana Mekary Michael Choueiri	
<b>12B Class Captains</b>	Heleena Diab Nicholas Mouawad	
<b>12C Class Captains</b>	Lana Chamchoum Raymond Bechara	

Colour House	Year 10 House Leaders	Year 11 House Leaders
<b>MacKillop House (Blue)</b>	Anthony Habib & Jessica Khoury	Charbel Chehade & Mikayla Stavrinakis
<b>Charbel House (Yellow)</b>	Nicholas Laba & Melissa Makhoul	Jorge Dayoub & Christopher Germanos
<b>Rafqa House (Green)</b>	Matthew Youssef & Kayla Fasavalu	Leana Dib & Mandalin Moussa
<b>Maroun House (Red)</b>	Charbel Khoury & Angelina Bejanni	Luciana Dib & Christopher Yaccoub

<b>Bus Prefects</b>	Morning Bus	
	9400	Cynthia Sabat and Sabine Bou Sanayeh
	9401	
	7009	Sebastian Daoud and Clair El Hakim
	7012	Anthony Chohaili and Stephanie Atie
	447	Elissa Maroun and Charbel Chehade
	426	Christopher Germanos and Ashley Habib
	435	Christopher Yaacoub and Joe Bayeh
	429	Amanda Katrib and Nelwin Nassif
	575	
	Afternoon Bus	
	9622	Jonathan Chidiac
	9623	John Massoud and Sabine BouSanayeh
	7522	Patricia Harb
	7508	Clair El Hakim and Jayden Gharib
	7513	Mandalin Moussa and Stephanie Atie
	446	Elissa Maroun and Charbel Chehade



	428	Nelwin Nassif
	434	Georgia Mawad and Cindy Massoud
	436	Ashley Habib and Matthew Yacoub
	438	Christopher Yaacoub and Ella-Marie El Katrib
	575	

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday 1st March – STUDENT FREE DAY – Staff Development Day**
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Photo Days (Primary on 2<sup>nd</sup> & Secondary on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Family photos both days)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Mass at 9am for Years 9 and 12
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day (Select students)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Athletics Australia
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Social Justice Mass at 9am (Years 7 and 10)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Bullying Awareness Week
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Athletics Australia
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph Mass at 9am (Years 2 and 6)
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 Camp
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mass at 9am for Years 1 and 5
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Stations of the Cross at 11:30am (Years 7-10)
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Holy Week Mass at 9am (Years 4 and 7)
- **Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term 1 Ends**

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Jerome Akoury, Naya Al-Ajrash, David Fouche – Year 2
- ★ Clavy Saba – Year 4

### Bronze Awards:

### Silver Awards:

### Principal's Awards:

## PARENT CORNER

### 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. Please contact Georgette Baini if you have issues – 9633 6600.

Go to app search on your phone:

1. Download the SkoolBag app
2. Create an account
3. Add your school



SkoolBag



Parents; Please check your details on the school portal and make any necessary changes. In particular, please ensure address, contact numbers and email addresses are correct.



## NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales. *Please see attached flyer for details.*

### 2021 BYOD Portal

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

School Code: MCHFBYOD

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