



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - Week 6: Friday 5th March 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week commenced with a Staff Development Day for all staff. The focus was on Visible Learning. The annual School Photos also took place in the start of the week. All Staff and Students made a special effort to look their very best for these photos.

The Primary students participated in STEM Day on Thursday. Activities were organised for all the students in each year group. It was a very enjoyable day for all involved.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we also enter into the month of March which is dedicated to St Joseph. May He be the source of strength in your daily lives.

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

March – Joseph Most Just

Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labour, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.



Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Putting our Theme into Action

As we have launched our theme for this year, we now turn our focus on putting our theme into practice. The image beautifully summarises 7 ways to show that we are all about respect. Putting respect in action is a simple but effective thing to do.

7 ways to show you're All About RESPECT



Parent Association AGM and First Meeting

The Parent Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) and first meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 2pm. We invite and encourage new parents to join our PA team. Please refer to the flyer for further information.

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.

Staff Development Day – 1st March 2021

On Monday 1st March 2021, our staff participated in a workshop focusing on visible learning with the specific focus on developing our knowledge and strategies with Learning Intentions and Success Criteria.

Opening of College Gates in the Morning

Please note, commencing in Term 2 the College gates will be opened at 7:45am every morning where supervision will commence. The gates will be closed prior to this time.

Parents Association

AGM AND FIRST MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH 2021 @ 2PM

FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
MARY BECHARA 0411 033 231

WE INVITE NEW PARENTS TO JOIN OUR TEAM!
PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION ON ARRIVAL.



2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

Initial enrolments for 2022 Kindergarten are now open until Wednesday 21st 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 21st 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

Clean up Australia Day will be officially recognised this Sunday 7th March. This special day encourages Australians to come together to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment for the future. To raise awareness of this important day, MCHF have decided to have a 'no rubbish' day next Monday 8th March. This initiative is being promoted by Ms Delia, Ms Dababneh and Ms Sadek as a way of not only reducing the rubbish in our school, but to highlight the detrimental impact that rubbish has on our environment. We encourage all our families to join in this event on Monday by sending their child's food in reusable containers without any plastic wrap or packaging. Together we can make Australia clean.



STEM Day

Yesterday we held our annual STEM Day in the Primary Department. STEM education is a hands-on approach to the integrated learning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It provides the opportunity for students to apply their knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills. It was encouraging to see the students so engaged in their learning as they worked collaboratively with each other to complete each task. A big thank you to all the staff for organising such a wonderful day of learning for the students.





Kindy Buddies

At the start of each year, our Kindergarten students are buddied up with a Year 6 student. This program allows a special bond of friendship to be formed between the two students. It also provides a safe and supportive environment for our new Kindergartens and allows Year 6 to further develop their leadership skills. Throughout the year all students will partake in a variety of activities including peer reading, art, and sporting games.



Toys at School

There has been a growing number of dangerous incidents on the playground caused from various toys being brought to school. It is requested that students refrain from bringing toys of any kind with them from home. This will ensure that the College maintains a safe environment for both staff and students. Teachers encourage and support students in developing friendships by playing games that are both safe and inclusive. We also provide a variety of interest and social groups during breaks to assist the social development of our students. Thank you in advance for your support.

Social Groups

Year One students participated in a Social Group activity that focussed on interpersonal relationships. The aim was to assist in the development of their communication skills in social situations.

Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to April Zdrilic and Joseph Daniel Assi who have qualified to join the Cumberland Zone Team at the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival. The Carnival will be held at Blacktown Swimming Pool on Tuesday 9th March. We wish them all the best as they represent our College.

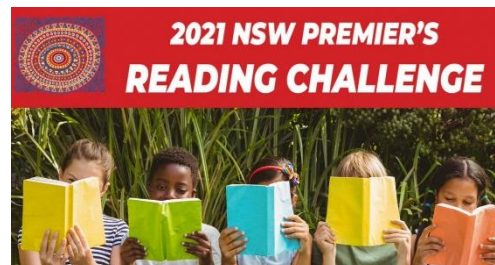


School Bus

In recent weeks, there have been increasing issues regarding student travel on the afternoon buses. The College has been asked to remind all students who catch a bus, that they are required to use an Opal Card to tap on and tap off. The main reason for this, is that the Opal Card assists the bus companies in collecting data about the number of students who catch the bus and the route that is needed to ensure they get to their destination safely. I urge all parents to ensure their child has their Opal Card with them each day so that the College can be provided with required bus services.

2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in all students by providing them the opportunity to experience quality literature. The website is now open for students so that they can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs and track their progress throughout the Challenge. The Final date for entry of student reading records is Friday 20th August. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



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.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our swimming carnival at Granville pool. The weather was perfect and the student participation in all events excellent. A reminder that these events are compulsory, and any absent student needs to provide a medical certificate of explanation. Congratulations to the following age champions and our winning house for their performance on the day.

Year 7 Boys Age Champion - Jude Hasham Runner up - Peter Diab Year 7 Girls Age Champion - Audrey Moussa Runner up - Natalia Aktila	Year 8 Boys Age Champion - Pierre Azzi Runner up - Joseph Youssef Year 8 Girls Age Champion - Charlize Khoury Runner up - Olivia Bechara
Year 9 Boys Age Champion - Joseph Ghannoum Runner up - George Chalhoub & Nicholas Kalache Year 9 Girls Age Champion - Brealle Hasham Runner up - Marissa Chalita & Rebecca Hanania	Year 10 Boys Age Champion - Elie Menhem Runner up - Charbel Khoury Year 10 Girls Age Champion - Isabelle Baker Runner up - Christina Elkhoury
Year 11 Boys Age Champion - Joey Adraous Runner up - N/A Year 11 Girls Age Champion - Mandalin Moussa Runner up - Grace Sleiman	Year 12 Boys Age Champion - George Maroun Runner up - Joe Deeb Year 12 Girls Age Champion - Celine Harb Runner up - Christina Kazzi

Final Score

Rafqa (green) – 833

Charbel (yellow) – 534

Mackillop (blue) – 468

Maroun (red) – 342



Lenten Group

This week we started up our Lenten Reflections run by Mrs. Gahdmar, Mr. Julius and Mrs. Rizk which are being held every Wednesday at lunchtime. Students are invited to spend some time relaxing in prayerful meditation while reflecting on their journey with Christ this Lent.



School Photos

Thank you to the majority of students who met our uniform and grooming standards this week for school photos. There will be a catchup day for students who were absent at a later date to be advised.

Year 11 Textiles and Design

This week our Year 11 Textiles and Design class were learning how to design fashion illustrations with Mrs Abdul Ahad.



Thursday Sport

A reminder to all students that Thursday sport groups were finalized after Week 2. No student is permitted to change groups this term. Any student who is found to be in the wrong group will be issued with consequences. Thank you to all students who have been doing the right thing every week and participating in our interhouse competition and to those students participating in representative sport for the College.

Cafe

Students are not permitted to hang around the café in the morning. They can buy food and drink but must then come to school to consume it. The tables and chairs are for other customers not students. Please ensure you are adhering to this rule as we still have a lot of students taking up the tables in the mornings.

Chewing Gum

Students are coming to school chewing gum and dropping it in the playground, classrooms and hallways. Gum is a contraband item that is not to be consumed at the College. Please ensure that students are not coming to school with gum.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 8th March – Year 3 First Aid
- Wednesday 10th March – PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day (Select students)
- Wednesday 10th March – Year 3 Athletics Australia
- Friday 12th March – Social Justice Mass at 9am (Years 7 and 10)
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th March – Bullying Awareness Week
- Wednesday 17th March – Year 3 Athletics Australia
- Friday 19th March – St Joseph Mass at 9am (Years 2 and 6)
- Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th March – Year 9 Camp
- Friday 26th March – Mass at 9am for Years 1 and 5
- Friday 26th March – Stations of the Cross at 11:30am (Years 7-10)
- Wednesday 31st March – Holy Week Mass at 9am (Years 4 and 7)
- **Holy Thursday 1st April – Term 1 Ends**

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ George Taouk, Clara Boulos, Zachariah Cortese (Year 2)

Bronze Awards:

Silver Awards:

Principal's Awards:

ALSO THIS WEEK...

Kindergarten learn about God's house



School Photos

Our two photo days went off without a hitch, thanks to Ms Doreen Al Asmar and her fantastic organisational skills.

Parents are still able to order the individual photos of their children and extra copies of any family photos taken over the two days.

To order online, please visit <https://www.leadingimage.com.au/>, Click on the tab 'Order Your School Photos', Choose 'New South Wales', Enter the School's Access Key (8ZAH3FYR) and your email address.



Year 2 Purple learnt about Aboriginal dot painting and created their own!



Kindy Rose have fun learning about patterns



The first of the Religion Sessions that are designed to increase faith in our students.



Peer Support Activities During Pastoral Today



Here are some more photos of Pastoral lessons held this morning



In this room, we don't do easy. We make easy happen through hard work and learning. – Anon

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

Dear Parents,

You may recall that parents of Maronite College of the Holy Family have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series for Term 1, 2021. The recent webinar was on **Time Management - how to end the battle over homework deadlines, study schedules and prioritisation**. It aired live on Wednesday 24th February, but you can [access the replay](#) below.

Additionally, the next webinar is on **Tech Devices - setting boundaries and promoting self-regulation with teens**. The webinar will help to answer your questions around 'how much screen-time is too much', how to create positive habit-loops with your child, and what apps and technology you can use to help your child, rather than hinder them. You can register for that [event here](#).

Webinar replay

📺 Watch the [Time Management webinar here](#).

🔗 Download the [resources here](#).

[Join the next webinar](#) 🗳️

The webinar is run **live online from 6pm – 7pm** where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

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

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