



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - Week 7: Friday 12th March 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week commenced with Clean Up Australia Day on Monday, 8th March. This day was a 'No Rubbish Day' for the students in the Primary. The students were encouraged to pack their lunch using the least amount of packaging. Bins were measured after break times and the class with the least amount of rubbish was awarded a Certificate.

On Wednesday, 10th March the Parent's Association held their Annual General Meeting to start off for the year. We also had the 1st of the College Tours for the year. Selected students participated in the NSWCCC Volleyball Competition, PDSSSC Touch Gala Day and the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival this week.

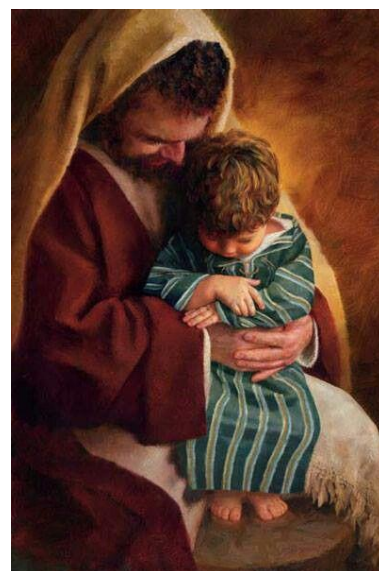
Today Years 7 & 10 celebrated Mass for Social Justice. It has been a busy week with many activities taking place. Hoping you all have a very blessed weekend.

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

Bullying Awareness Week

This week our College will be hosting our annual Bullying Awareness Week. There will be a range of activities and events throughout the week to promote a bullying free environment at the College. The week will conclude with a splash of orange day for students to coincide with the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Harmony Day. There are various fact sheets on bullying which can be accessed online. Fact sheets translated in Arabic are also available through the link below:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/fact-sheets/translated-fact-sheets#arabic>



Students Morning Arrival to the College – 5 Loaves Café

I would like to clarify and remind parents/guardians that when students arrive to the College in the mornings, students are permitted to purchase breakfast from 5 Loaves Café. However, students have been instructed that they are to make their way to the College with their breakfast immediately after purchasing (only exception if a student is accompanied by their parent/guardian). The College has a duty of care for students, therefore, they must immediately make their way to the College grounds. Students who fail to adhere to this will be addressed accordingly.

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.

Changes to Fees and Billing Procedures

Please be advised that the College will be billing parents on one statement for elective subjects, excursions and activities. This procedure has commenced this year to ensure all fees are identified on the one statement.

Term 1 College Tour

On Wednesday 10th March 2021, the College held its first College Tour for the year. We welcomed 7 families for the tour who observed our classrooms and facilities. The next tour will be held in Term 2. For bookings or more information, please contact Georgette Baini or email media@mchf.nsw.edu.au



Sun Smart Policy – No Hat, No Play!

Commencing Term 2, the College will be placing a strong emphasis on students wearing hats when outdoors. The no hat, no play rule will be imposed to all primary and secondary students. Students, especially secondary students, are required to wear their hats at break times otherwise will be required to sit out in a shaded area. Hats can be purchased from the College Shop near the Main Administration.

2021 Parent Association Committee

The Parent Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 10th March 2021. During this AGM, the new committee for 2021 was finalised. We congratulate and welcome our new committee:

- ★ Chairperson – Mary Bechara
- ★ Deputy Chairperson – Dian Tannous
- ★ Secretary – Abir Merheb
- ★ Treasurer – Fabiolla Kanaan

We thank our previous committee for their hard work and commitment in the association.

We welcome the new members to the PA and we look forward to working with our new committee and the approximately 50 members for 2021.



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.

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

A reminder that the pickup zone on Alice Street is a maximum 2-minute stay area. It is vital that no parent/guardian is to double park along Alice Street waiting for other cars to leave as other cars and buses are being held up. You must make your way to the Church Car Park or drive around. Please consider and respect others.

Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal



PRIMARY NEWS

Parent communication regarding your child is always welcomed at the College. Any issues that you would like to raise about your child should first be directed to the class teacher via email or phone to the Main Administration Office. The class teacher can then work with parents to discuss and resolve any of the concerns raised. If the teacher feels a resolution has not been met, they will then advise the Leader of Learning for their Stage and if necessary, the Head of Primary. Whilst some parents may feel that escalating their concerns directly to the Principal is appropriate, this may not result in the best outcome. This process ensures issues are heard and discussed by the most appropriate person. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Clean up Australia Day

To raise awareness of Clean up Australia Day, MCHF held a 'no rubbish' day on Monday. This initiative was 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 we can have on our environment. Special awards were handed out to classes in recognition of the extra effort they demonstrated on the day. Well done everyone.



Learning Centre Fun

Classes from Kindergarten to Year 3 participate in weekly lessons specifically designed to enhance their library skills and promote a love of reading. This week, Kindergarten students were entranced as Ms LeMerle read the story, *Possum Goes to School*. After discussing the story, everyone had the opportunity to create their own

character puppet. What a fun way to learn!



Prayer Groups

Prayer Groups are held three times a week during Primary lunch breaks. This week, Ms Rizk's group focused their prayers on St Joseph before completing a special activity in honour of his 150th anniversary of Sainthood.



First Aid

Over the past few weeks, all classes from Kindergarten to Year 3 have participated in the St Johns Ambulance First Aid Program. The students gained essential knowledge and life skills through the practical experiences they were provided. Next term, students from Year 4 to Year 6 will be given the opportunity to partake in this program. Thank you to Ms Kartabani for organising this valuable learning experience for our Primary students.



Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to April Zdrilic and Joseph Assi who competed at the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival this week. Both students are to be commended for their superb effort. Joseph Assi was placed 1st in 50m Breaststroke and will now represent our College at the State Championships.

Thank You

Parramatta City Titans are always willing to assist the Primary Department in our sporting endeavours. They

assist with NRL sporting programs, make generous donations of equipment as well as supply the trophy for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. We are thankful for their continued support.



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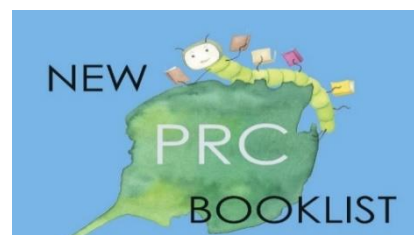
Toys at School

A reminder that students are not to bring toys of any kind with them to use at school. 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.

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 Term 1 booklist update is now complete, with over 200 new books added to the PRC lists. Students can search these new lists for books to read, add books to their reading logs and track their progress along the way. The closing date of the Challenge is Friday 20th August.

<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. All students wishing to attend must provide a signed permission slip to their class teacher each Monday morning.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews will be held at the College on Tuesday 23rd March in the Secondary Hall. This is a compulsory night for parents and students to attend. Students must attend in their school uniform and bookings will close on Monday 22nd March at 3:30pm.

A letter has been placed on the SkoolBag app and all students in Year 12 were sent home with a copy on Wednesday.

Edrolo

Year 12 will be commencing a trial from next week through to the end of term 2 with an online resource company called Edrolo.

WHAT IS EDROLO?

As [shown in this video](#), Edrolo offers:

- Syllabus-aligned video theory, designed by experienced teachers.
- Exam style questions paired with exemplar answers, marking criteria and comprehensive video solutions - targeting misconceptions and focused on earning top marks.
- Real-time data to target teaching at students' point of need.
- A very wide [range of courses](#).

Reminders

Gum is not allowed on College grounds, any students found to be chewing gum will be issued with a detention.

Swearing has become a common issue at the College this year and we do not condone any sort of inappropriate language. Students have been spoken with to make it clear that part of our theme of respect for this year includes respecting each other when conversing. We ask that all students think before they speak and remove any poor language from their vocabulary, sanctions will apply to students who do not adhere to this request.

There is a large amount of lost property that has been handed in and not been claimed. Students were told on Monday to check lost property for any items they may have misplaced. Any item still there by next Monday will be donated to charity.

Year 8 English *(Pictured Right)*

Year 8.1 English students are excelling in their efforts to analyse Australian poems. The ideas, the structure and the poetic devices are all expertly analysed - so much so that each student cannot wait to show their understanding! Tercets, metaphors, sibilance anyone? Ask Year 8.1 English who will be able to explain their meanings.



Year 8 Tech

Mrs Botros Year 8 Tech Class put their smart garden micro bit temperature and moisture reading devices to the test! They were able to determine the type of care their garden beds needed based on the reading their micro-bits gave. They programmed their micro-bits using python coding language.



Year 9 Science *(Pictured below-left)*

9.5 Science with Miss El Hawzi learning about the parts and functions of a brain. They completed a brain dissection!



Year 9 Maths *(Pictured above-right)*

9.5 Maths with Miss El Hawzi summarising what they have learnt so far this term with a math's questions scavenger hunt! Look at them go!

Year 9-12 Art Excursion

Year 9-12 Visual Arts Elective students attended an excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW this week. Students viewed the ArtExpress Exhibition showcasing selected HSC artworks from students across NSW schools. The exhibition displayed works that received high accolades in HSC Visual Arts 2020 and demonstrated the high standard of artistic practice in Stage 6 Visual Art artmaking. Students engaged with works from a wide range of forms including photographic, digital media, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, and painting. It was an enjoyable and educational experience for both students and staff.



Year 12 Studies of Religion

The Year 12 Studies of Religion excursion to North Shore Jewish Synagogue was an eye-opening experience involving explanations of key HSC content by Rabbi Lewin, interactions with Sacred Scripture and a wonderful opportunity for students to engage respectfully with the Jewish faith, which Pope Francis describes as the "sacred roots" of our "Christian identity" (Evangelii Gaudium, 247).



Year 12 HSC Writing Workshop

Year 12 students attending their first HSC Writing Workshop. They are learning how to improve on their essay writing skills, to understand NESA verbs and how to deconstruct HSC questions. Thank you to the students who took the initiative to attend and better their writing. We hope to see more Year 12 students next Thursday morning at 8am.



Bullying Awareness Week

Next week we have our Bullying Awareness Week. There will be activities on every day for students to participate in, the program for the week can be found below.

On Friday the 19th

March students are able to wear a 'splash of orange' with their normal school uniform. This may be an orange ribbon in their hair, wristbands, lanyards, socks etc. It is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Harmony Day and the feast of St Joseph and this theme will be tied in with the focus for the week.

There will also be a bake sale on Friday 19th March in both the A and B/C Block Playground at recess and lunch.

All Week Secondary Initiatives

- **Prayer Boxes:** Write a prayer to be read over PA announcements during week 8. The box is located in the C-Block office
- **Poster Competition:** Design your anti-bullying poster and hand in to Mrs Abdul Ahad. Prizes to be won! Winning poster will be on display in the admin office.
- **Writing Competition:** Write a poem on bullying – email this to Ms Swamy – prizes to be won!
- **Design Competition:** Design a bullying image to be printed on a mouse pad – winner will have their design printed.

Special Secondary Events

Monday 15th March 2021:

- Screening of 'Cyberbully' movie to be shown during lunch in the LC
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be presenting at morning assembly

Tuesday 16th March 2021:

- Mass will be celebrated in the College Chapel from 8am
- Short film on bullying will be played during morning homeroom
- Screening of 'Cyberbully' movie to be shown during lunch in the LC

Wednesday 17th March 2021:

- Short film on bullying will be played during morning homeroom
- St Joseph's activities in homeroom
- Kahoot Quiz in the Learning Centre during lunch

Thursday 18th March 2021:

- Mass will be celebrated in the College Chapel from 8am

Friday 19th March 2021:

- Splash of ORANGE for all students
- Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated through a morning liturgy
- SRC will hold a cake stall to celebrate the week
- Bullying drama club students will be presenting to students in K-8
- Rosary and hymns in the Chapel at lunch led by the year 12 Liturgy Prefects

New to the Library

Catch Up With Top Achievers: 2020 HSC and Beyond is a collection of articles written by the best performing HSC students in the State

- HSC State Rankers.

Students reflect on the reality of what it is to be a student, and how to best succeed in the HSC whilst still maintaining a sense of balance.

Some key questions addressed include:

WHAT were their strategies for success?

HOW did they cope with the stress?

WHY did they work so hard?

Everything in this book is up to date with the **NEW** NESA HSC Syllabus. There's also an added **Subject Cheat Sheet** at the end of each chapter

Project Compassion

We are 4 weeks into our Project Compassion fundraiser for 2021.

The theme for Project Compassion this year is **BE MORE**.

We are inspired by the quote from St Oscar Romero, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Instead of aspiring to have more, we can focus on how we can BE more kind, more green, more involved, more aware, more giving. This Lent, let us consider how we can 'BE MORE' for our neighbours around the world.

A reminder that donations can be in cash or online. Students can scan the code with their phone (only with permission from their teacher) to donate online.



If each student in Secondary brings in \$1 a day that's almost \$600 a day, x 5 days, x 6 weeks that's \$18 000. The proceeds will be split with half going to Lebanon and half going to the Australian Caritas Appeal.

By supporting Project Compassion, you can help people to have what they need to live a healthy and happy life.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ 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:

- ★ Isaac Maalouf, Grace Salem (Year 2)

Bronze Awards:

Silver Awards:

Principal's Awards:

ALSO THIS WEEK...

Kindy learn how to tie shoe laces 😊



Thank you to Kristina Ishak for explaining the issues of Child Marriage, within India, to the Year 12 Society and Culture class.



Students study groups, 8:10am in the Secondary Learning Centre



Inter Girls and Boys Volleyball Representative Sport – Playing hard for the College



Year 12 listening to a UAC talk explaining ATAR calculations, early entry offers, and how to apply for university



PARENT CORNER



Donations of Easter Eggs or Hampers required for our Easter Raffle!

If you would like to donate, please send the items with your child to the Main Administration

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Emergency Department has moved into the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building. Don't worry though, it's still accessible via the main Hospital building, or you can park underneath. The Hospital has created some FAQs (provided below) in case you want to know more.

Where is the new building located?

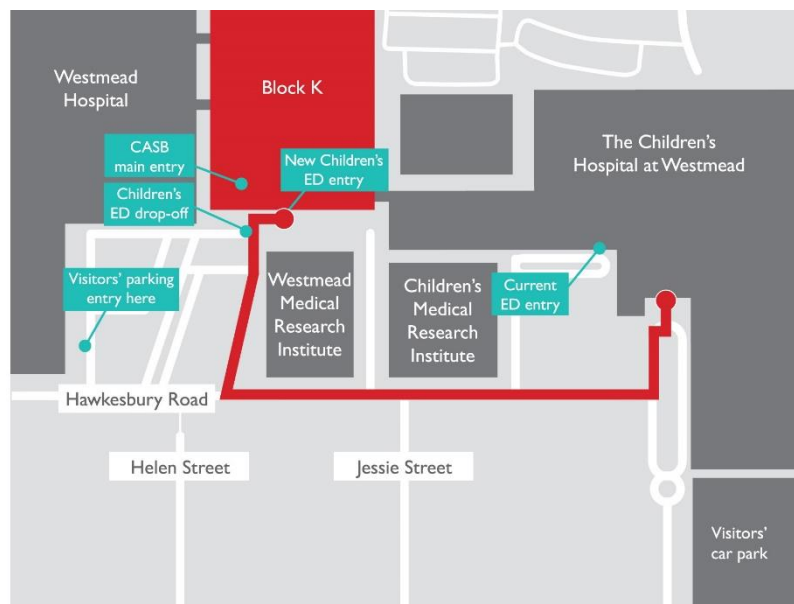
- ★ Block K is located between The Children's Hospital at Westmead and Westmead Hospital. The main entrance is off Hawkesbury Road - look for the 'Westmead Health Precinct' sign on the side of the building.
- ★ The building is just a few minutes' walk from our existing main entry, back up Hawkesbury Road, in the direction of Westmead Station.

Which Children's departments are moving into Block K?

- ★ Emergency Department
- ★ Children's Short Stay Unit
- ★ Additional Medical Imaging service
- ★ Additional Pharmacy service
- ★ Additional digital operating theatres – operating theatres are part of the staged approach to opening services and will not open on day one

Are the Children's services open in the new building?

- ★ The Children's services in Block K, including our Emergency Department, Children's Short Stay Unit, Medical imaging and Pharmacy services, is now open to patients.



Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building.

How do visitors access Block K?

- ★ Stay indoors: From the Hospital main entrance, follow the red signs to our two main lifts. Take the lift to level three and travel left along the linkway. Once you reach the multi-coloured windows, continue on until you reach the Children's Emergency on your right.
- ★ Get some fresh air: Exit the existing hospital building and turn right down Hawkesbury Road. Block K's green plaza and main entry is on your right - look for the 'Entrance 10' sign.

Where can visitors accessing Block K park?

- ★ Additional parking can be found directly underneath the new Children's Emergency Department, in P5. Enter via the new building's main entry driveway and take the ramp down. P5 has 250 parking spaces for visitors.

Is there a dedicated drop-off zone at the Children's Emergency entrance for parents and visitors?

- ★ There is a 15-minute drop-off and pick-up zone outside the Children's Emergency Department entrance.
- ★ There is also a dedicated drop-off and pick-up zone for patients with Mobility Parking Scheme permits in the same location.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 **Tech Devices - setting boundaries and promoting self-regulation with teens**. It aired live on Wednesday 10th March, but you can [access the replay](#) below.

The next webinar is on Wednesday 24th March, and covers [Note Making Strategies – how to favour understanding over rote](#). You can register for that event below.

Webinar replay

📺 Watch the [Tech 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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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 Bains if you have issues – 9633 6600.



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