



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Mother's Day to our Mums



Today, the students from Kindergarten to Year 2 celebrated Mass for Mother's Day. Mass was celebrated in the Recreation Room of the Youth Centre due to work being carried out in the Church. The students in Year 2 had the honour of preparing this special Mass. Following the Mass there was a special presentation for all our mothers in the Primary Hall. We wish all our Mothers and all the Mother's at our College a very blessed day with their families. May God bless you with joy and love.

Mother's Day Prayer
Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



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

May – Model of Workers

We must not simply intend love; we must labour to fulfil love's demands. Beneficence, labouring for the good of another, in Joseph's case was direct labour for God. Working in Adam's curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

COVID Intensive Learning Support Program Funding

The College has received funding towards providing an intensive learning support program for students following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the program is to deliver targeted and intensive small-group support to both Primary and Secondary students. It will be carried out by specialist staff and focus on students' specific learning goals. Students selected to participate in this program will be notified

and a letter will be sent to parents/guardians.

The program will commence in Week 5 – Monday 17th May 2021. The program will be coordinated by Ms Vivian Mallia. The College welcomes the following staff members who have been employed to deliver this program:

- Ms Clare Goodfellow (Secondary)
- Ms Louisa Khamis (Secondary)
- Ms Georgiana Tannous (Secondary)
- Ms Sandra Khouri (Secondary)
- Ms Connie Zouein (Primary)
- Ms Norma Achmar Noujaim (Primary)

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) – Kindergarten Students

In early 2021, our College, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The census gathers data on Kindergarten students.



The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Kindy students don't miss any class time, and parents/guardians don't need to supply the College with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/Guardians don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. A letter has been sent to the parents/guardians of all kindy students with further information.

New College Website

The College has been working on developing a new and improved website. The redesigned website is scheduled to go live next week.



Wellbeing Wednesday

Our much popular Wellbeing Wednesday initiative is coming up in Week 5 – Wednesday 19th May 2021. Staff and students will celebrate this day which will include various events and initiatives to promote wellbeing.



Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal

PRIMARY NEWS



Today we celebrated Mother's Day with a special mass prepared by the Year 2 teachers and Arabic staff. It was a wonderful celebration honouring all mothers. Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students then sang a beautiful song in the Primary Hall before a cake was cut. Parents also enjoyed a presentation with messages of love from all Primary students. I wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy day on Sunday.

Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones
and the small,
A mother's love
and tenderness
Is the greatest
of them all.





Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall was a great success again this year. Our students had a variety of wonderful gifts to choose from and were excited to pick the perfect present for their mum. A big thank you to Mrs Mary Bechara for organising the event and to all the parents who assisted in the purchasing, wrapping, and selling of the gifts. Your dedication to our College is much appreciated.



As always, the Mother's Day Raffle was a popular event with many Primary students purchasing tickets in the hope of winning one of the many prizes on offer. Congratulations to the lucky students who took home an extra special gift for mum.

1. Christian Taouk (K Red) - Rosary for life
2. Jacinta Sassine (2 Purple) - Mum Cookie Cake
3. Emmanuel Bazouni (2 Jade) - \$50 voucher
4. Charbel Adam (4 Olive) - \$50 Voucher
5. William Taouk (6 Indigo) - Stone Necklace
6. Jacob Tawadrous (2 Jade) - Stone Necklace
7. Isaiah Tawadrous (1 Lilac) - Flower Arrangement

Learning Centre News

The Primary Learning Centre is always a hive of activity and this week has been no exception. On Monday we received a special delivery of some 'Living Eggs'. These eggs are part of the Year 2 Science program which involves the students learning all about life cycles. Each day the students have been able to observe and discuss the necessary requirements for the eggs to hatch, the changes that they have seen in the eggs and the developmental stages of a chicken's growth including what they need to survive. It is also an opportunity for our young students to develop their analytical and data collecting skills as outlined in the Science Syllabus. Students and teachers from other grades have also benefited from the excitement of our new fluffy friends.



Student Allergies

Peanut allergy is one of the most common allergies suffered by children in Australia. Those with this allergy may experience mild to severe reactions if they were to have even the slightest contact with peanuts. This means that a child may suffer a reaction by simply touching a container or table where nuts had been. Please assist the College by ensuring your child does not bring any nuts to school or any food that contains traces of nuts. If your child has been recently diagnosed with any form of allergy, we ask that you please update their medical details at the main office.

Mobile Devices at School

There has been an increasing number of students wearing Smart watches to school. The need for these expensive items to be brought to school is not necessary for Primary students and it is advised that they are to be left at home each day. If there is a pressing necessity for your child to bring such a device to school, please supply a note to their class teacher so that they are made aware. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Student Attendance

Regular absences, whether for the whole day or part of the day have a detrimental effect on your child's learning. Being late to school or leaving early also has similar effects to a student's academic progress. We understand that at times appointments for a specialist and the like are unavoidable, but these need to be planned and if possible, should occur outside of school hours. Collecting students early from school for reasons such as avoiding traffic, is not permissible.

Holy Communion Preparation

We continue to keep the Year 4 students and their families in our prayers as they approach their First Holy Communion day which will be celebrated on Saturday 22nd May at 10:30 am. A note providing final details, was sent home to parents today.

NAPLAN

A reminder that our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN next week. Further details on the dates and how you can assist your child prepare for the National Assessment can be found below.

Homework Club

Homework Club occurs each Monday after school for students in Years 2-6. Students wishing to attend are asked to have enough homework to complete during the hour session. A detailed note with an attached permission slip, is available from the Primary Administration Office. Students are asked to hand the signed permission slip to their class teacher each Monday morning.

Keys to Success

Positive behaviour is an important aspect of student welfare. At MCHF, the **Keys to Success** program promotes the qualities of Persistence, Kindness, Honesty, Courage, Patience and Reverence. Students who display these qualities consistently will receive a token to acknowledge their effort. Awards are received after 6 tokens have been accumulated. There are four awards to obtain in total. These include:

1. **All Rounder Award** – Awarded in class
2. **Bronze Award** – Awarded in class
3. **Silver Award** – Awarded at morning assembly
4. **Principal's Award** – awarded at end of term assembly

School Uniform

A reminder to all families that full winter uniform is to be worn from next Monday 10th May. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles that comply with school expectations. Boys hair must be kept short without excessive hair product used. For girls, long hair must be tied back using appropriate hair accessories. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Students are to wear our school hat when outside. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name and class. This makes for the easy return of items if they are misplaced. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

*Wishing all mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day!
May Sunday be a day of blessings for you all.
For all our mums in Heaven, we pray that God will keep them safe.*



Year 7 2022 Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday night we held our inaugural Year 7 Parent Information Evening. The Secondary Leadership Team presented to all Year 6 parents about the transition to secondary school and what families need to do to help with this transition. After the presentation, Year 6 students and their parents had the opportunity to explore a number of stalls showcasing our secondary subjects, secondary uniforms, our BYOD policy and what to expect from curriculum and pastoral care in the high school. Our Year 12 Hospitality class put on a beautiful spread, providing drinks, tea, coffee and finger foods for everyone and we had some Year 7 volunteers come on the night to share their experiences of high school so far and to talk to Year 6 students and their families. A big thank you to all the staff and students involved in making this night a success.



Anime Book Club

Anime Book club has officially started! The meetings will be held every Friday during lunch in the Learning Centre. The new anime/manga books that the Learning Centre have purchased were released this week and first priority for borrowing was given to club members.

NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN will be held next Tuesday 11th May-Thursday 13th May for all students in Years 7 and 9. The exams will be conducted in the Secondary Hall and Ms Dalla has emailed all students the exam timetable, what you need to bring and the expectations for exams. Any student who misses



an exam will do a catch-up exam on Friday 14th May.

Mock Trial

Thank you to Mr Youssef Maksisi, Principal Director of Maksisi Lawyers for taking time out of his busy day to meet with the MCHF MOCK TRIAL team today helping prepare them and enriching them with valuable skills. We wish the team the best of luck in preparing for their next trial alter on in the month.



Year 10 Work Experience

Our students in Year 10 will be participating in work experience from the 8th of November to the 12th November 2021. They are looking for a wide range of experiences in different industries. If you know of anyone who is willing to offer positions for our students, please email Mrs Boustani at cboustani@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 Maths

Ms McCluskey's Year 7 Maths class took up the challenge of drawing the logos of their favourite football teams using coordinates and the number plane which they have been learning in class. Some pretty impressive efforts by the students!



Year 7 Intense HSIE Challenge

Congratulations to all Year 7s that took part in the 2-Day INTENSE HSIE CHALLENGE.

I was so impressed with the quality of work that was submitted in such a small period of time. The submissions were extremely creative showcasing calligraphy, dioramas, lego city creations, Roman garments, World War I battle scenes, medieval menus and meals (which were delicious by the way), to mummifications and so much more.

The winning prize was a WORLD SAFARI BOARD GAME as well as a warm McDonald's meal to eat during lunch in front of their envious peers. Congratulations to Leila Bou Melhem on winning FIRST PRIZE! The creation of her hand made kimono (historical creation) is fabulous!

Thank you again to all those that took part in the challenge. Showing the initiative makes you all winners.

- Mrs Esber



Year 10 History (Below-Left)

Year 10 History students took a trip back in time with their Pop Culture topics. They looked at influences from

Britain and USA, assessing the impact of Popular Culture developments on Australia in the post war era.



Year 12 Society and Culture (Above-Right)

This week, the Year 12 Society & Culture class were introduced to POP CULTURE. They loved playing records and figuring out how to use the phone.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

NAPLAN 2021

Each year, students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The schedule below lists the dates and exams to be completed.

Date	Assessment
Tuesday - 11th May	Language Conventions
Tuesday - 11th May	Writing
Wednesday - 12th May	Reading
Thursday - 13th May	Numeracy

How can I help my son/daughter during NAPLAN time?

- As a parent, one thing that you can do is to keep your child calm. Reassure them that NAPLAN is designed to see where they are at from a literacy and numeracy perspective compared to other students in their age group in Australia.
- Remind them that every child in Australia in their Year group are doing these tests, so they are not alone.
- Ensure that they are at school and sit each examination as a formal roll needs to be sent back for statistical purposes.
- Put screen time to good use. Download apps that encourage students to use their numeracy and literacy skills, rather than just gaming.
- Take an interest in how they are going with their preparation.

How will my son/daughter sit the tests?

These tests will be completed on Paper and will have designated time frames to complete them. Class teachers will notify Primary students of times. For Year 7 and 9 students, a timetable listing all details will be emailed once it is complete.

What will my son/daughter need for the tests?

- A 2B pencil
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- calculator (for the calculator part of the numeracy test - for Years 7 and 9 only)
- a blank sheet of paper for each test (i.e. 3 blank pieces of paper- for Years 7 and 9 only)

- ★ Tuesday 11th May – Year 11 (2022) Subject Selection Evening
- ★ Friday 14th May – Mass for Years 4, 8 and 10 Students
- ★ Monday 17th May to Thursday 20th May – Year 10 Half Yearly Exams
- ★ Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th May – Kindergarten (2022) Interviews
- ★ Wednesday 19th May – Wellbeing Wednesday
- ★ Friday 21st May – Feast of the Pentecost Mass for Years 3, 5 and 6 Students
- ★ Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th May – Years 7 and 8 Half Yearly Exams
- ★ Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th June – Year 9 Half Yearly Exams
- ★ Wednesday 2nd June – COLLEGE TOUR (Please contact Georgette Baini to book, Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

★★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Joyce Sassine, Gabriel Charbel Nakhoul (Kindy)
- ★ Tony El Asmar, Dany Sakr (Year 2)
- ★ John Daher, Christean Boumina, Nicolas Atie, Julian Basnet, Sophia Ghabache, Elie Tawk, Christian El Khoury, Jaden Harmouche, Theresa Bassil, Charbel Sleiman (Year 3)
- ★ Annalise Khoury (Year 5)
- ★ Adrian Harb, Chanelle Coorey (Year 12)

ALSO THIS WEEK...

Sr Marlene teaches Kindy how to pray the Rosary in our College Chapel.



Kindergarten Red loved creating simple picture graphs using hands on materials and interpreting the data during today's Maths lesson 😊



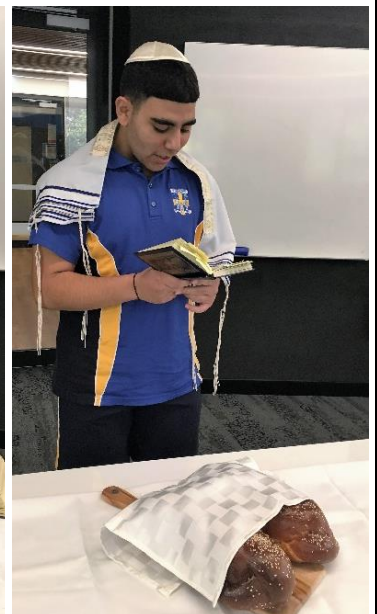
Year 11 CAFS work on Gender Expectations



Guided by their teacher, Ms Pather, Year 12 VET Hospitality students worked hard at making all the delicious nibbilies, served at the Year 7(2022) Information Evening last Wednesday night.



Miss Sharbeen's Year 11 Studies of Religion students, learning about Jewish Shabbat.





PARENT CORNER

PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

TERM 2, 2021

#1 | TIME MANAGEMENT

Does your child procrastinate? Do they cram for tests last-minute? Then this is the webinar to tune into. Students lead busy lives, and you can help them achieve balance by working smarter, not harder.

#2 | MEMORY AND FOCUS

Learn why rote learning is ineffective and how your child can harness more advanced memory techniques to deepen their revision.

#3 | EXAM PREPARATION

Exam preparation – what should students be doing and when? Join us to learn what how the top performing students prepare for exams and the type of study that should be prioritised in the lead up to exams.

#4 | STRESS AND WELLBEING

School can be stressful and finding a school-life balance can seem overwhelming at times. In this webinar we will dive into the neuroscience behind stress and give you practical strategies to help support your child during the tougher periods to keep overwhelm at bay.

✓ Live Q&A ✓ Resources & Planners ✓ Community Support

TERM 2 Webinar Dates

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<https://vimeo.com/542947277/572b1c7cdb>

For upcoming webinars - Registration is essential and is free for parents of Maronite College of the Holy Family.
[You can register by clicking here.](#)

Each webinar is run **live, online, from 7pm – 8pm (AEST)** where the presenter will share Elevate's research findings 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.

Go to app search on your phone:

- Download the SkoolBag app
- Create an account
- Add your school - **When you are searching for the College, the school does not automatically show up when you start typing the name. Type in *Maronite* and **press enter** for the school name to appear.**

Please contact Georgette Bains if you have issues – 9633 6600.

2021 BYOD Portal

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