



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 - Week 4: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This week the students from Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 participated in NAPLAN. We wish them all the best with their results. A special thankyou to all the teachers who have been preparing the students for these tests.

The students in Year 4 have been busy practicing for their First Holy Communion which will take place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. We wish them all of God's grace as they prepare for this wonderful event in their lives.

Over the next few weeks, the secondary students will be commencing their half yearly examinations. I ask all parents to please make sure that they have a suitable environment where they will be able to study free from noise and distractions.

Finally, I would like to ask you all to join in prayer for all the special intentions during this Blessed month of May. Pope Francis has announced this month of May, the month of Mary, will have each day dedicated to a shrine all over the world.

On Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of May the shrine being honoured is Saint Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) and the prayer intention is for **all victims of violence and human trafficking**

Prayer is the medicine for all difficult and happy times. I urge you all to please pray a decade of the rosary everyday as a family. Make this a daily occurrence in your home.



### PRAYER

**The most powerful weapon against trial.  
The most effective medicine against sickness and  
The most valuable gift to someone you love.**

*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

### Wellbeing Wednesday

Our highly anticipated Wellbeing Wednesday is now a K-12 initiative and we are excited to host this event to promote the importance of wellbeing at the College. This term's Wellbeing Wednesday will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This will be a mufti day for our students and there are a range of activities and initiatives planned for the students and staff. We look forward to celebrating this important event an initiative next week!

### Volunteering at MCHF

The College has received a high level of response from volunteers who wish to contribute at the College. The College is offering volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- Assisting teachers in specialist spaces – such as Learning Centres and Sport
- Assisting in College events that occur throughout the year where needed
- Assisting with administrative tasks – such as laminating, photocopying, class displays, preparing resources
- Assisting with examination supervision
- Joining the Parent Association and assisting with their events and initiatives

All volunteers are required to complete the online induction and WWCC documentation submitted to the College before commencing volunteering. The link to the online induction is below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Riy53dVPHkqKkNkQ7G7ifQuiTSh1JOyNjK0U6FeWMesFUNDQ4NzBUNjk2MEpIWTBxVUhaU1k0TENZSi4u>

### New College Website

We are proud to announce that our new College website is now live! We hope you enjoy the new and improved website.

The screenshot shows the website header with contact information: (02) 9633 6600 and info@mchf.nsw.edu.au. The main navigation includes Home Page, About MCHF, Teaching and Learning, Extra-Curricular, Enrolment, Employment, and Community. The main content area features a large image of students in a science lab with the text "ENROLMENT INFORMATION" overlaid. Below the image, it states: "MCHF exists to support parents in the education of their children. The College therefore values this partnership that it has with its parents. We aim to provide this education within the Maronite Tradition. Parents who intend to enrol their children at the College are asked to make an appointment to see the Principal, Sr Irene..." There is a "Read More..." button and navigation arrows.

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Assistant Principal**

The poster is blue with yellow decorative elements. It features the Maronite College of the Holy Family logo at the top. The text reads: "WELLBEING WEDNESDAY", "Term 2, Week 5", "Wednesday 19th May 2021", "MUFTI DAY (GOLD COIN DONATION)", and "VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DAY!".



## PRIMARY NEWS

This week, students around the country completed the NAPLAN standardised assessment. The data provided by these standardised assessments provides the opportunity to analyse individual student growth, identify specific areas of next step learning and ascertain learning trends across the school. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a series of assessments conducted at one point of time in a student's learning year. The data collected from the results is used in conjunction with ongoing class assessment to enable specific teaching and learning opportunities to be designed to the needs of the students.

Preparing for NAPLAN is an ongoing process which occurs during every year of a student's schooling. I would like to thank all staff who work hard to provide learning opportunities to enhance our students' knowledge and skills so that they are well-equipped to complete assessments such as NAPLAN. A special thank you to our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers who ensured that our students were prepared for this week's assessments. Our students are also congratulated for remaining calm each day and focusing on doing their best.



### Parent Communication

A reminder that we are nearing the midpoint of the teaching year. This means that the student reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews are fast approaching. Reports provide an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to reflect on the current progress and determine next step learning goals. Any questions or concerns you may currently have about your child's learning or progress should not be left until the end of term interviews. These should be discussed with your child's teacher as required so that you are always kept up to date.

### Learning Centre

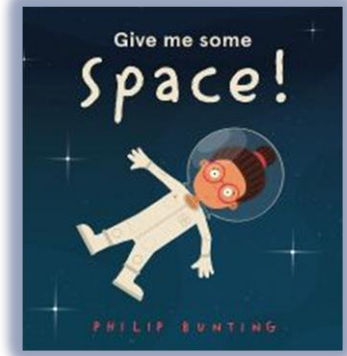
Students from Kindergarten to Year 3 participate in a Library Skills Program aimed at developing essential literacy skills. This week, Ms LeMerle shared the story, 'The Frog Olympics' by Brian Moses, with each Year 3 class. They had loads of fun by providing actions to the text as it was read. Students then had the opportunity to complete an activity based on the story.





## National Simultaneous Storytime

Now in its 21st successful year, *National Simultaneous Storytime* aims to promote the importance and value of reading and literacy. To achieve this, an Australian picture book is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, and other places around the country. This year's chosen book is, 'Give Me Some Space' written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. The event will be conducted on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Students will not only enjoy the story but will also be able to complete some fun activities related to the book. Thanks to Ms LeMerle for registering our College in the event again this year.



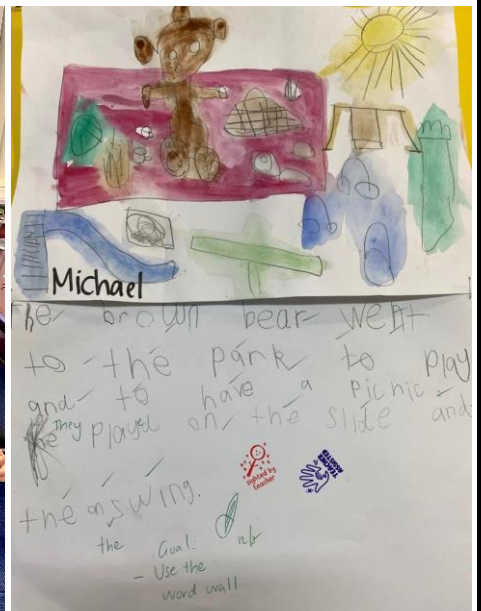
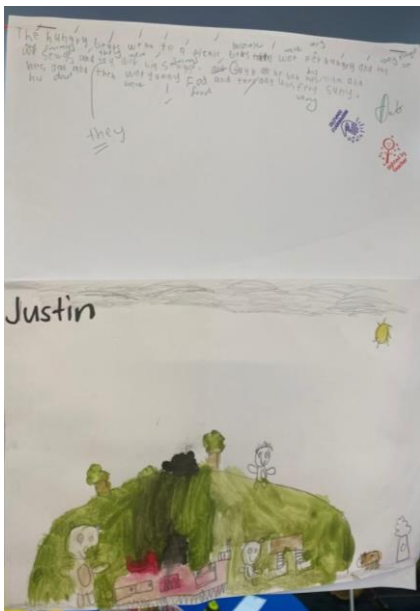
## Holy Communion Preparation

This week, Sr Marlene continued to assist preparing our Year 4 students for their First Holy Communion by talking to them about the Seven Sacraments. The students were engaged in the information presented to them.



## Writing Superstars (Below-Centre)

This week, an excited and very proud group of Kindergarten students arrived at Sr Irene's office to show her the fantastic work they had completed. Sr Irene loved looking at their artwork and hearing the students read their stories. She was very impressed with each student's writing ability, creativity, and enthusiasm towards their learning.





### **Kindergarten Artists** *(Above, Left and Right)*

This week, students from Kindy Rose demonstrated their developing reading skills by painting their predictions of the class' Shared Reading text. Ms Alweddy also put her painting shirt on so she could model some necessary artistic skills to her students. Everyone was very proud of their efforts.

### **Smart Watches 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.

### **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.

**Mr D. Day**

**Head of Primary**

## **SECONDARY NEWS**

### **Year 7 Storybook**

Mrs Fisher ran an intensive writing poetry unit on Tuesday morning with a group of Year 7 students. They mind mapped the board full of creative language and all worked together on a wonderful poem about the beach using the language of the lesson and coloured some wonderful images. All of the content ideas came directly from the students. Students involved were Ella-Marie Sukkar, Rebecca Taouk, Rafka Dagher, Melanie Awad, Khali Yaacoub and Elie Al-Ekhtiyar. We would like to congratulate these students on this wonderful achievement.

### **Year 12 Bio Excursion**

The Year 12 Biology class attended an excursion to the Museum of Human Disease at University of NSW on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. After an early morning start at 7.15am at Granville Station, the students travelled in by train and light rail (for all of them it was their first time) and arrived ready to see some confronting specimens. They attended a short lecture where the education officer showed them some diseased specimens and explained how they became that way. The students interacted well and were able to answer her questions with some great responses.

They then were free to roam the museum where they encountered many diseased body parts all preserved and displayed. They gathered information by completing their worksheets and building up some good notes to supplement their learning in the classroom. Before we returned to the College they filled up on some nice food from the eateries at the Uni before our group photo outside the University emblem. A worthwhile excursion. – *Mr A. Stillen*



### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN concluded today with the make-up exams. A big thank you to our Director of Curriculum, Ms Dalla for all her work in organizing and administering the NAPLAN exams and to all of our staff for helping to prepare our students for

these exams. A special congratulations to Year 7 for their exemplary behaviour throughout the entire duration of the exams. You were fantastic role models for the rest of the Secondary school!

### Year 11 2022 Subject Selection Evening

On Tuesday evening we held our Year 11 2022 Subject Selection Evening. Our Year 10 students and their parents listened to presentations from our Careers Advisor, Mrs Boustani and our Director of Curriculum, Ms Dalla about their options for Years 11 and 12. They then had the opportunity to visit our curriculum stalls where our KLA Coordinators and teachers were on hand to answer any questions they had regarding their subject choices or options for schooling.



On the night, students received their information packages with everything they need to complete the subject selection process. The next step is for students to ensure they join the Subject Selection Course on Teams and read the Subject Handbook. Students are also required to now make an appointment with their mentor to discuss their subject choices before making their selections.

I would like to thank Ms Dalla, the KLA Coordinators and all staff who helped with the preparation of the night, it was a success because of the time and effort they put in.



### NRMA Future of Transport Challenge

Registrations for the [NRMA Future of Transport Challenge 2021](#) are now open. This program gives students the opportunity to work on real world problems, problem solve and work collaboratively within a team.

It is a challenge for Year 7-10 students to take a closer look at the transport issues faced by Australian's and apply design thinking to create a new product/service that addresses the social, environmental and financial needs of Australians.

Registrations close on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. If any students are interested, please email Mrs Botros.



### Wednesday Lego Club

On Wednesday we held our first Lego Club in the Learning Centre. Students had the opportunity to either complete the weekly challenge, free play or collaboratively work on building the Tokyo Skyline. Lego Club will continue every Wednesday at lunchtime until the end of Term 2. All students from Years 7-12 are welcome to join anytime.



### Representative Volleyball Teams

Congratulations to all our REP Volleyball teams on winning the PDSSSC Grand Finals yesterday. MCHF is very proud of your achievements and the sportsmanship that you displayed throughout the entire competition.

Year 7/8 girls defeated St Andrews 56-43

Year 7/8 boys defeated St Andrews 60-44

Year 9/10 girls defeated St Clare 39-32

Year 9/10 boys defeated St Andrews 59-33

Well done to our teams and their teachers.



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



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Sebastian Cortese, Chanel Awad, Ava Rose Faddoul, Laya Anjoul, Maria Abed (Kindy)
- ★ Anne-Marie Ibrahim, Rachael Khalil, George Fahel, Ramone Mallouhi, Jacob Massoud, Roy Akik, Laurina Abi-Khattar, Hanna Sleiman (Year 1)
- ★ Christian Bayssari, Julianna Fenianous, Annabelle Kobayaty, Annabell Saghabi, George Tannous, Saidy Saad (Year 2)
- ★ Christian Kassis, Victoria Eskaff, Jacob Khawaja, Dylan Darjani, Christabel Fajloun, Jeana Bou Melhem, Lynn Ibrahim, Jonathan Dib, Miles Murphey, Jacob Layoun (Year 4)
- ★ Tony Khoury, Therese Sessine, Audrey Moussa, Josei Afram, Sacha Ephrem, Rita Nouh, Angelina Bechara (Year 7)

### Bronze Awards:

- ★ David Fouche, Naya Al-Ajrash, Grace Salem, Sienna Karam (Year 2)

### Silver Awards:

### Principal's Awards:

## ALSO THIS WEEK...

Kindy White Get skipping for fitness!





4 Amber had a wonderful time practicing their shot put skills as part of their physical education unit!



Chess club, this early morning, with Ms Lahoud and Mr Yager





## Year 7 Pastoral - Theology of the Body



Year 12 students participated in a Religion session, run by Mr Hayman and RE staff, involving prayerful searching through God's Word.



## PARENT CORNER

👉 PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP! 👈

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 Baini if you have issues – 9633 6600.

## PARENT WEBINARS

### 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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**Did you miss the webinar on time management? You can watch it here...**

<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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### 2021 BYOD Portal

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