



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 - Week 6: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Photo taken by SNAPIX*

I would like to thank all the Staff, Parents and Students for an amazing day last Saturday with the celebration of the First Holy Communion. Everything was perfect from start to finish. Your cooperation and dedication to the students was much appreciated.

As this blessed month of May draws to a close I would like to remind you all to keep praying the Rosary as a family.

As previously mentioned, Pope Francis announced the month of May, the month of Mary, will have each day dedicated to a shrine all over the world. Tomorrow, the shrine being honoured is Our Lady of Lebanon (Harissa) and the prayer intention is for all the consecrated men and women.

***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.



Parent communication, regarding your child, is always welcomed at the College. Any issues you would like to raise should first be directed to the class teacher, via phone or email to the Main Administration Office. At no time during this process is it acceptable for a parent to address a staff member in a disrespectful, demanding or rude manner. This includes the Administration Staff who of late, have had to deal with an increasing number of such incidents. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated. It not only contradicts our 2021 theme of 'Respect', but also provides poor role modelling to your child as well as other students at the College. All interactions in and around the College grounds must always be conducted in a calm and respectful way.

**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### College Tour

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, we will be having our Term 2 College Tour. The tour will commence at 11:30am until 12:30pm. Bookings are required. For bookings or more information, please contact Georgette Baini via email ([Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au)) or phone 9633 6600 (Ext: 2).

### Photocopying at the College

All students now have the service of printing or photocopying from the College by adding funds to their accounts. Top up cards can be purchased from the Main Administration and students can then log in to their account and top up their account.

Students will then be able to log in their details to the College photocopiers in the Learning Centres to print or photocopy. \$1, \$2 and \$5 top up cards will be available to purchase. A sample of the card is below which includes instructions on topping up their account.

### 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:

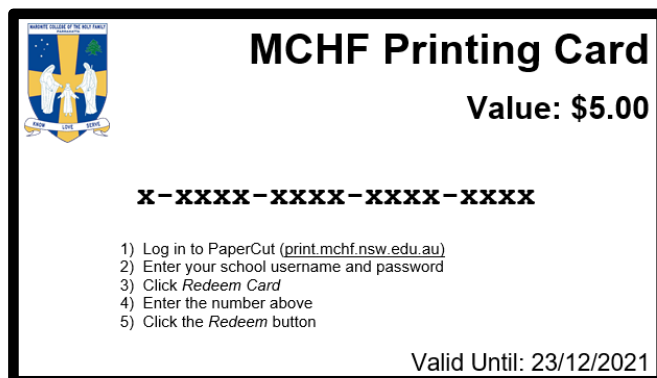
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**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Assistant Principal**



**2021 COLLEGE TOURS**  
*Includes morning tea*  
**Wednesday, 10th March 2021**  
**Wednesday, 2nd June 2021**  
**Wednesday, 25th August 2021**  
**11:30am—12:30pm**  
**College Tour and Orientation for 2022 New Families**  
*Includes morning tea*  
**Wednesday, 17th November 2021**  
*Come and take a closer look*

**For Bookings**  
Please contact Georgette Baini on 9633 6600 or  
Email: [Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au)  
Website: [www.mchf.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au)  
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**MCHF Printing Card**  
**Value: \$5.00**

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- 1) Log in to PaperCut ([print.mchf.nsw.edu.au](http://print.mchf.nsw.edu.au))
- 2) Enter your school username and password
- 3) Click *Redeem Card*
- 4) Enter the number above
- 5) Click the *Redeem* button

Valid Until: 23/12/2021

## SECONDARY NEWS

### 200 Years of Catholic Education

This week, we celebrated 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Marist Brothers Parramatta was the first catholic school in Australia. Click on the link to find out more about the history of Catholic Education in Australia. <https://200years.catholic.edu.au/>

### Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 10 parent teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 3:30pm-7:30pm. Students were sent a letter, yesterday, outlining the details and how to book. This was also posted on the SkoolBag app. Parent teacher interviews are compulsory for all students and parents to attend and are a great way for parents to receive feedback on how their child is progressing in their subjects. The interviews will take place in C Block and all students are required to attend in full winter school uniform.

### Year 11 Biology applying their working scientifically skills in the field

Ms Tleige's 11 Biology class use their sampling technique skills to estimate plant species abundance through a quadrat field study. They calculated the percentage of grass cover in ten 1x1m quadrats to then add and estimate the area of grass cover in a 250m oval in the nearby park.



### Year 11 and 12 Economics

Last Friday, the economics students went to a presentation at the reserve bank of Australia regarding current economic conditions. They were wonderful, extremely engaged and asked amazing questions.

### Sport

Well done to Bakhos Hadchiti & Charbel Khoury (Year 10) on their selection in the Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges (SICC) Rugby League team. We wish them all the best at the NSWCCC Rugby League selection days. Best of luck to Abdo Abou-Chedid & Michel Shalhoub (Year 10) at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships taking place at Sydney Motorsport Park on Tuesday 8th June.



### Feeding the Homeless

Last weekend my fellow classmates and I were privileged to go out and feed the homeless with heaven on earth, this was an experience that can never be returned. It was heartbreaking to see so many people in need of help and in need of food, but it was so beautiful to see how a community can get together to help others. We are

taught through the bible at school and at church to do everything for others the way we would want them to do for us. I would like to ask everyone to do their bit wherever they can and thank God for the gifts we are blessed with. - *Therese Abi-Khattar Year 12*



### **Year 12 Studies of Religion**

As part of the HSC Syllabus, Year 12 students in Studies of Religion learnt about the significant Muslim practice - the Hajj. Teachers put together a Hajj travel kit to undertake this experience outside the classroom, on the rooftop, in a lively way. Some stages of the Hajj included students having to wear a white tissue to represent Ihram (a white gown symbolising entering a state of purity); throwing pebbles at the Jamarats (Pillars where they stoned Satan); and circumambulating around the Muslim sacred site- the Kabah. It was a successful and fun way to learn content for the HSC, but also a way to appreciate and have tolerance for people of other religions, living among us in Australia today. – *Ms S. Hadchiti*



## ASX Enrichment Program

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ASX Game. The winning team was Group three that included Joseph Massoud, John El-Barhoun and Anthony Habib. The ASX Game gave students an opportunity to learn about the share market and how it works. They were given \$50000 virtual money that allowed them to buy and sell shares in 200+ nominated companies listed on ASX using live prices. Shares are a high-risk investment option that students learnt first-hand.

Students involved and the amount of money they earned were:

- Group One- Charbel Merheb, Jasmin Nakhoul, Ella Marie Bassil, Arthur Maroun
- Group Two- Julian Bayeh, Milad Aouad, Tony Chamchoum, Charline Kayrouz
- Group Three- Joseph Massoud, John El-Barhoun and Anthony Habib
- Group Four- Abdo Abou-Chedid, Marcel Deeb, Jesse Ellis, Tony Saba
- Group Five- Johnathan Stavrinakis, Matthew Youssef, Daniel Chahin

<a href="#">MCHF</a>	\$45,697.88
<a href="#">MCHF 2</a>	\$49,283.72
<a href="#">MCHF 3</a>	\$50,125.96
<a href="#">MCHF 4</a>	\$45,793.07
<a href="#">MCHF 5</a>	\$48,875.34

## Mock Trial

A big thank you to Mrs Esber for all her work with our MCHF Mock Trial team, our students are very lucky to have her supporting them! See below for a review of yesterday's Mock Trial by Mrs Esber:

*Thank you to the MCHF Mock Trial team for the extensive efforts with Round 3 of The Mock Trial Competition - The Law Society of NSW against **James Ruse Agricultural High School**.*

*The final score: being 252 v 246, with MCHF only just missing out on the win.*

*Both Plaintiff Barrister 1, Patricia Harb and Barrister 2, Wadih Tannous spoke with clarity and confidence throughout the 3.5-hour Mock Trial - They both did a fantastic job in protecting our witnesses upon Cross examination as well as showing much force with their Objections.*

*Patricia- nice job with pushing GUILT onto the defendant. She was persistent and firm in her line of questioning and did a great job in weakening the character of their witness.*

*Therese El-Haddad, as the acting plaintiff was great under pressure- answering the defence questions exceptionally well, standing firm in her belief. Upon cross examination, Pieta Al-Hindy, as acting witness showed an exceptional amount of confidence and responded to the questions quite fiercely. She stood a firm ground in her belief that Burwood Council should be held liable which resulted in helping our case significantly. Also, thank you to John El-Barhoun who was an exceptional solicitor showing much support to our Barristers throughout the entire process as well as Ann Tannous who completed her task as Magistrate's Clerk perfectly. I would also like to extend thanks to Ella-Maria Bassil, Christelle Joukhadar, Jerome Francis, Nicholas Laba and any other student that also contributed in putting the various documents together.*

*Round 4 will take place in the coming months.*



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

## PRIMARY NEWS

### Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a magnificent ceremony and a very important day for our students who were able to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you once again to Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, and all the Primary staff and who helped make this a very memorable day for our students. Special thanks also to the Stage 3 choir students and those who assisted as Alter Servers on the day.



To acknowledge the importance of Year 4 receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Mrs Kevill organised a special prayer service for all K-6 classes to attend. During this special event, the Year 4 teachers were presented with beautiful cards made by students from other classes. The celebration concluded with the cutting of the Holy Communion cake, a long upheld College tradition.





### Learning about Jesus

In Religion this term, Kindergarten have been learning about the events that followed the Easter Story. Students from each class planted seeds as a way of understanding, 'New Life'. They have loved watching the seeds grow and change.

### Math-Active!

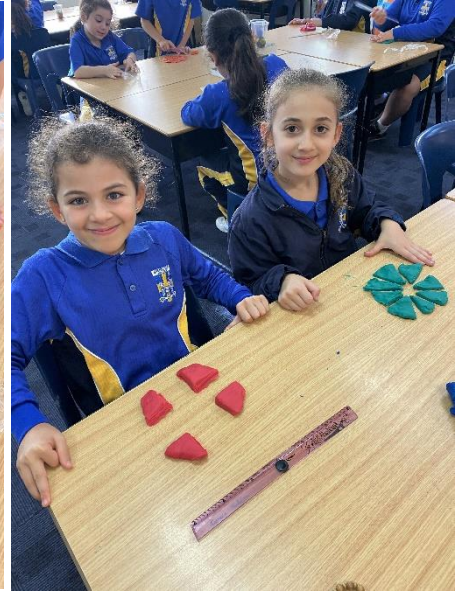
Providing a hands-on approach to learning in Mathematics allows our students to achieve a complete understanding of a concept rather than simply memorising it. Physical tools such as concrete materials and visuals, stimulate additional pathways within



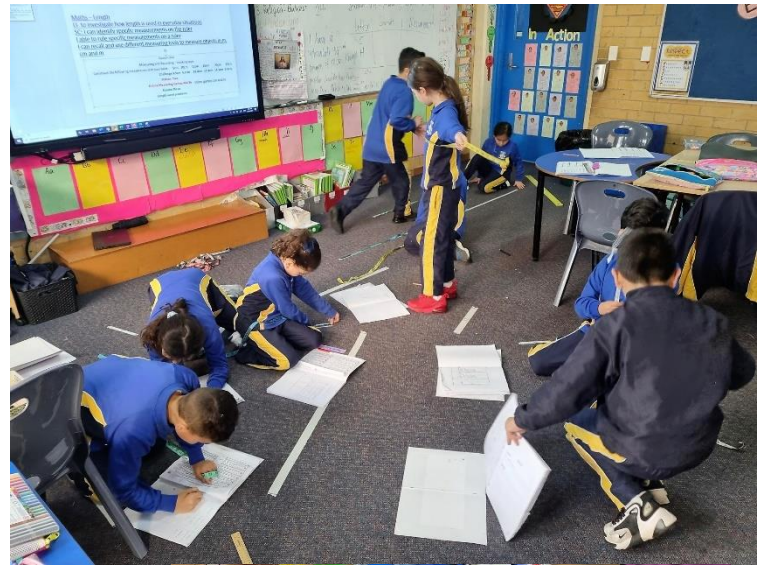
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the brain.

This week, students in 2 Diamond used playdough to display their understanding of fractions. Enabling students to create and visualise in such ways not only makes the learning fun and engaging, but allows them the opportunity to fully comprehend the concepts being taught.



In 3 Yellow, students completed practical investigations and used digital technology to calculate length. This deeper level of learning provides greater opportunity for students to transfer their knowledge into both classroom practice and real-life situations.





### Parent Communication Regarding Student Progress

A reminder that student reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews are fast approaching. Reports provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to reflect on current progress and determine what needs to be done to ensure individual students achieve their full potential. Please remember, any concerns you have regarding your child's learning or progress should be directed to your child's teacher as required, so you have an informed picture of your child's progress.

### Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is an important part of a child's wider reading experience. Students are able to borrow a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books. Mrs LeMerle is always adding new books to our collection. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school each week so that they can borrow some of the wonderful books that are available. Borrowing limits for Year 1 and Year 2 have been increased to two books a week due to the students' enthusiasm about reading. A great way to further encourage your child's love of reading is by sharing their books with them or talking about what they have read.



### 2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021 is well underway. Please encourage your child to participate in this worthwhile event as it will expose them to a variety of texts that they may not otherwise read. Make sure your child is adding each title to their reading log so their progress can be tracked along the way. The closing date of the Challenge is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



Mr D. Day  
Head of Primary

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ 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)*)
- ★ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 Mass at 9am
- ★ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30pm-7:30pm
- ★ Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Years 6, 7 and 10 Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Mass at 9am
- ★ **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 2 Ends for Students**
- ★ **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Years Kindy to 9 Parent Teacher Interviews (Day Session)**
- ★ **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 Commences for Students**

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Julien El Bazouni, Georgia Deeb, Elie Joukhadar (Year 11)

### Bronze Awards:

### Silver Awards:

### Principal's Award:



## ALSO THIS WEEK...

Kindy Rose and Kindy Red learn about Pentecost and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



This morning, Kindy Rose and Kindy Red joined together to learn about reverence in the chapel.



Ms Pather's Year 9 Food Tech class makes some delicious magic in the kitchen



Mums & dads - There is no reason why your kids can't start helping in the kitchen. Look at how great they are!



Years 9, 11 and 12 Vocations Mass



Ms Ishak's Year 9 Health students study the impact of body image on modern males and females.



Secondary students are always so excited on a Thursday afternoon because it's PLAY TIME!



Students in Mrs Botros' classes always have big smiles on their faces when we walk passed the Hospitality room!



## STUDENT CORNER

### ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NRMA future of transport challenge

**We challenge students in teams of 2 - 5 to solve today's big transport problems by asking them to...**

1. Deep dive into the real world transport issues faced by Australia in cities and in regional and rural areas
2. Identify a need and apply human centred design to create a product or service to address that need
3. Think like an entrepreneur to create and deliver a product pitch to a panel of experts
4. Educate and excite an audience of their peers.

We are offering four Year 7 students, who are interested in this challenge, a chance to participate.  
Please see Ms Botros or Mrs Fisher.

### Parramatta Library Seminars for Senior Students

#### ***HSC Chemistry - Year 12***

Parramatta Library

Bored of Studies is hosting a seminar that will discuss how different questions on the same theory can require very different responses to attain full marks.

**Tuesday 6 July | 9.30am to 11.00am**

Register now to gain confidence in approaching questions in your trial exam!

<http://parra.city/hscchemistry21>

#### ***Chemistry Preliminary - Year 11***

Parramatta Library

Bored of Studies will cover stoichiometry as well as its importance in HSC Chemistry and exam-style questions. Year 11 content will be used to highlight how different questions on the same theory can require different responses.

**Tuesday 6 July | 1.15pm to 2.45pm**

Register now - <http://parra.city/chemistry11>

#### ***HSC Mathematics Advanced/Extension 1 - Year 12***

Parramatta Library

**Tuesday 6 July | 11.15am to 12.45pm**

Bored of Studies is hosting a seminar which will cover techniques to help you become confident in tackling harder problems in your trial exam.

Register now - <http://parra.city/hscmathsadv21>

#### ***Mathematics Advanced/Extension 1 Preliminary - Year 11***

Parramatta Library

Bored of Studies is hosting a seminar which will help you better understand the key concepts of probability and random variables.

**Tuesday 6 July | 3.00pm to 4.30pm**

Register now - <http://parra.city/math11>

# PARENT CORNER

Please take a look at our new College website!

<https://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/>

The Parents/Guardians page can be found under "Community"

<https://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/community/parent-guardians/>

## FREE 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

May							June						
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We're excited to announce that parents of Maronite College of the Holy Family have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series for Term 2, 2021. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school. Their most recent webinar was on **Memory and Effective Revision** and took place last week. Elevate has kindly extended access for us so that parents who missed the live event can watch it on replay here:

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/au-replay/nx7/67584993?h=CTmzX6rQsa08iUMaaVMDm0fOznoOlfy8Zicemfpr9vg>

The next webinar on **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** will focus on **Exam Preparation** and will help you create a revision road map with your child to help them prepare effectively in the weeks leading up to exams. With exams fast approaching, this will be a fantastic session to tune into. If you have not yet registered, you can do so below.

The webinar is run **live online from 7pm – 8pm (AEST)** where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and strategies, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

### Free Exam Preparation Webinar

Register FREE for the next webinar on Exam Preparation: [https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/au-register-nx7n/67584993?h=CTmzX6rQsa08iUMaaVMDm0fOznoOlfy8Zicemfpr9vg](https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/au-register/nx7n/67584993?h=CTmzX6rQsa08iUMaaVMDm0fOznoOlfy8Zicemfpr9vg)

### Webinar replay

📺 Watch the [Memory webinar replay here](#).

📎 Download the [resources here](#).

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**2021 BYOD Portal**

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