



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 - Week 7: Friday, 4th June 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we draw nearer to the end of Term 2, students are undertaking half yearly exams. I urge all parents to please ensure that your children are studying. Please provide them with the right tools, space and time to focus and study.

Your presence around your children during the evenings is a primary role for your children's education. Please continue your wonderful role.

*Don't educate your children to be rich.
Educate them to be happy, so they know the value of things, not the price.
~ Victor Hugo ~*

June: The Month Dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



*The month of June is dedicated, in a special way, to the veneration of the DIVINE HEART.
Not just on one day, the liturgical feast, which generally falls in June, but every day.
~ St John Paul II, Angelus, 27 June 1982 ~*

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

June – Joseph Most Obedient and Head of Holy Family

All authority is borrowed except for the Author himself. One can only be a just head of a family, be it natural or religious, if one is first obedient to the Word himself. Joseph's perfect obedience rendered him the perfect Head of the Holy Family.

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – KINDY TO YEAR 9

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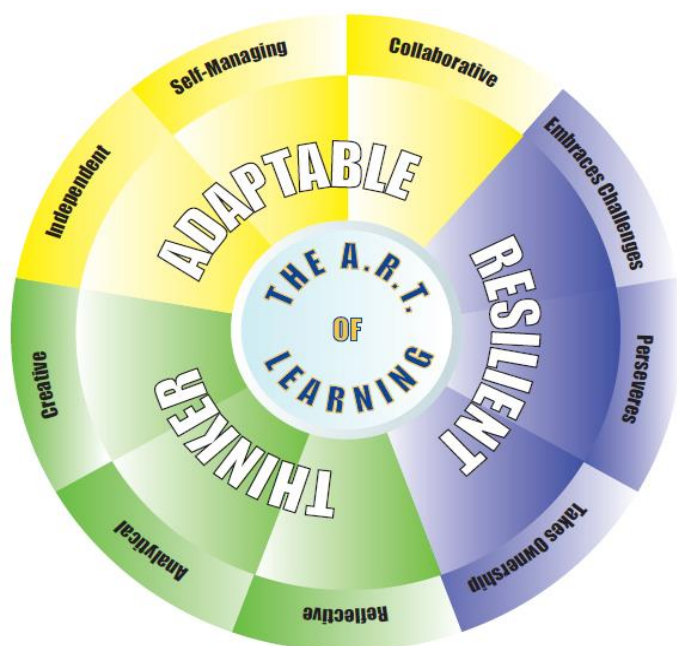
MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Winter Season

As we enter in the winter season, we kindly request from parents/guardians to take note that colds and flus will start to develop and go around. As we still continue to manage through the current COVID-19 pandemic, we request for students to remain home if they develop any flu like symptoms until they recover.

Respecting RESPECT!

As we progress throughout this year, the year of RESPECT at MCHF, we remind our parents/guardians and students the importance of putting respect into practice. When contacting the College, requesting to meet with members of staff or even when speaking with other parents/guardians, we ask you to remember the importance of respecting one another. We encourage you to adopt the theme in your homes and to display a copy of the theme poster in your home.



Learners at MCHF

This year we released our learner model (*above-right*) and will be looking at strategies to adopt the model in our everyday activities and learning at the College. It is important to note that learners are not only our students; learners include staff and parents/guardians. Therefore, we need to take every opportunity to be ADAPTABLE, RESILIENT and THINKERS in our everyday lives and experiences and instil these in our students learning experiences.

Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

The world of social media and technology is constantly evolving. Children think that the internet gives them privacy and a sense of control, but the very opposite is true. I've spoken to many students about their 'digital footprint' which is the trail of everything they do on the internet. It includes [websites](#) visited, [emails](#) sent and information submitted to [online](#) services. This information can always be traced even if history is deleted. I urge all parents to have conversations with their children about the acceptable and appropriate use of technology, including social media usage and messaging. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they teach their child the dangers of the online world and monitor their behaviour when using any device. You may like to reflect on the following regarding your child's internet usage at home.

1. Place time limits on all internet usage. It is important for child development that there is a balance between physical activity and screen time.
2. Teach your children about what can and can't be said online. Obscene or offensive language is not to be tolerated nor are comments that can impact the way another person feels about themselves. Online bullying through social media is a police matter. If you suspect or know about inappropriate talk and conversations online involving your child, it is your responsibility to protect them by intervening in an appropriate manner.
3. Explain to your child that they are never to respond to a threatening email, message, post or text. They should always notify you or other trusted adults about any communication or conversation that was scary or hurtful.
4. Be a good role model. Children will often duplicate what they have seen their parents or older siblings do and say online.
5. Allow sites that you are comfortable with and avoid all social media platforms that offer anonymity. Apps such as WhatsApp, Messenger, kik, TikTok and Instagram for example can be dangerous for your child's physical and mental wellbeing.
6. Stick to the age requirements for all sites. It is not appropriate or legal for children under 13 to have a Facebook page or Snapchat accounts for example.
7. If you allow social networking accounts, ensure privacy settings are enabled. Discuss with your child what personal information can be shared online and the implications that can arise from uploading images of themselves or others.
8. Know who your child's friends are online. Ask them how they know them and if they have met them. Not everyone online is who they say they are.
9. Keep all devices out of bedrooms at night. This will ensure your child gains a good night's sleep without disturbance.
10. Monitor the games that your child plays. Games intended for and rated 18+ are clearly adult games and should not be put in the hands of impressionable young children. It is up to you to take control of gaming choices for your child and check age ratings prior to purchase. Please also be aware that some games have an 'in game' chat function which can pose a risk to your child.

Stage 1 Mass

Today we celebrated a beautiful mass attended by all classes from Kindergarten to Year 2. This celebration was made more special as it was the first time that our Kindy students were able to experience a College mass in the church. Thank you to Mr Nouh and our Year 1 teachers for preparing our students. The Year 1 readers are to be congratulated for the reverent way in which they read. Thank you also to Mrs Sassine and Mrs Chalhoub who with the choir, sang so beautifully throughout the mass and those Year 6 students who assisted with Alter serving and reading.

Smart Watches at School

A reminder that College Policy states that Smart watches are banned. The need for these expensive items to be brought to school is not necessary. Any student found to be wearing a device of this nature will have it removed from their possession. Parents will then be called and asked to collect the device from the Main Administration Office. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Commonwealth Bank Start Smart Program

This week we welcomed Start Smart to our College to deliver their free, Financial Literacy Education Workshops to all Primary students. The main purpose of the Start Smart workshops is to change the perception that young people have about money and provide them with the knowledge they need to make smart financial choices. Classes participated in a variety of interactive activities which taught our students about how to manage their money sensibly as well as the importance of saving their dollars. The program proved to be a highly beneficial and enjoyable experience for both students and teachers. More information regarding the program can be located at www.startsmart.com.au.



Student Illness

It is that time of the year when many of our students are becoming ill with colds and other common viruses. If you are aware that your child is not feeling well, please keep them home until they are better so that the illness is not spread amongst other students and teachers. Please also remind your child of the importance of general hygiene such as washing their hands regularly, so that germs are not spread.

School Uniform

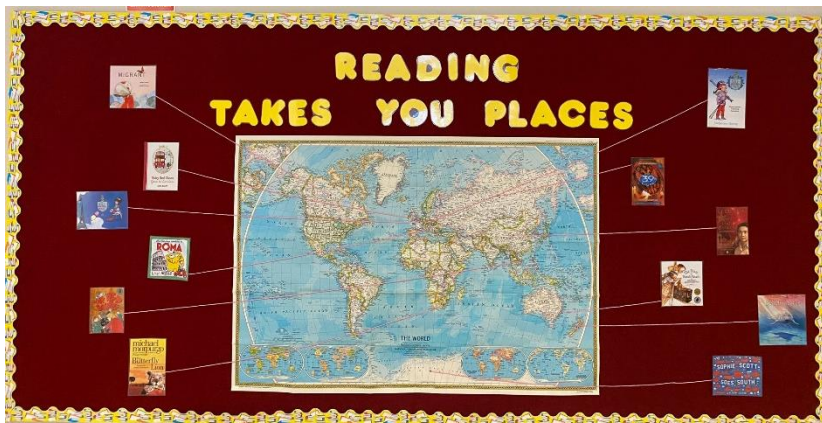
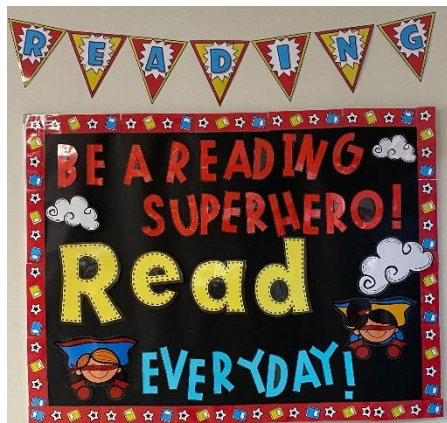
A reminder to all families that full winter uniform is required to be worn each day. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles that comply with school expectations. Boys hair must be kept short without excessive hair product used. For girls, 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 otherwise they must remain in the shade. Please ensure that all items of clothing be 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.

Year 2 Excursion

The Year 2 excursion scheduled for yesterday, was postponed due to the unfavourable weather conditions we experienced. Students will now visit Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park on Wednesday the 16th June. A separate note advising parents of this change was sent home today.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is an important part of a child's wider reading experience. It allows them to develop a love of reading and appreciate the many different types of literature available. Students can borrow a range of reading material including picture books, novels, and non-fiction books. Mrs LeMerle and Ms Hort are always willing to assist students in selecting appropriate titles to suit their age and interests. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school each week so that they don't miss out on this valuable learning experience. A reminder that borrowing limits for Year 1 and Year 2 have been increased to two books a week due to the students' enthusiasm towards reading. Reading the library books together at home and talking about the story is also a great way to encourage your child's love of literature.



2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021 is a worthwhile event as it exposes students to a variety of texts that they may not otherwise have read. When your child completes reading one of the included books, ensure that they add the title to their reading log so their progress can be tracked along the way. The closing date of the Challenge is Friday 20th August. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

Chanelle Coorey Year 12 - Entrepreneur

Congratulations to Chanelle Coorey our College Captain who was featured in the Australian Business Journal this week which highlighted her entrepreneurial work in the fashion industry. We are very proud of her work and the efforts she has put into making her brand so successful. Please see the link below for the article:

<https://theabj.com.au/2021/06/01/meet-the-17-year-old-building-her-fashion-empire-via-tiktok-and-instagram/>

State of Origin

State of Origin Game 1 is around the corner so it's time for you to get ready for MCHF's Origin Day in Blues on Wednesday 9th of June. The SRC have organised a blue themed Mufti Day with a gold coin donation from every student, to showcase our support for the NSW blues team. The day will involve sports such as Volleyball Matches in the B/C Block and Offside Touch in the grass area at recess and lunch. To top this off we will be having a sausage Sizzle at Lunch in the A Block playground. So, get ready because there is much for us to enjoy on MCHF'S very own day in Blues. #UPTHEBLUES

Senior Music Excursion

The senior music classes were invited to the city Recital Hall to watch the Australian World Orchestra's rehearsal



of "Symphony," an orchestral piece by composer Paul Dean, conducted by Alexander Briger AO. Thanks to the Arab Bank of Australia for the invitation.



Year 5 Transition

This week we had our first Year 5 Transition Day. Students in 5 Rainbow had the opportunity to experience life as a high school student for half a day. They were each buddied up with a Year 8 student who they went to class with for two periods and spent lunchtime playing with. It was a wonderful day for all involved and a lot of fun was had!!!

Homework Club Concluding on Monday

Homework Club will conclude for Term 2 on Monday 7th June and will be returning in Term 3 on Monday 19th July.

Run from 3.20pm to 4.20pm in the Secondary Learning Centre, it aims to assist students in completing homework and research tasks. If you would like to start attending next term, please see Mrs Papanastasiou in the Learning Centre to obtain a permission note.

Exams

Today Year 9 finish up their Half Yearly exam block which concludes our junior exams for the term. I would like to congratulate our students on all the hard work they have put into preparing for their exams, hopefully the results will reflect these efforts! Year 12 commence their pre-trial exams next week, we wish them the best of luck throughout this time, you will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Shaving Policy

Just a reminder that as per the College Grooming Policy, we require all students to be clean shaven when they

attend school.

Lately, the senior Year Advisors have noticed an increase in students attending school with facial hair and having to shave here at the College. This has been causing disruption to lessons and a regular reoccurrence of this will impact on their learning. As a result, the College has decided the following:

1. Students will have their name recorded and a grooming infringement issued every time they attend school unshaven and need to shave here.
2. If they receive an infringement three times, it will result in an Afternoon Detention.
3. **Students will need to pay \$2.00 for the shaver and cream.**

This new rule will come into effect from Term 3 onwards. To avoid this, please ensure your son is clean shaven prior to attending the College. As stated in the policy, no facial hair including sideburns, moustaches, or goatees are allowed. Their haircuts must be a professional blend.

The College will no longer be calling home to obtain permission for students to shave onsite. If you would prefer your son not to shave at school, we kindly request you call and speak to the Year Advisor directly. However, please note that the alternative option for this is for your son to be sent home to shave.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Noah Sassine, Jonathan Taouk, Alexander-Joseph George (Kindy)
- ★ Seleen Amoud, Mariebelle Baaklini, Adriana Daher, Therese Kannan, Jaz Sahyoun, Georgia Wakim (Year 1)
- ★ Charlie Gebour, Justin Chiha, Joseph Dababneh, Ayoub Dayoub, Mariah Elia, Elias Nachar (Year 2)
- ★ Amelia Akkaoui, Erica Sabbagh, Analise Saade, Georgia Hobeiche, Helen Maroon, Jaered Buan, Pedro Makari, Mathew Abi-Khattar, Eleny Joukhadar, Charbel Diab, Eli Baker (Year 3)
- ★ Eliana Al-Somsom, Jeana Bou Melhem, Myah Saade, Mema Yaacoub, John-Pierre Maroun, Mikaella Fahad (Year 4)
- ★ Jovan Achy, Lauren Tawk, Zoe Marie Fagerstrom, Gabriella Massoud, Georgia Abboud, Charbel El Hakim (Year 7)
- ★ Isabella Matta, Theresa Semaan, Joseph Maroun, Samih Nassim, Faith El Katrib, Jayden Bazouni (Year 8)
- ★ Johnathan Stavrinakis (Year 10)
- ★ Brytney Al-Saiah (Year 12)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Joyce Sassine (Kindy)
- ★ Gabriel Estephan, Christian Ishac (Year 1)
- ★ Mia Moujalli, George Taouk, Jacqueline Haklani, Izabela Abdou, Mia Barbar, Taleen Jehdian, Mabelle Khoury, Mary Merheb (Year 2)
- ★ Sarkis Semaan, Christean Bou Mina, Anthony James Namnoum, Olivia Khouri – (Year 3)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Charbel Sleiman, Julian Basnet (Year 3)

Principal's Award:

ALSO THIS WEEK...

Soaking up some sun and Vitamin D on the first day of Year 11 Business students work on their tasks while soaking up some sun and Vitamin D on the first day of winter.

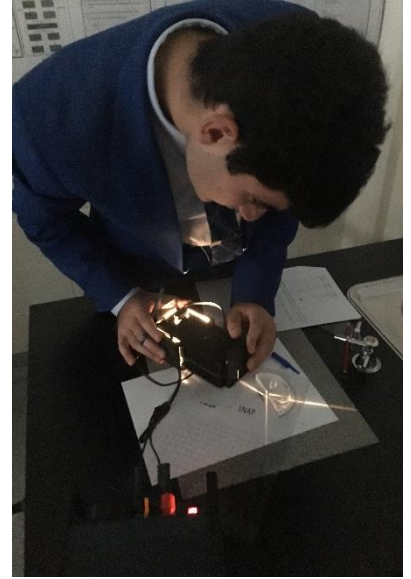


Lego Club in the Secondary Learning Centre: Building the Tokyo Skyline

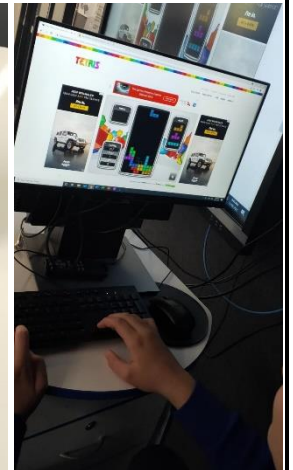


Experimenting in the Dark!

Year 11 Physics students use a light ray box to investigate refraction and the refractive index of a semi-circular prism.



During their pop culture lesson on Monday, Year 10 students had hands-on experience of the gadgets us oldies grew up with. Fun times!



Guest speakers, from the University of New South Wales, spoke to Years 11 and 12, this morning about the Gateway Program which offers free tutoring, practice exams and resources for the HSC.



This morning, Year 12 discussed stress management, coping mechanisms and techniques with Ms Khoury, to assist in preparation for their upcoming Trials and HSC examinations. Years 7/10 had some fun during their Peer Support session.



STUDENT CORNER

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>

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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

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>>> CLICK TO REGISTER<<<

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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.

☎ 1300 667 945

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2021 BYOD Portal

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