



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 - Week 8: Friday, 11th June 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week saw the final groups of students in Primary under-taking First Aid Training with St John's Ambulance. The sessions focused on anaphylaxis and using an EpiPen.

Parent/Teacher Interviews took place for all students in Year 10 on Tuesday afternoon.

The week came to a close, today, with students in Years 6, 7 and 10 celebrating Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

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



Family Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we entrust our family to You. Look down upon us and reveal to us the treasures of love, goodness, and grace in Your Heart. Forgive our sins and fortify our weakness, that we may serve You faithfully as You deserve. These favors we ask for ourselves and for every family in our neighborhood and homeland. Heart of Jesus, pierced by a soldier's lance on Calvary, be our refuge in life and our gateway to Paradise. Amen.

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.

Enjoy your long weekend with your loved ones.

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**



"Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love."

PRIMARY NEWS

As parents, we understand the importance of assisting our children in developing good reading habits. We become very good at identifying letters, recognising names, and reading words in our surrounding environment. We point these out every day as we go for a walk, drive in the car, or even watch television. With such an emphasis on reading, we can sometimes forget about the importance that Mathematics plays in our daily lives. Using everyday situations to highlight the importance of maths and the way we use it during activities such as cooking, shopping, and playing will allow our child to make real life connections to the mathematical concepts taught in the classroom. Simple activities such as asking your child to count the cutlery at mealtime can help them gain an understanding of doubling numbers and counting in multiples. Counting the number of steps it takes for each family member to walk to the letterbox and back again will allow you to discuss why the answer might be different for each person. Developing their estimation skills by asking them to guess what the answer might be and explain how they decided upon it is also a vital skill to possess.

Mathematical Fun

At school, teachers use a hands-on approach to allow students to consolidate their knowledge and apply new skills to a variety of situations. This week, students from 4 Amber and 4 Olive took their learning outdoors. Their task was to select an appropriate device to assist in the measurement of different areas around the school. Students had to apply a variety of mathematical skills including estimating and reasoning, to complete the task. Activities such as these, allow our students to transfer their knowledge into real life situations and understand the purpose of their learning.



Kindergarten have been learning all about two dimensional shapes. They were engaged as they worked in groups to examine and describe the properties of different 2D shapes. The fun really began when the students were asked to create 'Shape Monsters' using sticks and marshmallows. They then used their creative skills to produce a 'Monster' artwork. Such a great way to learn.



Sr Marlene

On Tuesday, 5 Rainbow and 5 Sapphire listened to Sr Marlene share her knowledge and wisdom about the Rosary. They learnt about the true meaning of the prayer and the important role it plays in our lives as Maronite Catholics. Students then joined Sr Marlene in praying the Rosary. We are truly blessed to have our faith strengthened each day by the presence of the Maronite Sisters in our lives.



Stage 3 Boys Soccer Team

The Stage 3 Soccer Team had another great training session with Mr Dahdah this week. They focused on refining their skills and working as a team. We thank Mr Dahdah for his continued efforts in preparing our boys for the Soccer Gala Day, which has been postponed until further notice.



First Aid Program

This week Year 5 students participated in their second First Aid session conducted by St Johns Ambulance. The focus of this lesson was about anaphylaxis and how to use an EpiPen when someone is having an allergic reaction. Developing an awareness of common medical conditions and how to assist others in an emergency are vital skills to possess. Students thoroughly enjoyed this valuable experience.





Year 6 Personal Development

This term, Year 6 have been learning about their own personal growth and development through the unit titled, 'How are we Changing?'. To conclude this topic, a separate male and female session was held this week which allowed students the opportunity to learn about the specific changes that will happen to them. Special thanks to Mr Vial from the College's Secondary PD/H/PE Department, who conducted the boys' session.



Mobile Devices at School

There has been an increasing number of students bringing mobile phones to school. In many cases parents are unaware that this is happening. The need for these items to be brought to school is not necessary for Primary students and it is advised that they are 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.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Tuesday 22nd June from 3:30pm - 7:30pm and Wednesday 23rd June from 8:30am - 1:30pm. Bookings are now open and will close at 12:00 pm on Monday 21st June. Details of the online booking process have been attached and also posted on the College Skoolbag App.

Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that teacher supervision for students begins at 7:45am in the Primary Playground or Primary Hall depending on the weather. No child should be at school before this time as there is no teacher on duty to supervise them.

Year 6 Space Expo

This term, Year 6 students have been conducting a research project which focused on space exploration. They worked collaboratively in groups to design and create a prototype model of a space technology that will allow humans to colonise another part of the Solar System. Students have been totally engaged in their learning and will be presenting their work at a special Space Expo next Thursday 17th June. A note inviting Year 6 parents was

sent home today.

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

A reminder that the Year 2 excursion to Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park will now be held on Wednesday 16th June.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing for the term will conclude next week. If your child has any overdue books, we ask that they are returned promptly so that Ms LeMerle and Mrs Coorey can update the Student Borrowing Records.

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

7.3 Science Ms Tleige

Ms. Tleige's 7.3 Science class are currently learning about Living and Non-living things. In a lesson this week they learnt that living organisms are subdivided into one of six kingdoms of life. Each table chose a kingdom they were interested in and showed their classification through very informative and colourful posters!! Awesome work year 7 😊



Democracy Day Short Films

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Democracy Day Short Films Contest. Students produced a 60 second short film on what democracy means to them and their classmates. You can see the clips below by clicking on the links...

Marissa Franjie and Joy Sleiman (Year 11): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRxpYgkFAE>

Charline Kayrouz and Ella-Maria Bassil (Year 10), Ms Iskander's 10.1 English Class, Mr Hassarati, Ms Swamy and Mr Sedicol: https://youtu.be/_SdvYxA97UI

Blues Day

Wednesday the 9th of June marked MCHF's very own day in Blue. On this day our students dressed in all things blue, considering the State of Origin's first game. The secondary SRC team created a fun-filled day that included volleyball matches and Offside touch football matches at recess and lunch and even a sausage Sizzle for the students to enjoy. The day was a great success and the energy of our college community reflected in the great match outcome of the NSW Blues team winning 50 – 6 in the big game. #GONSW



Year 5 Transition

This week we had our second Year 5 Transition Day. Students in 5 Opal 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!!!

School Song recording

Yesterday our choir, along with Mr Sedicol, Mr Hayman and Mr Harris, recorded our school song to be played during College assemblies. Thank you to all involved for helping to bring back an important part of our identity as a College. We look forward to hearing the final product!



Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we held our Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who participated. These interviews are crucial in developing partnerships between the College and our families and for receiving feedback on student progress thus far.

Year 7-9 and 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 22nd June from 3:30pm-7:30pm and on Wednesday 23rd June from 8:30am-1:30pm. Students were sent home with a letter this week explaining how to book appointments with their teachers and it was also posted on the Skoolbag app.

TAFE NSW's Virtual Subject Selections

Tafe NSW's Virtual Subject Selections evening is **Thursday 17th June**. TAFE WSR will be offering attendance to Subject Selections via a virtual platform in 2021. They will be holding virtual Subject Selection events that will cover:

- What is TVET and SBAT?
- Proposed 2022 courses
- Testing information for various courses
- How to apply
- Additional information in regards to courses, days, times and locations
- Q & A session

I would encourage students and parents to watch this if you are considering TVET/SBAT as an option for Year 11.

The dates and links for these sessions are:

Date	Times	Link
Thursday, 17 June 2021	7pm-8pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Tuesday, 20 July 2021	7pm-8pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Thursday, 5 August 2021	7pm-8pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday, 8 September 2021	7pm-8pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ Monday 14th June – **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** 😊
- ★ Tuesday 22nd June – Kindy to Year 9 **and Year 11** Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening Session) – 3:30-7:30pm
- ★ **Tuesday 22nd June – Term 2 Ends for Students**
- ★ Wednesday 23rd June – Kindy to Year 9 **& Year 11** Parent/Teacher Interviews (Day Session) – 8:30am-1:30pm
- ★ **Tuesday 13th July – Term 3 Commences for Students**

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ George Fahel, George Mouawad, Billy Saade, Alana Antonios, Ramone Mallouhi, Theresa Khoury, Elijah Semaan, John Elias, Anthony Massoud, Aydin Akkaoui, Sophia Mawad, George Eskaff, George Dib, Christopher Hadchity (Year 1)
- ★ Jacinta Sassine (Year 2)
- ★ Clavy Saba, Chris Khoury, Lucas Tadros, Fadia Taouk, Hiam Katrib, Charbel Taouk, Olivia Halabi, Mia Bazouni, Isabella Abou Haydar, Tony Elkrrina, Charbel Hage, April Katrib, Jana Yacoub, Alexia Yaacoub, Charbel El Asmar, John Tawk, Helen Maroon, Matthew El Boustani (Year 4)
- ★ Anthony Khawaja, Elizabeth El Katrib, Christian El-Barhoun, Pamela Kassis, Natalia Aktila (Year 7)
- ★ Gwen El Haddad, Makayla Bazouni, Bianca Ishac, Natalia Maroun, Maroun Ters, Olivia Bechara, Angelina Franjie, Marielle Khoury, Kayla Maalouf, Nicole Atie, Chanel Kassis, Michael Moussa (Year 8)
- ★ Raymond Hadchiti, Chanel Melhem, Celine Harb, Ashley O'Brien, Kristina Ishak (Year 12)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Anthony Bou Assi, Danielle Delia, Charlie El-Katrib, Alex Ayoub, Ella Abi-Khattar (Year 1)
- ★ Zachariah Cortese, Reina Nour, Annabella Daher, Tiana Nasr, Andrea Haddad (Year 2)
- ★ Gianni Sleiman, Antonia Wakim, Sienna Ghabache, Isabella Zaher, Julian Azar (Year 3)
- ★ Christian Kassis, Ella Rose Botros, Christian Barakat, Jacob Khawaja (Year 4)

Silver Awards:

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Principal's Award:

- ★ Leila George (Year 3)

ALSO THIS WEEK...

2 Pink's habitat creations out of recyclable materials. *Someone's trash is another person's treasure* 😊





A big THANK YOU to our College choir for always making Mass more beautiful and heartfelt.



Ms Ishak plays an insane game of Oztag with Year 7 and they LOVE it!



Ms Boustani speaks to Year 9 about Careers and ATAR



PARENT CORNER

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – KINDY TO YEAR 9 + YEAR 11

Tuesday, 22nd June 2021

Evening Session begins 3:30pm and ends 7:30pm

Wednesday, 23rd June 2021

Day Session begins 8:30am and ends 1:30pm



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

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.

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🌐 <https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/2021-04-25/1316/55782605?h=Kd7-Rf03duklo17zbAoBQkQyFOFzknNqk7F9UZtVUvk>

📌 <https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/ElevateEd/1318/55782605?h=Kd7-Rf03duklo17zbAoBQkQyFOFzknNqk7F9UZtVUvk>

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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