



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 - Week 9: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### College Masterplan

The College has commenced work with Leaf Architecture, to develop a Masterplan for the College to provide us a vision for the future of the College. This will enable us to have a plan towards improving our buildings, spaces and facilities at the College. This important and exciting process will ensure we have the best possible teaching and learning facilities and environment for our staff and students.



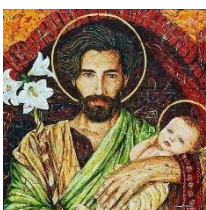
Today students in Years 3, 4 and 5 celebrated Mass for Jidoo and Tayta. Following the Mass grandparents had the opportunity to visit their grandchildren in class and participate in a variety of activities with them. We pray that our Lord blesses all our grandparents with good health always.

### *Prayer for Grandparents*

Loving God,  
We thank you for the gift of grandparents.  
May all families develop a deep source of appreciation  
for their experience and insight.  
Bless in a particular way those grandparents who are  
raising grandchildren.  
Give them the strength, energy,  
and stamina for such a task.  
Hold in our heart all grandparents who are experiencing  
ill health or disability.  
Help them to tap the inner resources built over a lifetime.  
In gratitude for the gift grandparents are to all of us, we pray.  
Amen



*“A Grandparent is one who strengthens you with prayer, blesses you with love and encourages you with hope.”*



**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**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Just a  
reminder...



### End of Term Reminders

A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews will be held next week on the following days:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 from 8:30am – 1:30pm

A reminder to please ensure all school fees that are outstanding are settled before you meet with your child's teacher for Parent/Teacher interviews next week. The second instalment is due on Friday 18th June 2021.

The Main Administration will be open as follows for the collection of Fees:

- Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (8.00-3.30 pm)
- Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 (8.00-3.30 pm)
- Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 (8.00-6.00 pm)
- Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 (8.00-3.00 pm)

Last day of Term 2 for students will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

First day of Term 3 for students will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**All students are to return in their winter uniform.** A reminder that parents/guardians must ensure their child returns to the College with the appropriate grooming.

Thank you to all our staff, parents/guardians and students for another successful term at the College this term. We wish you all a restful term break and we look forward to continuing our learning journey in Term 3.

Mr E. Asmar

Assistant Principal

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Year 8 Cook Off

Paul Chahine with the support of Jerome Deeb and Andrew Chohaili went head to head in an extra-curricular learning challenge. They put all their food technology skills and knowledge into a MasterChef challenge which determined the most amazing MCHF 'pasta dish'.

The winner is yet to be decided as the competition was tough!

Paul created a signature dish from his family's restaurant 'Fettuccini Chicken Bosciaola' vs Andrew's family special "pink penne blast".

Both teams enjoyed the extra challenge and are anxiously waiting for the winning team's result!



### Stage 5 Arabic Excursion

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 9 and 10 Arabic elective classes attended the 'Arabic Arts Excursion,' held at Saint Charbel's College, Punchbowl joined by the students from Saint Maroun's College, Dulwich Hill. The day began with a warm welcome from the Saint Charbel's Arabic coordinator and an overview of the scheduled events. In the morning session, the Lebanese singer, Miriam Dib introduced us to her early life, the discovery of

her musical talents and who inspired and motivated her to sing. This ended with a live performance of her singing, 'Bhebak Ya Lebanon,' by Fairouz and a chance for the students to ask questions. We were privileged to listen to an educated and experienced teacher about the importance of the Arabic language, its benefits in areas of employment and how people exposed to multiple languages will improve their memory, problem-solving, critical thinking and listening skills. A calligrapher came to talk us about how he uses an instrument like a paintbrush or pen to create a particular style of writing that is artistic, and this was demonstrated as he wrote every student's name. After that, both staff and students were provided with some light refreshments and Lebanese food to enjoy. Overall, it was an adventurous and thrilling day as we grasped more knowledge on Arabic Arts, instruments and had the chance to meet and socialise with other students from Saint Charbel's and Saint Maroun's college.

- Theresa Boustani-Year 9 Arabic



**Year 11 CAFS**

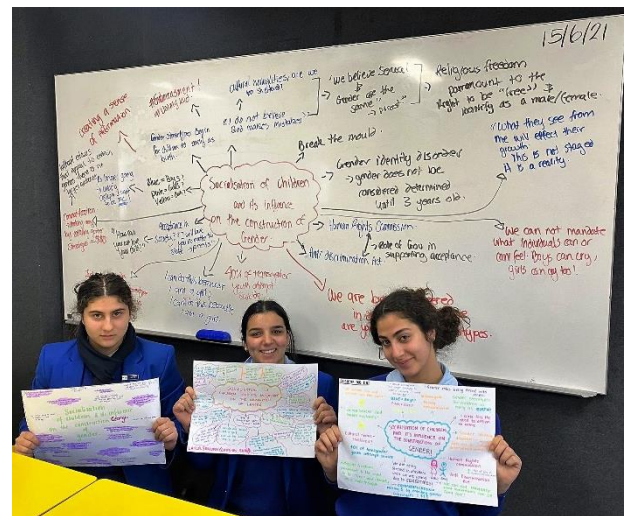
Miss Ishak's Year 11 Community and Family Studies students enjoy a progressive brainstorm session on the socialisation of children and its influence on the construction of gender.

**Year 6 Transition**

On Tuesday, Ms McCluskey and Ms Dalla presented to Year 6 students on what curriculum and pastoral care look like in the secondary school. Students learnt about subjects, assessments, homework, merits, detentions, leadership opportunities, peer support, homeroom and more. They were given the opportunity to ask a lot of fantastic questions with a popular one being 'why are there so many stairs and do we have to walk up and down them to get to our classes?' I would like to congratulate Year 6 on their behaviour throughout the presentation, we look forward to seeing you all again at our next transition session.

**Hands Off**

Unfortunately, of late we have had a number of incidents involving students breaching our 'hands off' policy. I would like to



take this opportunity to remind students of the importance of reporting any issue to a teacher straight away and letting them help to resolve the situation.

### Grass Area

At the commencement of Term 3, we will do a yard swap again. Year 7 and 8 will use the grass area and Year 9 and 10 will use the B/C Block playground during break times.

### Exam Blocks

Year 12 finished their Pre-Trial Exams yesterday which ends our exam blocks for Term 2. I would like to congratulate students on their efforts in preparing for these exams and for some outstanding results that have been achieved. A big thank you to Ms Dalla, the KLA Coordinators and all secondary staff for their work in writing, marking, setting up and supervising these exams on top of writing reports. It has been a busy end to the term, and I appreciate all the time and effort that has been put in for our students.

### NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Years 7-9

All students in Years 7-9 are expected to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge, which closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. They are given opportunities to borrow books during their fortnightly English lessons in the Learning Centre. They should all have their login details to enter their books directly into their PRC account. Please encourage your children to read regularly and widely and to return their borrowed books on time to the Learning Centre. You can help to encourage your child's reading at home by:

1. Talking to your children about what they are reading and what interests them.
2. Setting aside regular time at home for reading in your family.
3. Encouraging your child to read aloud to you or a sibling.
4. Letting your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time, whether this be a newspaper, magazine, an e-book, or a paperback.

### Athletics Carnival

A reminder that our Athletics Carnival is on this coming Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Attendance and participation for all students is compulsory and a medical certificate must be provided for any student absence. **Any parents/guardians wishing to attend the carnival are more than welcome to do so.**

Buses will transport the students from the College to and from Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. Students are to be at the College as per normal time for homeroom in the morning.

Students are to wear their full sport uniform with:

- House coloured polo shirt (Red, Blue, Green or Yellow)
- Running shoes (spikes permitted)
- Sunscreen
- Wet weather gear may be needed
- College hat

No other item of clothing is permitted to be worn on the day.

Canteen facilities are available; however, it is strongly recommended that students bring their own lunch and plenty of water.



The poster for the Secondary Athletics Carnival features a colorful banner at the top with the text "SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL" in large, bold, black letters. Below the banner, the date and time are listed: "Monday, 21st June 2021" and "9am to 2:30pm". The event is labeled as a "COMPULSORY EVENT" and notes that "Canteen facilities available" but recommends students bring their own lunch and water. A list of sports includes Javelin, Shotput, High Jump, Running, Relays, Long Jump, and Discus. The poster also includes the school crest and the slogan "Let the games begin!".

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the carnival on Monday, but you have to meet us there!

Sydney Olympic Park Warm Up Track  
Edwin Flack Avenue  
9:00am to 2:30pm

## Year 7-9, 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that parent teacher interviews for Years 7-9 and 11 will take place this coming Tuesday and Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June respectively. They will be held in B and C Block and room allocations for staff will be posted on entrance doors to both buildings.

It is compulsory for parents/guardians and students to attend these interviews and students are required to wear their full winter school uniform. On arrival please ensure you sign in at Secondary Admin using the QR Code that will be provided.

Bookings will close at 12pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, instructions for how to book were provided in the letter that went home with students and was posted on the Skoolbag app.

Timings of the interviews are listed below and are in 5-minute intervals:

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

**Session 1: 3:30 pm – 5:25 pm**

Dinner Break: 5:30pm – 6:00pm (no interviews during this time)

**Session 2: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

**Session 1: 8:30am – 9:55am**

Morning Tea Break: 10am – 10:30am (no interviews during this time)

**Session 2: 10:30am – 11:55am**

Lunch Break: 12:00pm – 12:30pm (no interviews during this time)

**Session 3: 12:30pm – 1:30pm**



**Ms E. McCluskey**

**Head of Secondary**

## PRIMARY NEWS



Today celebrated the wonderful gift of grandparents. In honouring them, we are reminded of the important role they play in our lives as they share with us their immeasurable wisdom, knowledge, and guidance. We began the day with our yearly Jidoo and Tayta Mass. It was a lovely celebration which included a beautiful reflection performed by some of our Year 5 students. At the conclusion of the mass, all grandparents and parents gathered in the Primary Hall where they were treated to a wonderful PowerPoint presentation and special song from our Kindergarten, Year One and Year 2 students. Grandparents then had the opportunity to sit with their grandchildren and share a story. A very big thank you to all the Primary staff who made this day so memorable for all members of our community.



**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

Last Friday, the Primary Department celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a beautiful prayer service.

I would like to thank Sr Marlene who made the assembly even more special by sharing her words of wisdom about this blessed day with both students and staff. Thank you also to Mrs Carmel Kevill for organising all aspects of the service on Friday.



**Year 6 Space Expo**

Yesterday, Year 6 held a Space Expo to showcase their newly acquired knowledge of space exploration. Students displayed their prototype model of a space technology that will allow humans to colonise another part of the Solar System. As parents, teachers and students moved around each exhibit, our 'Year 6 Scientists' provided detailed explanations of their research project. Students are to be congratulated for the commitment and

dedication they demonstrated throughout the term. A big thank you to Mrs Kevill and the Year 6 teachers for providing such a rich learning experience for our students. Well done everyone!



### Year 2 Excursion

On Wednesday, Year 2 went on a Science excursion to **Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park**. This was a wonderful learning opportunity for the students as they were able to enhance their knowledge about animal life cycles and habitats. The biggest highlight of the day was of course being able to get up close to animals. A fun day was had by all.



### Chess Club

Mr Munce's Chess Club meets each Tuesday during Primary's lunch break. It provides a wonderful opportunity for its members to practise their game playing skills and develop new strategic moves. Students have also created new friendships with others who share the common interest and passion for chess.



### Mathematical Fun

Yesterday, I joined in 3 Yellow's Mathematics lesson on the topic of Area. The students were eager to share their knowledge as they explained what they had been learning about during the week. They discussed the importance of knowing the length and width of a space in order to calculate the area. What was most impressive, was how the students could articulate why they would need this knowledge in the future. Being able to understand the purpose for their learning and apply it to practical situations is vital for student engagement and progress.





### **Athletics Carnival**

Our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021** at the **Athletic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush**. A note providing further details was sent home today.

### **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.



### **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.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. A reminder that online bookings for interview times close at 12:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **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.

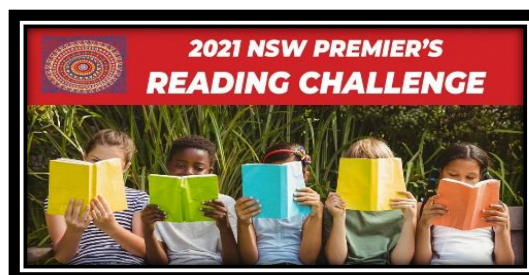
### **Library Borrowing**

Library borrowing has concluded for the term. If your child has any overdue books, we ask that they are returned by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June so that Ms LeMerle and Mrs Coorey can update the Student Borrowing Records.

### **2021 Premiers Reading Challenge**

The upcoming School Break is a great time for students to complete the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. When your child completes reading one of the many 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 Premier's Reading Challenge is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Happy reading!

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



**Mr D. Day**  
**Head of Primary**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ★ Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Kindy to Year 9 **and Year 11** Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening Session) – 3:30-7:30pm
- ★ **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 2 Ends for Students**
- ★ Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Kindy to Year 9 **& Year 11** Parent/Teacher Interviews (Day Session) – 8:30am-1:30pm
- ★ Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Staff Spiritual Day
- ★ **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 Commences for Students**

## ★ ★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ ★ ★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Lucas Abou Haydar, Antonio Ibrahim, Cruz Melhem, Katie Nader, Chloe Barakat, Adriana Zaouk (Kindy)
- ★ Sofia Diab, Sky Rizkallah, Clara Filice Achram, Elizabeth Katrib, Matthew El Kadi, Georgia Youssef, Joya Estephan, Marissa Yammine, Fady Sadek, Anthony Khoury, Christian Sleiman, Lea Medawar, Estephan Haklani (Year 1)
- ★ Amelia Yaacoub, Christian Sleiman, Charlie Maroun (Year 2)
- ★ Pieta-Mia Al-Hindy, Daniel Chahin, Jessica Elkrina, Benjamin Hannouche, Tony Georges Saba, Taylor Harb (Year 10)
- ★ Heleena Diab, Celine Moussa, Jamile Jeitani, Natalia Gereij (Year 12)

### Bronze Awards:

- ★ Sophia Mawad, Therese Kanaan, Peter Boutros (Year 1)
- ★ Sirat Kaur, Charlie Maroun (Year 2)
- ★ Lily Rose ElKatrib, Francis Ishak, Theresa Bassil (Year 3)

### Silver Awards:

- ★ Anthony Bou Assi (Year 1)
- ★ Ethan Azzi, Mia Moujalli (Year 2)
- ★ Angelina Moussa (Year 3)

## ALSO THIS WEEK...

Year 8 students, selecting novels to display for Year 7



This week, we are learning about length! Kindy took their Math lesson outside and explored the length of different objects in the playground using informal units. They shared their findings using mathematical language with their peers.



Year 10 Visual Arts students, working on their clay major works. The students have based their works on the ideas of Pop artist, Claes Oldenburg.





## PARENT CORNER

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - KINDY TO YEAR 9 + YEAR 11

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

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

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

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



**2021 BYOD Portal**

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