



Maronite College of the Holy Family  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Term 2 - Week 10: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

We have finally reached the end of semester 1. I take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents who have worked tremendously hard over the two terms to ensure Maronite College of the Holy Family offers both academic excellence, spiritual nourishment and social growth. I wish you all a very safe break with many blessings.

**End of Term Prayer**

We thank you Lord, for this term,  
For our challenges, our successes,  
and the mistakes from which we have learnt.  
Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.  
Give us strength and courage to do what is right.  
Help us to appreciate what other do for us,  
to give time and effort to help others.  
To be peacemakers in our family.  
Keep us safe in our activities,  
bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.  
We thank you for our friends, teachers, parents  
and a community that cares for us.  
May we always be conscious of YOU in our lives.  
Amen

**Term 3 Commence for Students on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Students are to be dressed in their full College winter uniform. Parents/Guardians must ensure their child's grooming is according to college expectations.

**Reports - for all students will be available online through the Parent Portal from Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

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

**June – Joseph Most Obedient and Head of the 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**



**Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.**

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."  
- Mother Teresa*

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Year 11 Biology Excursion

Ms Tleige's Year 11 Biology class engaged in a full day program developed by the Australian Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens as a specially designed replacement for the popular Evolution of Australian Biota study days. Students examined fossils, specimens, live animals and plants to understand biological diversity by explaining the relationships between a range of organisms in terms of specialisation for selected habitats and evolution of species.



### Enrichment Projects

Our Enrichment projects are well underway, and they include experimenting in film, art, writing, science explosions, music composition, guitar making, maths formulas, Lebanese cultural tours, master chef food, creative fashion, transport design and many more wonderful ideas. The students were excited as they met together this week to share their final plans and ideas for their enrichment projects for completion end of Term 3.

Good luck to all students involved. - Mrs S. Fisher



### Secondary Athletics Carnival

On Monday, our secondary students participated in their Athletics Carnival. The rain held off for a beautiful day at Sydney Olympic Park. Students ran in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m races, threw discus, javelin and shot put and competed in high jump and long jump. The day ended with relays and a 100m teacher sprint race, congratulations to Mr Gabrael on winning this.

Congratulations to Mackillop House on winning the day only narrowly beating Charbel House. The cumulative house points for the day were:

- 4th - Maroun - 747
- 3rd - Rafqa - 841
- 2nd - Charbel -1162
- 1st - Mackillop – 1194

A special congratulations to our age champions and runners up:

#### Under 12s Boys

Age Champion: James Akhoury  
 Runner Up: Christian Kaban

#### Under 12s Girls

Age Champion: Therese Sessine  
 Runner Up: Isabella Francis

#### Under 13s Boys

Age Champion: Anthony Khoury  
 Runner Up: Giovanni Makari

#### Under 13s Girls

Age Champion: Angelina Ishak  
 Runner Up: Rafka Kanaan

#### Under 14s Boys

Age Champion: Anthony Elia  
 Runner Up: Xavier Nabhan

#### Under 14s Girls

Age Champion: Suzannah Al-Alam  
 Runner Up: Olivia Bechara

#### Under 15s Boys

Age Champion: Charbel Khoury  
 Runner Up: Edward Harmouche

#### Under 15s Girls

Age Champion: Claudia Harb  
 Runner Up: Michelle Ishak

#### Under 16s Boys

Age Champion: Matthew Youssef  
 Runner Up: Abdo Abou-Chedid

#### Under 16s Girls

Age Champion: Stephanie Atie  
 Runner Up: Therese El-Haddad

#### Open Boys

Age Champion: Edward Tower and Christopher Germanos  
 Runner Up: NA

#### Open Girls

Age Champion: Marina Akik  
 Runner Up: Christina Kazzi



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

## PRIMARY NEWS

As Semester One draws to a close, I would like to thank Sr Irene and Sr Marlene for the ongoing guidance and support they provide to all members of the MCHF community. Thank you also to the dedicated teaching and support staff who prepare and deliver quality learning experiences to our students on a daily basis. To the students and parents, we appreciate the commitment you display towards learning here at the College. Lastly, I would like to thank the office staff for the amazing job they do in assisting students, parents, and teachers every day. I wish everyone a safe and restful break.

## End of Term Assemblies

The Primary End of Term Assembly was held on Monday. This important event acknowledged the efforts of all students and celebrated the achievement of those who had worked especially hard over the past ten weeks.



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week, Term 2 concluded with teachers discussing your child's progress with you at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Your child's report, which can be accessed online from the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, is a summary of your child's learning for the first half of this year and reflects both academic achievement and effort. On the front page of the report there is a simple explanation of the A-E grading scale. Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage. Report grading is based on diagnostic testing, work samples, assessment tasks and ongoing observations of your child. Teachers use professional expertise and judgement to arrive at each student's allocated grades. They have been meeting regularly to discuss, analyse and compare student work against the syllabus outcomes and the year group. Report time allows us the opportunity to reflect on your child's progress so that we can celebrate their achievements and determine what their



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immediate areas of development are. Discussions between parents and teachers ensure that all aspects of student learning are optimised in Semester 2.

### **Holiday Reading**

Over the holiday break it is important that you find the time to read with your child. This simple act will ensure your child does not regress as a reader. Research shows that two weeks of no reading can have huge implications on a student's ability to read and comprehend a text.

### **Holiday Literacy Tips**

Below are some fun activities you can do with your children during the upcoming holidays to ensure that their minds are kept active and newly acquired skills are maintained.

1. Cook using a recipe to follow instructions.
2. Read instructions for using a new game or gadget.
3. Encourage your child to discuss characters and events in stories or movies.
4. Listen to audio books.
5. Subscribe your child to a comic or magazine and take turns reading to each other.
6. Look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or crafts.
7. Write every day - Ask your child to send postcards, letters or emails to grandparents, relatives or friends.
8. Encourage your child to write a daily journal or diary.
9. Write short stories and make mini books or comic strips. Use holiday photos as a stimulus for the stories.
10. Write shopping or 'To Do' lists together.
11. Play *I Spy*, charades, rhyming games or write funny songs and poems together.
12. Take daily walks and encourage conversation about what you see and what you hear.

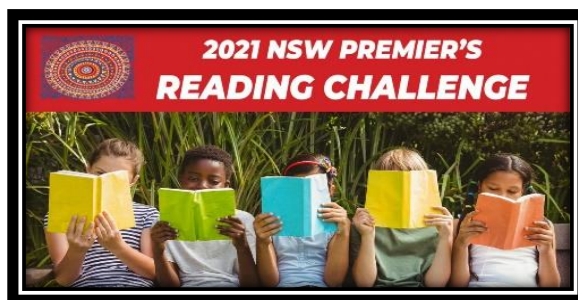
### **Athletics Carnival**

As advised, our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021** at the **Athletic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush**. A reminder that parents are not permitted on the field if not assisting on the day. All spectators must remain in the designated grandstands or grass area. Students are to bring their own lunch, or they can pre-order from the College canteen. Details were posted on the College SkoolBag App and emailed to parents/guardians yesterday.

### **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**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Staff Spiritual Day

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 Commences for Students**

**All students are to return in their winter uniform.**

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Years 9-12 Visual Arts Excursion
  - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Primary Athletics Carnival
  - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 9 HSIE Excursion
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Parent Volunteer Induction Meeting
  - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 11 Leadership Day Retreat

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Ellie Moussa (Kindy)
- ★ Sophia Chamoun, Zayn Akkaoui, John Paul Bou Melhem, Brendan Bazouni, Antonio Dib, Georges Fahad, Porsha Hawache, Gianna Nazha (Year 2)
- ★ Celine Youssef, Christian Bazouni, Mariah Wakim (Year 4)
- ★ Michael Salem, Isaiah Ghabach, Anthony Bouchaaya, Lucas Julian Dahdah, Isabella Deeb, Antonio Eljer, Rafael Ishak, Christiana Harb (Year 5)
- ★ Rachelle Rizk, Elias Bechara, Mabelle Kassas, Kaylah Daher, Jerome Deeb, Christopher Dimassi, Silvia Harb, Alana Yaacoub, Hannah Youssef, Joshua Daoud, Natasha Ishak, Youssef Kabalan, Giovanni Makari, Josee Rizk (Year 8)
- ★ Hannah Habib, Claudia Kabalan, Celena Habib, Veronica Ibrahim, Anthony Samson, Melody Sleiman, Audrey Tannous, Omar Amoud, Theresa Boustani, Anthony Elia, Norma Samaha, Cyrine Nakhoul (Year 9)

### Bronze Awards:

- ★ Joseph Katrib (Kindy)
- ★ Ayoub Dayoub, Justin Chiha (Year 2)
- ★ Gaia El Khoury, Nicolas Atie, Charbel Bou Assi, Jaden Harmouche (Year 3)
- ★ Bernadette Yaacoub, Annalise Khoury (Year 5)

### Silver Awards:

- ★ Olivia Khouri, Joe Obeid, Lily-Rose El Katrib (Year 3)

### Principal's Awards:

- ★ Julian Basnet (Year 3)

## ALSO THIS WEEK...

Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews conclude, today, without any drama!





The past two weeks, students in 5 Rainbow have been spending time designing and making an object that created a force. This task integrated their knowledge from science about forces into their creative arts lesson. Students had lots of fun making and testing their designs.





Kindergarten Red and White loved spending time with their Year 6 buddies Friday afternoon. The year 6 students created fun and exciting picture books about their buddies in space!!





What an amazing term we've had in Kindergarten!  
Students have been very busy creating and sharing stories, improving our reading skills, learning new maths concepts and using digital technology to support our learning.



After many early morning classes, this is the result. As a teacher, I am so proud of what our Year 10 Timber students had worked so hard to construct. I would also like to thank them for inspiring me with such beautifully constructed dartboard cabinets.



## PARENT CORNER

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### 2021 BYOD Portal

<https://www.ibeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: MCHFBYOD

Website: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/mchf2325/>

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