



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 5: Friday, 13th August 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Staff, Students and Parents; On 15 August we celebrate Foundation Day, when the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family was formed back in 1895 in Lebanon. This is a special day for the Sisters as we renew our vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Our Congregation was established to provide education to village girls who would otherwise not have received an education. From small beginnings, the Congregation grew to establish schools for students from all cultural and religious backgrounds. The Congregation also established preschools, aged care facilities, a hospital and university.



The Sisters are also active in parish life and in pastoral care. We have ministries across Lebanon, Syria, Australia and the USA.

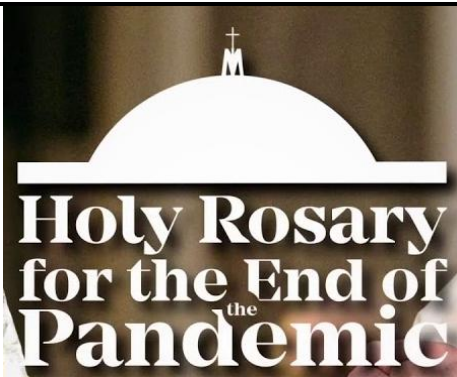
We ask you to keep us in your prayers, this Sunday, that we may continue to be faithful to God's call to serve.

Wishing you all a very blessed Assumption Day. May The Virgin Mary be the Queen of your homes and families.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Today MCHF celebrated the Sisters' Foundation Day and the Feast of the Assumption. The day commenced with all participating with the celebration of Mass online live from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. Following the Mass, the students from Kindergarten to Year 12 took part in the Rosary Marathon an initiative by the Pope for all to pray the Holy Rosary for the end to this Pandemic. I encourage you all to please continue to pray the Rosary on a daily basis with your families. I would like to thank all the Staff, Students and Parents who assisted and took part in the day. May our Lady bless and protect you all.



*Immaculate Virgin,
 Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
 We believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven
 where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.
 We join them in praising you and bless the Lord
 who raised you above all creatures.
 With them we offer you our devotion and love.
 We are confident that you watch over
 our daily efforts and needs.
 We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
 After this earthly life, show us Jesus,
 the blest fruit of your womb,
 O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
 Holy Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us!*



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

August – Mirror of Patience

Saint Joseph is called the “mirror of patience.” He *reflects* for us what patience looks like with the model of his saintly life. He *reflects* patience in how he endured difficulties without abandoning himself to sorrow and without losing sight of the good toward which he was striving. St. Joseph’s life was a continual process of waiting on the Lord’s revelation to him. He had to wait for the Lord to reveal what Mary’s pregnancy was all about, and what his role was to be. When Jesus was an infant, St. Joseph had to take his family and uproot them to Egypt to flee Herod’s murderous threat (Matthew 2:13-23). In Egypt, he would have had to find new work and new shelter for his family, and stay indefinitely in a foreign land. But Joseph was patient. Joseph trusted in God’s providential care for him.


Sr Marlene Chedid
 Deputy Principal


MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Happy Foundation Day and a Blessed Feast of the Assumption

Today we celebrated the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. We made the most of the opportunity to celebrate our foundation day through participating in Mass online, and providing various activities and initiatives for students to celebrate the feast from their homes with their families.

The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family were established on the 15th August 1895. Venerable Patriarch Elias Howayek established the Maronite Sisters of the Holy





From now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
Luke 1: 48-49

Wishing you all a blessed Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Family along with Sr Rosalie Nasr, Sr Stephanie Kardouche and Sr Josephine Howayek. Their foundation day coincides with the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. I hope you will make the most of the opportunity to celebrate this important feast from home this weekend. We encourage you to celebrate the feast through participating in Mass online, sharing a meal, praying the rosary or watching a movie of Our Lady such as Fatima.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed foundation day and Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.



Thank you to everyone who sent photos in. We can't put them all in the newsletter, but we will definitely be posting them on our Facebook site! Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>

COVID and Remote Learning Reminders

- There are still a very limited number of staff at the College on a daily basis.
- Avoid coming on College grounds. Please contact the College via email admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au or phone 9633 6600.
- Supervision is strictly provided only for students with essential working parents.
- All staff are required to wear a mask at all times when at the College. Secondary students are required to wear a mask in classrooms when on College grounds.
- Support and assistance for students' wellbeing is available during remote learning. Please contact your child's Stage Coordinator (Primary) or Year Advisor (Secondary) for more information.
- During this time of remote learning and with the majority of College staff working from home. Staff are using their mobile phones to contact home; therefore, if you are receiving private number calls, it is most likely a member of staff from the College.

Restrictions and Lockdowns

The current lockdown and restrictions doesn't seem to be easing anytime soon. We cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring we all play our part by adhering to the current public health orders. I especially request from our essential working parents who are sending their child/ren to the College for supervision to be extra vigilant on weekends ensuring that they do not place themselves at any risk as the current delta strain is spreading within LGAs and our surrounding LGAs.

Vinnies is Here to Help!

Vinnies is here to help. If any family needs help with food, bills and/or housing during this difficult time, please contact their Helpline on 13 18 12 or call your local [Vinnies Support Centre](#).

Their No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is also available to provide access to student home learning technology equipment. See their [website](#) for more information.



Remote Learning Theme Days

Every Friday we will be having theme days to promote wellbeing and positive learning experiences. This week our theme was blue and white on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and Foundation Day. Next week our theme will be Beanie and Hat Day! Students are invited to wear their favourite hats or beanies to their classes.

We encourage our students to get behind our weekly themes and send your photos to media@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Leadership Team Visible Learning Workshop

The College Leadership team participated in an online visible learning workshop to review the current progress of our work with visible learning and commence preparation for our next 12-month action plan. We are extremely proud of the achievements and progress we have made and we are excited for the opportunities ahead.

Mr E. Asmar

Assistant Principal

A banner for "REMOTE LEARNING THEME DAYS" featuring a central crest with the motto "KNOW LOVE SERVE" and various hats and beanies scattered around it. The crest is for the Maronite College of the Holy Family.

REMOTE LEARNING THEME DAYS

Term 3 Week 6: Friday 20th August 2021

Beanie and Hat Day

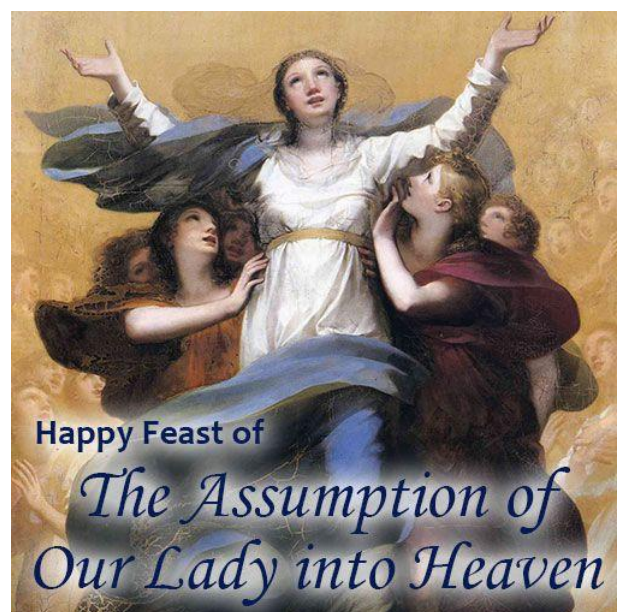
**Wear your favourite hat or beanie to your classes.
Take photos and send them to the College via email
media@mchf.nsw.edu.au**

SECONDARY NEWS

Foundation Day and the Feast of the Assumption

Celebrations

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and our Foundation Day and this week we celebrated Family's Week. To commemorate these special occasions, our secondary students started today with Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, live streamed into their homes. Following this, they had the chance to watch a Secondary Assembly where students were recognised for their achievements. Students were presented with merits, Class Captains were announced and our first round of Remote Learning Awards were given out. After this, students were encouraged to share a meal with their families in celebration. Finally, we finished the formalities of the day with a Rosary Relay, where each homeroom said a decade of the rosary together, lead by their homeroom teachers and class captains. Students were also given the opportunity to research the life of Venerable Patriarch Elias Howayek throughout the day. It has been a very



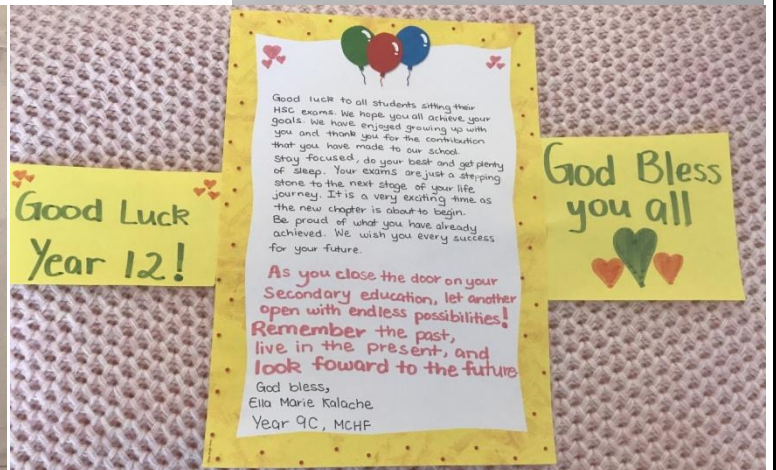
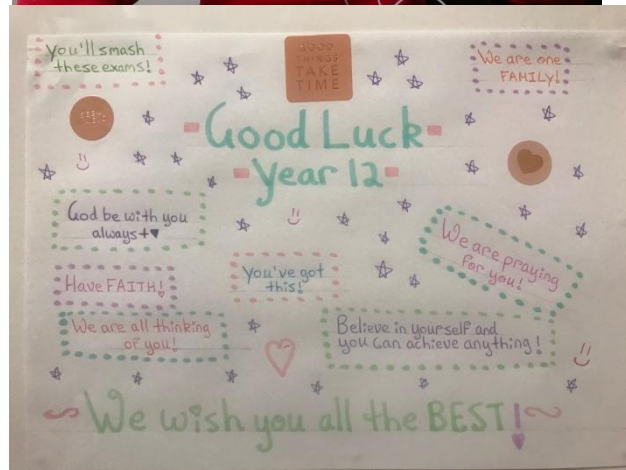
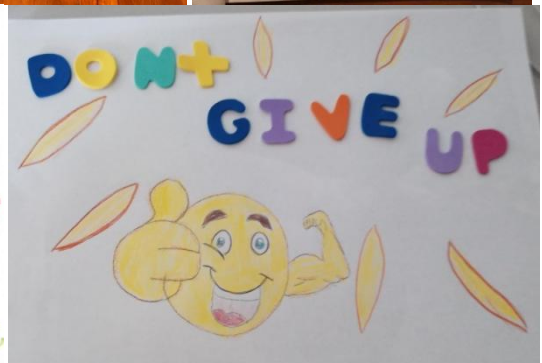
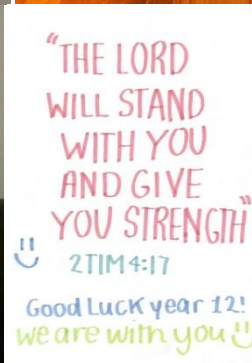
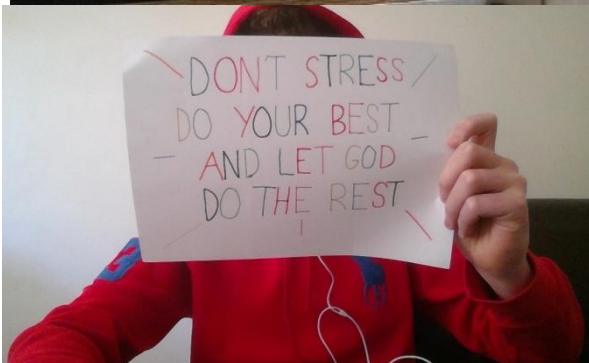
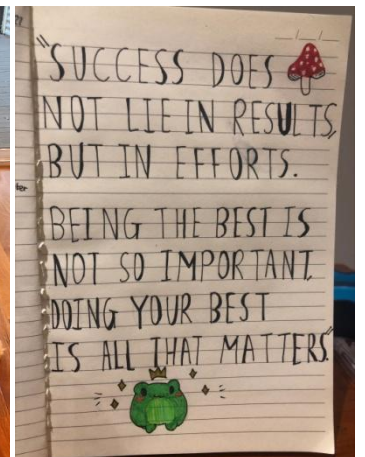
special day in honour of our Mother Mary and the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a Blessed Feast of the Assumption, Happy Foundation Day and Happy Family's Week.



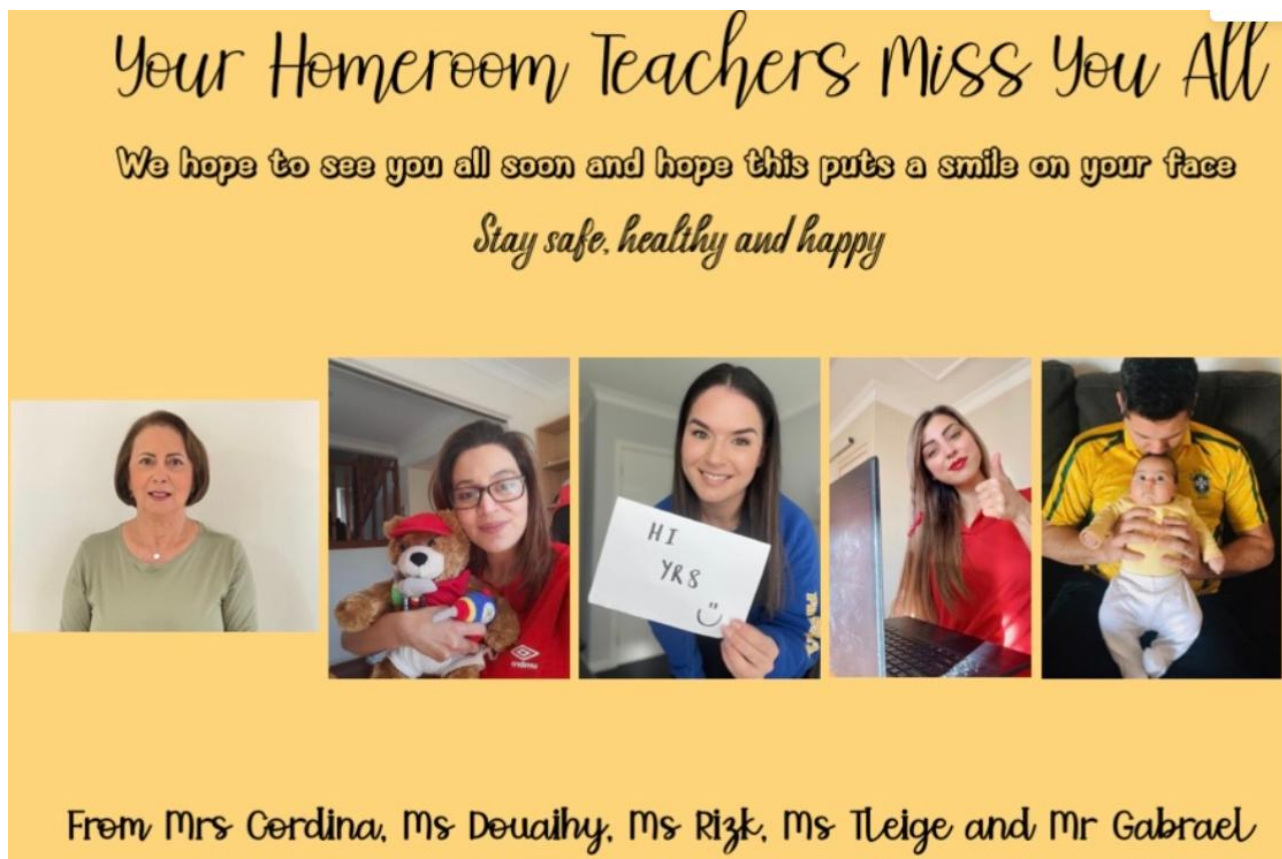
Messages to Year 12

Last Friday, students in Years 7-10 spent their pastoral session writing inspirational messages to our Year 12 students as they navigate their way through their final term of schooling. It was our way of showing Year 12 that we are thinking of them and are with them every step of the way during these difficult times. Below are some of the messages our students made.



Microsoft Teams Pages

Our Year Advisors are keeping our Microsoft Teams pages filled with inspirational messages, quotes and puns on a daily basis. Below is a special message to Year 8 from all of the homeroom teachers that was posted this week.



Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 Preliminary exams have been moved to Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. An exam timetable will be sent to all Year 11 students towards the end of this term. This will allow our Year 11 courses to well and truly finish the content and provide plenty of time for revision for our students.

Year 12 Updates

Year 12 students who have major works due are being looked after via a special consideration program that the College will be applying for. This will be done for each affected student by our Director of Curriculum, Ms Dalla, in consultation with the classroom teacher and KLA Coordinator.

The CSSA trial exams will be posted to each students' house at the conclusion of the security period so that students have the opportunity to practice exam situations and get feedback from their teachers.

Share Market Game Round 2

Round 2 of the share market is about to begin! We are opening this round to Years 9-11.

The Game gives you an opportunity to learn about the share market and how it works. You get \$50,000 virtual cash. You can buy and sell shares in 200+ nominated companies listed on ASX using live prices and will be charged brokerage on each trade, simulating real share market conditions. You will be competing against other students all around Australia.

Anyone that is interested please email Mrs Badr by next Wednesday on rbadr@mchf.nsw.edu.au.

Microsoft Teams Meetings – Cameras On

Students are being encouraged to turn on their cameras during their lessons. We are asking students to do this to increase engagement and to make sure that they are on task. It's also nice for staff to see who they are talking to! We understand some students might not have a camera on their computer, but our expectation is that they are there behind the screen working.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS

Today we celebrated the Foundation Day of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. Our annual celebration began with a beautiful Mass, which honoured Patriarch Elias Howayek, the founder of the Maronite Sisters. Unfortunately, the current restrictions prevented us from being physically present at today's celebration, but the wonders of technology enabled us to be present online. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, Sr Constance and all their fellow Sisters, a very blessed day tomorrow as they renew their vows. We especially pray for the Sisters in Lebanon who continue to do their good work for the many in need during these current times.

Rosary Relay

Today we participated in a Rosary Relay for the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family and for an end to this pandemic we currently experiencing. It was a beautiful experience for our College community knowing that we were all praying together despite our distance. Thank you to Mrs Carmel Kevill who facilitated this special way of saying the Rosary today.

Foundation Day Activities

A very big thank you to all our students and their families who participated in the Foundation Day activities today. We look forward to receiving more photos from today so that we can continue to share your experiences with the MCHF community.



Remote Learning Update

Please ensure that you regularly check your email, the College Skoolbag app, and the College Facebook page for updates about Online Learning and College events.

Theme Days

Don't forget to join in the fun of our College Theme Days. Students are so excited to see not only what their friends are wearing, but also what their teachers have dressed up in as well. Remember that these days can also be enjoyed by our parents and older siblings too.

Learning Adventures

Exciting learning opportunities continue to happen online every day at home and this week was no exception. Here is a glimpse inside some of our home classrooms.

Kindergarten

This week, Kindergarten is learning all about area. They are using a range of objects e.g., blocks, paddle pop sticks, straws, to measure the area of different items around the home such as books, baskets, chairs or dining table.



After Mathematics, all the children were off ready to participate in their own Olympic games. Well done to all our little champions!





Then it was of course time to relax at the online Pool Party. What a fun way to learn!



This week, Year 5 students have been applying the aboriginal technique of dot painting to create authentic style artwork. Sarah Taouk from 5 Rainbow, combined these techniques with her artist talent to create a piece of art depicting an Australian bushfire.



Learning Centre News

Ms LeMerle has organised some useful online resources that will assist our students while they learn from home. **Free access** to the following sites has been provided for our families **until 3rd September 2021**. Please take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy it over the coming weeks.

Book Week

Book Week is a very exciting time of the year for students and teachers alike. At MCHF, we are lucky to combine this special week with our Annual Book Fair. Due to the current circumstances, we have postponed these events until Term 4. We will provide further details closer to the date.

Book Club

The great news is that Book Club is still available during Remote Learning. This will allow your child the opportunity to continue to purchase their desired books. Issue 6 is now LIVE and will be open for orders until the end of this term. Please follow the link below for more details. <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/6360/bc521.pdf>



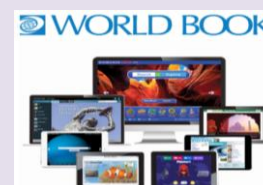
World Book Online

Access to this wonderful site includes World Book Kids, Student, Advanced, and Timelines.

Log in: www.worldbookonline.com

Username: good

Password: anzsl



Story Box Online

Story Box Online is an educational website created for children to view and enjoy stories by local authors and illustrators. Students can also listen to books being read by several fantastic storytellers.

Log in: <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

Username: mchflibrary

Password: mchf2021



2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the closing date for student entries into the Premier's Reading Challenge is Friday 30th of August. All reading records need to be completed prior to this date so that they can be lodged on time. Remember, even if you are finished, keep on reading!

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



Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

A new award, called the 'Remote Learning Award', will be presented to one student per cohort at the end of the week. Teachers have the opportunity to select the most outstanding student remote learning in their class, the year advisors will tally votes and nominate the student of the week. The criteria for this award are, 'consistent effort and dedication to online learning, having a positive attitude and doing well overall'. Students that are selected will receive a merit for being nominated with the student of the week receiving 2 merits.

Remote Learning Awards - Week 4

K Blue - Jerome Peter Elias	K Red - Adriana Zaouk
K Rose - Christie Sahyoun	K White - Elias Charbel Melhem
1 Gold - Emmanuel Fares	1 Green - Roy Akik
1 Lilac - Charelle Bahri	1 Silver - Sky Rizkallah
2 Diamond - Saïdy Sharon	2 Jade - Pio El Khoury
2 Pink - Gabriel Bou Assi	2 Purple - Samia Taouk
3 Beige - Charbel Georges Sleiman	3 Lavender - Sophie El Kadi
3 Orange - Antonia Rose Wakim	3 Yellow - Nicolas Atie
4 Amber - Celine Youssef	4 Aqua - Julian Licha
4 Olive - Matthew El Boustani	4 Violet - Charbel Hage
5 Opal - Ava Rose Fakhri	5 Rainbow - Jasmine Saba
5 Ruby - Mariana Hadchiti	5 Sapphire - Heidi Farah
6 Emerald - Avya Wakim	6 Indigo - Amber Fasavalu
6 Teal - Charbel Semaan	6 Topaz - Sienna Green
Year 7 - Natalie Goodwin	Year 8 - Andy Sleiman
Year 9 - Raymond Constanton	Year 10 - Christelle Joukhadar
Year 11 - Ann-Marie Yaacoub	Year 12 - Chanelle Coorey

Remote Learning Awards - Week 5

K Blue - Johnny Samir Taouk	K Red - Sienna Gedeon
K Rose - Cezar Ishak	K White - Noah Anthony Sassine
1 Gold - Alex Ayoub	1 Green - Elijah Semaan
1 Lilac - Clarita Ayoub	1 Silver - Matthew El Kadi
2 Diamond - Isaac Maalouf	2 Jade - Tiana Nassar
2 Pink - John Paul Joseph Bou Melhem	2 Purple - Amelia Yaacoub
3 Beige - Jamie Lee Boutros	3 Lavender - Simon Gabriel Bazouni
3 Orange - Natasha Natalia Kassis	3 Yellow - Charbel Bou Assi
4 Amber - Lina Alameddine	4 Aqua - Lucas Tadros
4 Olive - Juliette Taouk	4 Violet - Mema George Yaacoub
5 Opal - Christian Awad	5 Rainbow - Leigh-Shah Aflak
5 Ruby - Rafael Ishac	5 Sapphire - Clara Akik
6 Emerald - Annabella Khoury	6 Indigo - Alexi Nasr
6 Teal - Gabriella Elbayeh	6 Topaz - Joseph Saleh
Year 7 - Salma Abou Azar	Year 8 - Joshua Daoud
Year 9 - Jean Paul Azar	Year 10 - Charlene Kayrouz
Year 11 - Georgia Deeb	Year 12 - Adrian Harb

All Rounder Awards

- ★ Pierre Azzi, Joseph Ibrahim, Charlize Khoury, Charbel Massoud, Chloe Nakhoul, Alisa Saghabi, Anthony Tannous, Nicole Abou-Chedid, Jonathan Semaan, Allegra Achy, Maria Nour, Grace El Khoury, Andy Sleiman (Year 8)

Bronze Award

- ★ Alex Abi-Khattar, Dania Nakhoul (Year 8)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 16th September – Term 3 Concludes for Students

REMINDERS AND NEWS FROM FEES AND ENROLMENT

The following excursions have been cancelled for this year and credits will be applied off school fees:

Secondary

- Year 11 First Aid
- Drama
- Music

ALSO THIS WEEK...

Feast of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary
Completed by Maged El-Ghazawy from 2 Diamond. Great job, Maged!

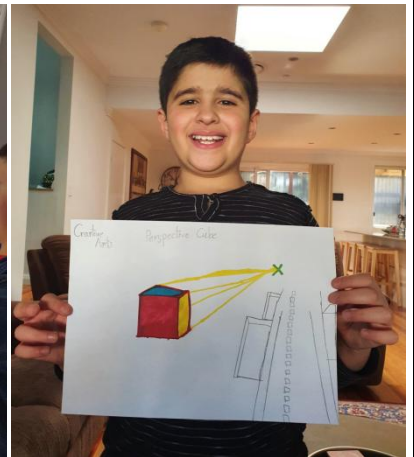
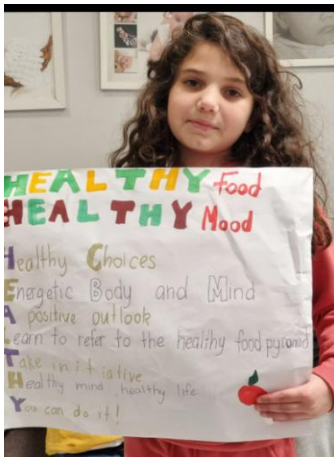


Year 3 is studying the unit of Mass in Maths. Students were encouraged to bake a cake, referring to the number of grams for each ingredient. The students had so much fun cooking with their family!

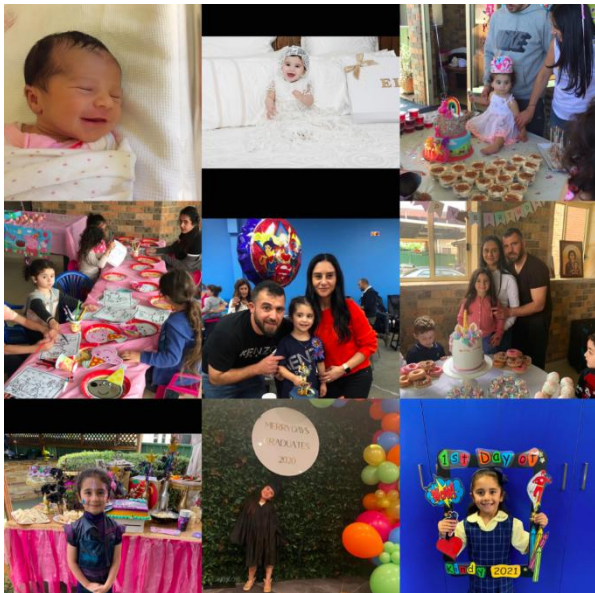




Ms Dib's students work hard at home.



Who said Geography was boring?! Kindy Rose have fun completing timelines for their Geography task.



STUDENT CORNER

UAC Digital / Mental Health and the HSC Webinar
Thursday, 2nd September 2021

A panel of experts will help HSC students and their parents identify the differences between healthy stress and more serious mental health challenges. Please click the link for more information...

<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/mentalhealthhsc>

The Skills and Thrills Digital Students Showcase, a free online careers resource is now available to all NSW high school students.

The Skills and Thrills Digital Students Showcase is an online video designed for high school students (years 7-12), educators and parents, to provide information about post school pathways.

The content covered includes:

- Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways
- Industry trends
- Impact of COVID-19 on industry
- Apprenticeships, Traineeships and SBATs
- Provides an understanding of skill shortages and the future of work
- Helps students connect their passion to a career

The video created by SkillsOne in partnership with the NSW Government can be viewed at <https://www.skillsone.com.au/category/digital-students-showcase/>

PARENT CORNER

Dear Parents,

Elevate Education is providing parents with exclusive access to their Parent Webinar Series for Term 3, 2021. The webinars continue on Wednesday 18th August at 7pm. To reserve your spot, you can register for free below,

[You can register by clicking here.](#)

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

Upcoming sessions:

August 18th - Note taking skills to help your child deepen their revision.

September 1st - Exam homestretch and how to support your child in the final weeks.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

Phone: [1300 667 945](tel:1300667945)

Email: auscoaching@elevateeducation.com

Website: <https://au.elevateeducation.com>

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

USEFUL LINKS & RESOURCES

NSW Dept of Education

Education Live Videos/Livestreams/Fun Lessons - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

Disability Learning and Support Advice - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/disability-learningand-support-advice>

ACYP – Advocate for Children & Young People - <https://www.digitallunchbreak.nsw.gov.au/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Mental Health Support - <https://lifeinmind.org.au/communities/support-for-those-impacted-by-adverse-events/mental-health-support-for-covid-19>

Australian Reptile Park - <https://www.reptilepark.com.au/educationhub/>

Art Gallery NSW - <https://togetherinart.org/kids/>

Sydney Opera House - <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/digital/for-the-kids.html>

Australian Museum - <https://australian.museum/inside-out/homeschool-resources/>

Taronga Zoo Sydney - <https://taronga.org.au/education/digital-programs-online-resources/enrichment-design-competition>

2021 BYOD Portal

<https://www.jbeducation.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/>

LinkedIn: <https://au.linkedin.com/company/maronite-college-of-the-holy-family>