



Maronite College of the Holy Family
NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 1: Friday, 8th October 2021

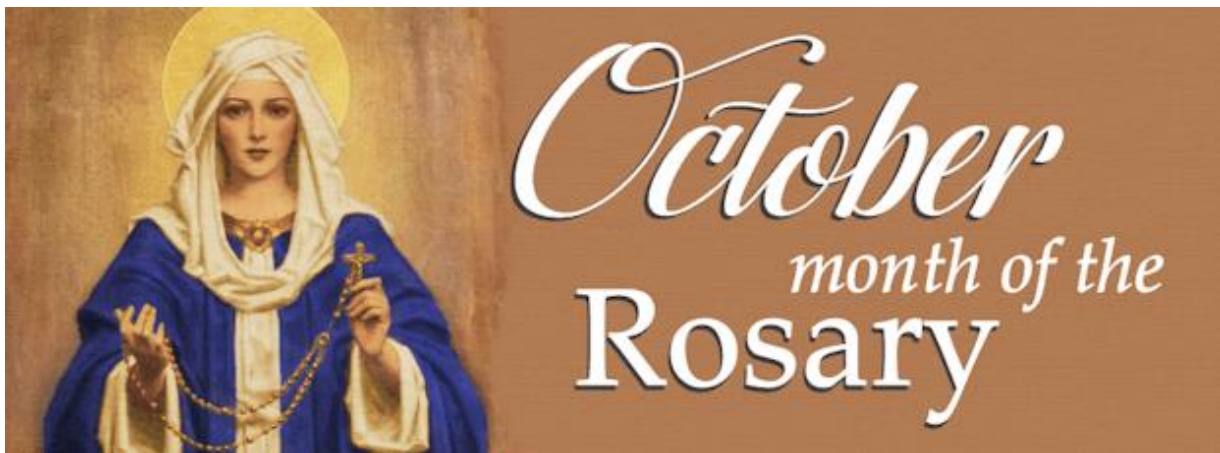
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome you all back to the final term of the year. This term, we welcome back staff who have been on leave and new staff joining us.

As the students start to commence face to face learning, I ask that all parents please be mindful and check their children for any flu like symptoms on a daily basis. Please keep your children at home if they show any signs of these symptoms.

Following Health and Government directives I want to remind you all that **no parent is allowed to enter the College** grounds in the morning or afternoon unless it is for an essential reason. Staff will be available at the gates each morning and afternoon to guide the students into the College grounds.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. I ask all parents to please pray the Rosary on a daily basis with your family. Prayer is the only medicine for these hard times.



*If you want peace
in your heart,
in your home,
in your country,
assemble together every night and say the Rosary.*

Pope St, Pius X (1835-1914)



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

October – Terror of Demons

Demons hate humility, suckled as they are on the vice of pride. Joseph's humility is what terrifies the demons. He is entrusted with power and authority not simply because of his internal strength but because of his complete reliance upon and fidelity to God.

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 4

Welcome to Term 4 and I hope you have had a great break over the past two weeks resting and refreshing from what sure was a challenging Term 3. Term 4 is sure to be an exciting term as we continue in our learning journey for the last term of the year and welcoming back students from remote learning. I wish you all the very best for this term and I look forward to accompanying your child in their learning journey.

Return to School Road Map

The College is looking forward to welcoming back students to the College and reverting to face-to-face teaching. Below are the dates students will be returning:

- Monday 18th October 2021 – Kindy and Year 1
- Monday 25th October 2021 – Year 2-9 and 11
- Monday 1st November 2021 – Year 10

The College's return to school road map is in line with the NSW Government's announcement except for Year 10. Year 10 will return a week later as they complete their online yearly examinations from 18th October 2021 until 29th October 2021. The College will release further information next week.

The graphic is a road map titled "Road Map to Return to Face-to-Face Learning". It features a blue background with yellow and white text boxes. At the top left is the Maronite College of the Holy Family logo. The main title is in large white letters. Below the title, there are three yellow boxes with white text: "Monday 18th October 2021 Kindy and Year 1 return", "Monday 25th October 2021 Year 2-6 and Year 7-9 and Year 11 return Year 12 to participate in HSC Workshops only", and "Monday 1st November 2021 Year 10 return". Below these boxes is a blue box with white text: "Tuesday 9th November 2021: HSC Exams Commence". At the bottom, there is a blue bar with white text: "Maronite College of the Holy Family" and the college logo on the right.

Uniform and Grooming

This term, students are required to be in their summer uniform. We also request from parents/guardians to pay close attention from now to their child's grooming to ensure they are prepared for their return back to school – this includes haircuts and shaving.

Vaccinations for Students Aged 12-15 years

NSW Health strongly urges all students aged 12-15 years to receive two doses of either Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible. There is currently sufficient supply of the Moderna vaccine to community pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners. Bookings can be made via the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#). Depending on location, bookings are available within the next few days. COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 now will help to protect both you, your family and your school community. The following factsheets regarding Moderna and young people are available:

- [Commonwealth Government factsheet](#)
- Children aged 12-15 years require parental or guardian consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, visit: [COVID-19 vaccination FAQs for parents and guardians](#).

NSW has also provided the following social media posts/tiles:

- Video: [Childhood vaccination Q&A](#)
- [Moderna](#)
- [Moderna for children](#)

2021 NAPLAN Results

The 2021 NAPLAN results were overall very pleasing. We have seen overall growth of our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in literacy and numeracy. I would like to provide you with a summary of the results. For Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 the results were:

- Reading - Above National Average
- Writing - Above National Average
- Spelling - Above National Average
- Grammar & Punctuation - Above National Average
- Numeracy - Above National Average

Congratulations to our students and their teachers for the impressive work and results.

Collecting NAPLAN Results and School Photos

The College has received each student's NAPLAN results and the School Photos. The College plans to distribute these when students return to the College.

If any parent/guardian would like these earlier, please email the College admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au or contact Administration and an arrangement will be made for you to collect them.

Return to School Road Map

As announced by the NSW Premier, the College is currently working through the return to school road map. The plan will be actioned if the Parramatta LGA no longer is a hot spot or area of concern. Further details of the plan will be announced early Term 4.

Remote Learning Theme Days

Every Friday we will be having theme days to promote wellbeing and positive learning experiences. This week our theme was Crazy Sock Day!

Next week our theme will be Multicultural Day! Students are invited to dress in another country/culture or assist at home by making a meal from another culture/country.

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



REMOTE LEARNING THEME DAYS

Term 4 Week 2: Friday 15th October 2021

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Students are invited to dress in another country/culture or assist at home by making a meal from another culture/country.

Take photos and send them to the College via email media@mchf.nsw.edu.au



Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal

SECONDARY NEWS

I would like to welcome all of our families back to Term 4 and I look forward to seeing all of our students back, face to face, in a few weeks' time when it is safe to do so. We will welcome back Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 on Monday 25th October and Year 10 on Monday 1st November, as they finish their online exam block at home in Weeks 3 and 4.

There are already a lot of things happening in the Secondary department, and it will be a very busy term, so please continue to read the newsletter each week to ensure you don't miss out on any crucial information.

Year 7-10 Exams

We have been able to finalise our Exam Schedules for the Years 7-10 Yearly Exams. Please see details below...

Students will be issued with detailed exam schedules and notifications closer to the dates of their exams.

Year 10:

- Monday 18th October (Week 3) - Friday 29th October (Week 4)
- Completed at home (online)
- Classes cancelled
- 60-minutes duration

Year 9:

- Monday 1st November (Week 5) - Tuesday 9th November (Week 6)
- Completed at school (online)
- 60-minutes duration

Year 7 and 8:

- Monday 15th November (Week 7) - Friday 19th November (Week 7)
- Completed at school (online)
- 45-minutes duration

Year 11 Max Potential

We wish our Year 11 students all the best as they approach the last leg of their Max Potential journey. Wadih Tannous, Georgia Khattar, Jacob Semaan, Elie Joukhader and Mark Nemer have been working hard with their mentors for the last six months to develop a Community Service Pitch aimed at making a difference in our world today. We congratulate them in advance on their graduation from this program, which will be held next Thursday night online.

Year 12 2022 Subject Selection

Year 11 students need to complete the subject drop form in *EFORMS* on the *SkoolBag* app. This must be signed by a parent/guardian and your child. It is due back to the College via the app on **Friday 22nd October, 5pm**. These forms will be used to register your child into NESA as an HSC student. If you have any issues or concerns about this process, please contact Ms Dalla, Director of Curriculum, at the College via email gdalla@mchf.nsw.edu.au.



Year 12 HSC Lectures

In week 4, from Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October, Year 12 students will be returning to school for compulsory HSC lectures run by their teachers. Students will need to be in full summer school uniform and normal grooming rules apply.

A detailed timetable with instructions has been emailed to Year 12 students already. Some important points to note about these lectures:

- These classes will take place in the old C Block across the road (where the HSC will also be conducted).
- The building will be deep cleaned, and the classrooms set up with desks and chairs ready to go.
- Year 12 students will not be allowed to cross over to the main College grounds except for an allocated time to clear out their lockers.
- Teachers will communicate with students as to what they would like them to bring to their lectures.
- Students are required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands before entering the classrooms (we will provide sanitizer outside each classroom).
- Students are to remain in the old C Block yard with Mrs Delimitros in between lectures.
- Students are asked to bring their lunch with them as they will not be allowed to leave in between lectures.

Apprenticeship Opportunity in Automotive

If you are interested in taking up an apprenticeship in Automotive, Mercedes-Benz in Parramatta and Castle Hill have an opportunity for YOU!!

Please email Mrs Kumar at kumar@mchf.nsw.edu.au if you are interested.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back to what will be a busy and exciting term ahead. Term 4 is always fast paced and intense in nature. For our teachers, it will be their last opportunity to ensure that their students' learning is consolidated in readiness for next year. When at school, it is vital that we encourage our students to remain focused on their learning and try their best. We ask that as parents, you also ensure your child displays a committed work ethic at home during the remaining weeks of Remote Learning, by completing any assigned work given to them by their teachers. Working together and supporting each other in partnership, will ensure the best opportunity for educational growth to occur.

K-6 Return to School

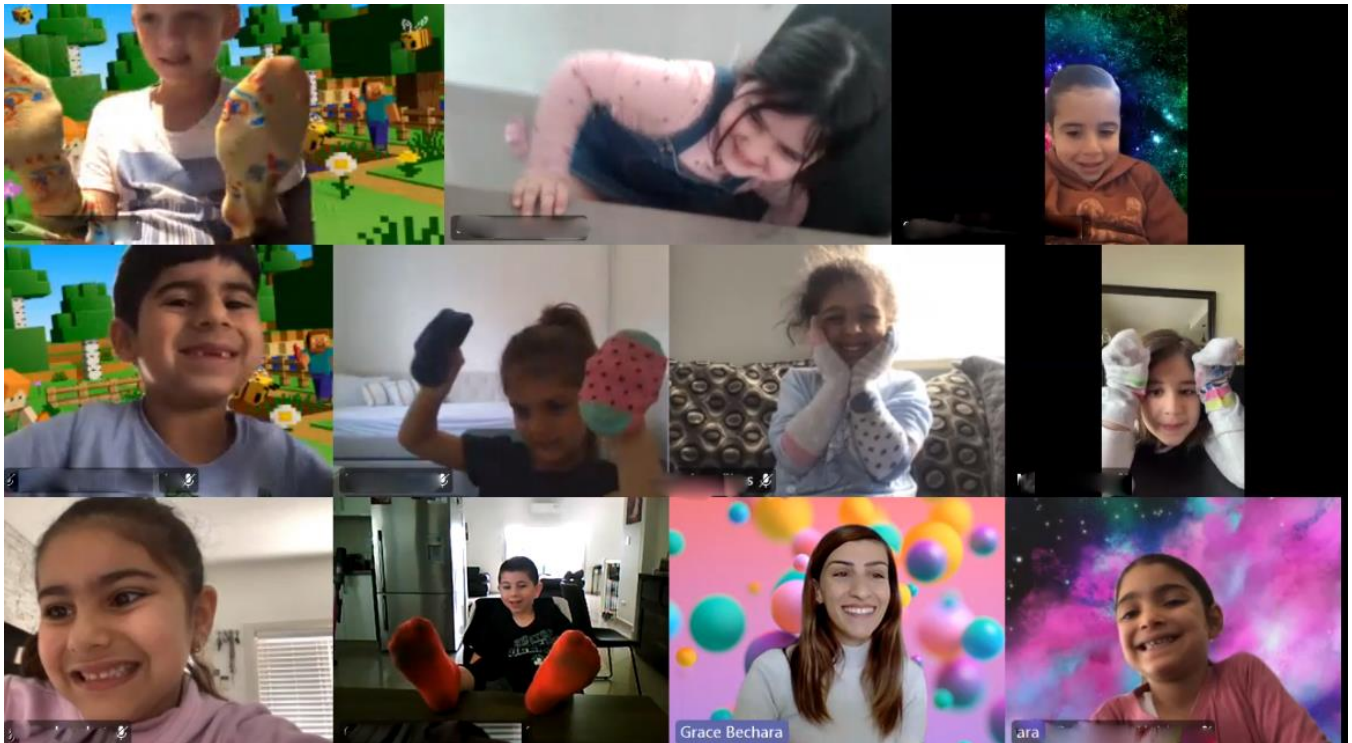
This week, an announcement was made regarding the dates that our K-6 students will return to the College. The updated government directives will see students return to school over a two-week period. The schedule begins with Kindergarten and Year 1 returning on Monday the 18th October 2021, with Years 2-6 returning the following week on 25th October 2021. This staggered start of grades will ensure that the health and safety measures for all members of our community are maintained. It will also provide a wonderful opportunity for your child to reconnect themselves with their friends and teachers, as well as reacquaint themselves with our College structures and class routines.

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of all members in our community is of great importance. Teachers have been supporting student wellbeing by including activities in their daily work plans. These activities range from writing prayers, meditating, and reinforcing healthy living. It has been wonderful to see the students and their families become so involved in this essential program. We thank all those who have sent in photos of their efforts and notes of appreciation.

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.



School Uniform

A reminder to all families that full summer uniform is to be worn when students return to school. 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. 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.

Student Attendance

A reminder that any student who does not complete their assigned work during Remote Learning will be marked absent for that day. Parents/Guardians must notify their child's class teacher of the absence and specify the reason for non-attendance. More detailed documentation such as a doctor's certificate with the student's name, needs to be submitted for prolonged absence. This procedure is mandated by the government.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

Remote Learning Awards

All-Rounder Awards

Bronze Award

Silver Award



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Give us time to shine

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 18th October 2021 - Kindy and Year 1 return to College, face to face learning
Monday 25th October 2021 - Years 2-9 and Year 11 return to College, face to face learning
Wednesday 27th October – Year 6 (Year 7, 2022) Maths Testing
Thursday 28th October - Year 6 (Year 7, 2022) English Testing
Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 10 return to College, face to face learning
Wednesday 17th November- Years 3-6 ICAS English Exam
Thursday 18th November- Years 3-6 ICAS Mathematics Exam
Friday 19th November- Years 3-6 ICAS Science Exam
Tuesday 23rd November - Year 6 Rewards Day
Friday 26th November - Year 6 Graduate from Primary
Monday 29th November - Year 9 Science Incursion

REMINDERS AND NEWS FROM FEES AND ENROLMENT

During these times of lockdown and remote learning, we kindly request for parents/guardians to limit cash transactions. Our preferred method is through direct debit. Please contact the College if you require any further information or assistance.

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

- MCHF Pilgrimage
- All Brainstorm Productions for 2021
- Year 9 Food Technology Incursion
- Years K-6 Carnivals
- Years K-3 Swimming Programs
- All remaining Primary excursions (excluding the Year 6 Rewards Day)
- Years 6, 9 and 11 Camps
- Years 8 and 10 Living History Incursion
- Year 9 Geography Excursion
- Year 11 First Aid Training
- Drama Excursion
- Music Excursion

ALSO THIS WEEK...

It has been a really short week!

STUDENT CORNER



PARENT CORNER

Apply for a Creative Kids voucher!

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

Click the link for more details and to register - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

USEFUL LINKS & RESOURCES

Trivia activities - <https://kahoot.it/>

Virtual Board Games - <https://codenames.game/>

Build with Brickman (Facebook) – The LEGO Masters judge has been running some virtual events through Facebook where you can build creations with him - <http://www.thebrickman.com>

Sydney Observatory – Through their Facebook account they have been running some fascinating virtual events with astrophysics - <https://maas.museum/sydney-observatory/>

How to make Origami - <https://au.video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=making+origami+virtual+lessons+free+crane&type=E211US714G0#id=2&vid=63ddbdf40fb8eabf501ade6054aca36c&action=click>

Fantastic learn to draw site for kids - <https://www.artforkidshub.com/>

Jo Wicks the Body Coach – Does quick workouts for kids at home. Posts new workouts weekly and continues providing home exercise routines for families - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w>

Children yoga activities, to encourage movement and mindfulness - <https://cosmickids.com/>

NSW Department 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

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