



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 3: Friday, 22nd October 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This week, we welcomed the Kindergarten and Year 1 students to the College. Next week we see the return of all students back to the College. We are all very excited about the students returning to face-to-face learning.

Parents are reminded of the following:

- Drop your children off at the front gates
- Do not enter the school grounds
- If you must enter, QR Code, wear a face mask and go directly to the Admin Office
- If your children have any flu like symptoms, please keep them at home

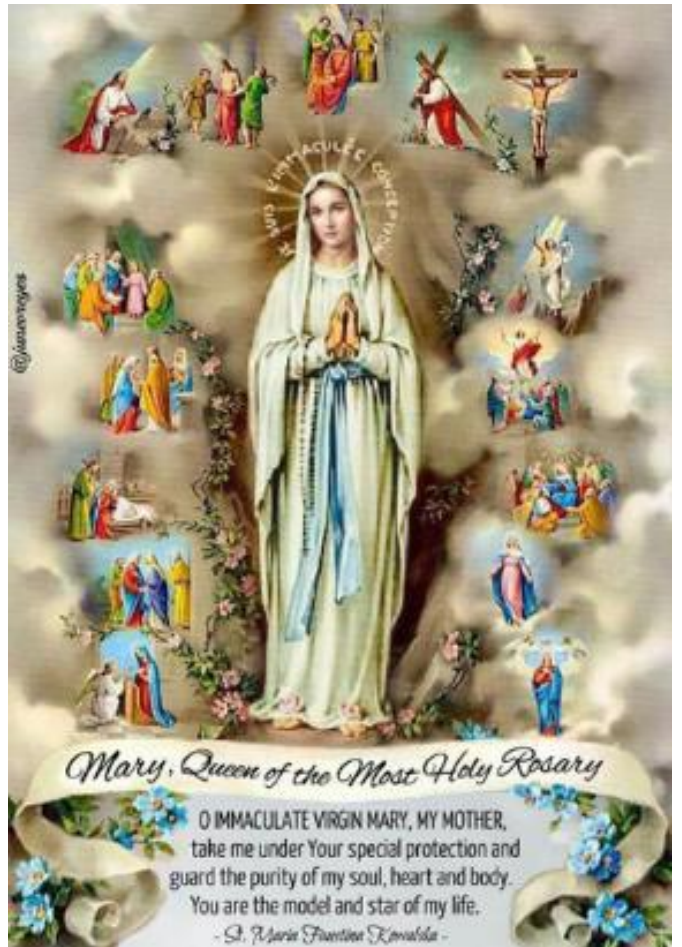
As we continue in this Blessed month of October, which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, I ask all parents to please pray the Rosary on a daily basis with your family.

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

Return to School Road Map

The College is looking forward to welcoming back the remainder of our students on Monday and reverting to face-to-face teaching.

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 information on the guidelines for students returning to face-to-face teaching has been emailed and posted on the College App. Please refer to the road map information as it is important for you to read through and understand what will occur when your child/ren return to school.

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.

College Shop

The College Shop will not be opening on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings this term. The shop will be operating through phone orders only. For any orders, please contact the Main Administration and arrangements will be made.

Australia's World Teachers Day – Friday 29th October 2021



Staff and students are invited to wear sunglasses to school on this day to celebrate the occasion.

#BrightFuture

Friday 29 October 2021

worldteachersday.edu.au

2021
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

The graphic features three people (two women and one man) wearing sunglasses and smiling. The background is green and yellow with a stylized apple logo.

World Teachers Day is being celebrated in NSW on Friday 29th October 2021. This year's theme is **#brightfuture**

As part of this initiative, the College Leaders are preparing a video message for our teachers to send to them on the day.

We invite you and your child/ren to be a part of the video by sending a photo (landscape size preferable) wearing sunglasses with a message of thanks for your child/ren's teacher/s.

Please email your photo to media@mchf.nsw.edu.au by Monday 25th October 2021.

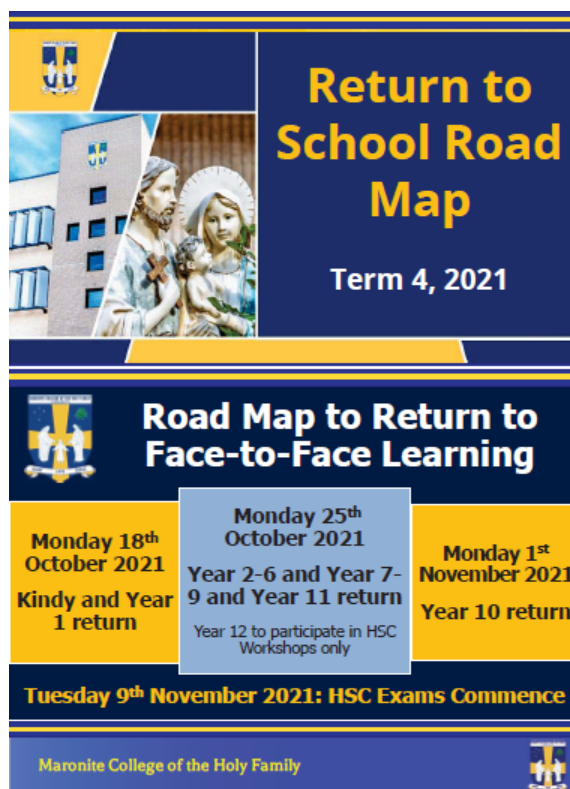
Staff and students will be invited to wear sunglasses on this day.

There will be other initiatives organised to celebrate this day including the celebration of Mass recognising staff who have provided 15 years of service to the College.

Teachers (with support from parents and guardians) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

Meeting with Student Leaders

This week I was privileged to meet with the new 2022 College Captains, Grace Sleiman and Elie Joukhadar, along



Return to School Road Map
Term 4, 2021

Road Map to Return to Face-to-Face Learning

Monday 18 th October 2021 Kindy and Year 1 return	Monday 25 th October 2021 Year 2-6 and Year 7-9 and Year 11 return Year 12 to participate in HSC Workshops only	Monday 1 st November 2021 Year 10 return
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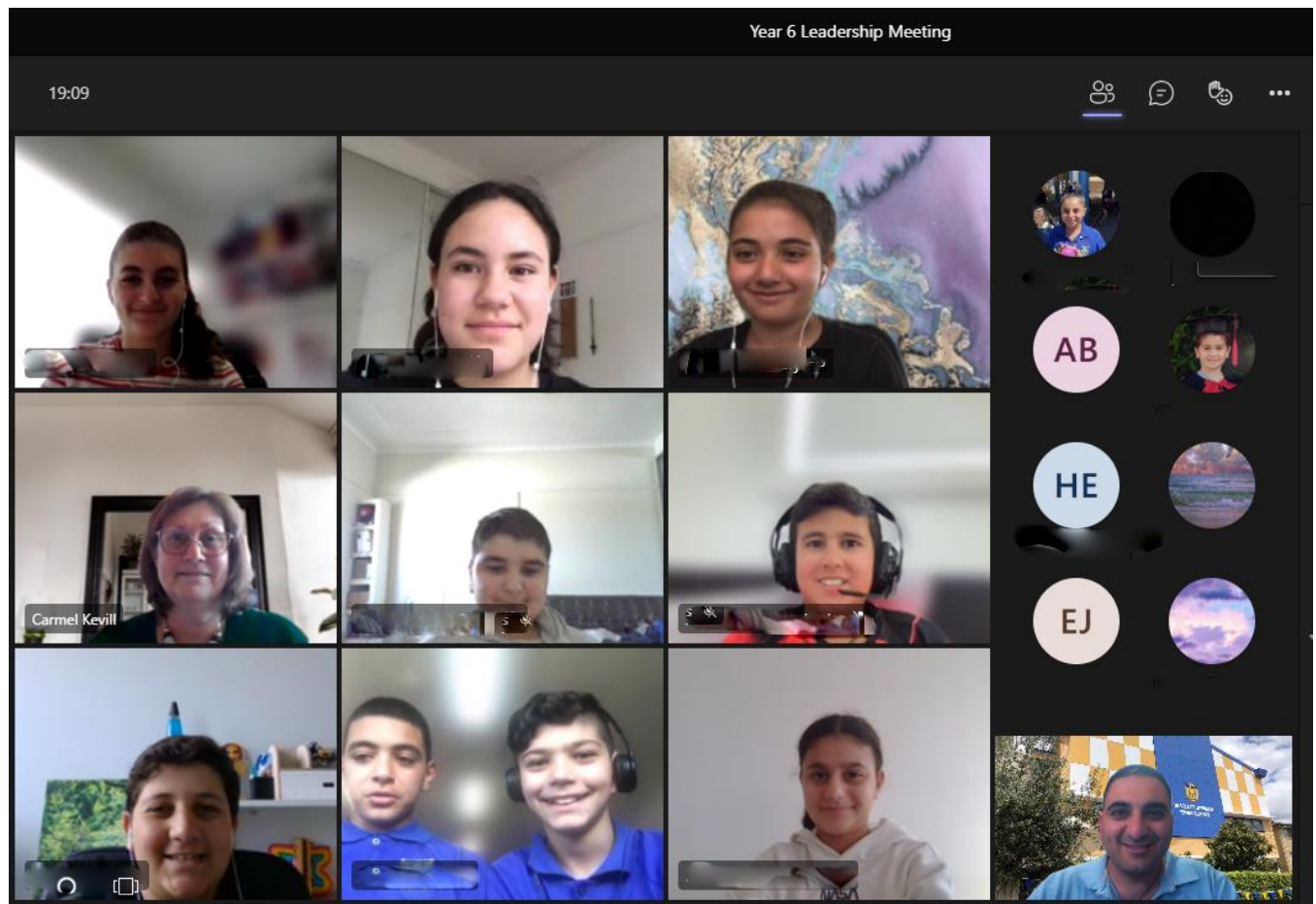
Tuesday 9th November 2021: HSC Exams Commence

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The graphic includes the college crest and a photo of a building.

with the Year 6 leaders and their Leader of Learning – Stage 3, Ms Kevill. The meeting was to discuss and plan for the upcoming celebrations for World Teacher’s Day.

The leaders have planned to prepare a video message for their teachers with messages of recognition. I thank the leaders for taking on this initiative and I look forward to seeing the video next week.



Student Vaccinations - Walk-in Weekend for People Aged 12 to 15

Do you have a child aged 12 to 15 years? If they haven't been vaccinated yet or don't have an appointment for their second dose, now's their chance! This Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 October, more than 40 NSW vaccination locations will be participating in our vaccination Walk-in Weekend for people aged 12 to 15. Consent is required from a parent or guardian at the appointment. More than 76% of 12 to 15 year-olds have had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. For more info: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/get-vaccinated/walk-in-weekend>

Please note the College will not be imposing vaccinations on its students; however, the College is obliged to adhere to relevant Health Orders which may arise from time to time. The College will simply forward any communication or information to its community as requested from NSW Health or Catholic Schools NSW.

Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal



PRIMARY NEWS

The College was brought to life on Monday as we officially welcomed our Kindergarten and Year 1 students back to school. Their smiling faces brought great joy to the staff who had dressed up for this very special occasion. Once in class, all students were eager to begin the fun learning activities their teachers had prepared for them. Each time I visited their classrooms, they couldn't resist telling me just how much they enjoyed being back at school with their teachers and friends. We are now looking forward to the return of all students from Years 2 to 6 on Monday 25th October.

Remote Learning

Teachers have always known that education is so much more than providing content, it is about that connection with a young learner and the personal encounter that helps them to thrive. Over the recent months, our teaching staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your child's learning has been catered for through the Remote Learning Plans they sent each day. The support and feedback they have continued to provide has been exceptional. I would like to thank them whole-heartedly for their efforts. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who supervised students at the College during Remote Learning as well as the Administration Staff for the daily support they provided. Lastly, a big thank you for the wonderful work that our students produced, and the valuable assistance given to them by their parents and other family members.

Online Experiments

It was an online team effort in 6 Emerald this week, as they conducted experiments at home. Ms Murphy was glad to report that not too much mess was caused as a result. Fun was had by all.



Library Borrowing

There will be no student borrowing from the Primary Learning Centre for the remainder of the year. If your child has any College library books at home, could they please be returned as soon as possible.

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 are 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.

Attendance

A reminder that College attendance procedures have now returned to normal. All students absent from school are asked to bring in a letter of explanation upon their return. Detailed documentation will be required for prolonged absence. We also ask that students who present with flu-like symptoms remain at home. Any students showing signs of sickness or become ill during the day, will be sent home.

Communication with Teachers

During Remote Learning, parents were able to communicate to teachers via email. When your child returns to full time face-face teaching, we ask that all communication is conducted via phone or email to the Primary Office.

Alternatively, you can write a brief note for your child to pass on to their teacher. This will ensure that any queries or concerns can be addressed promptly. In line with new health and safety procedures, we also remind you not to communicate with teachers or other staff members at the end of the day as students are dismissed.

New Arrivals

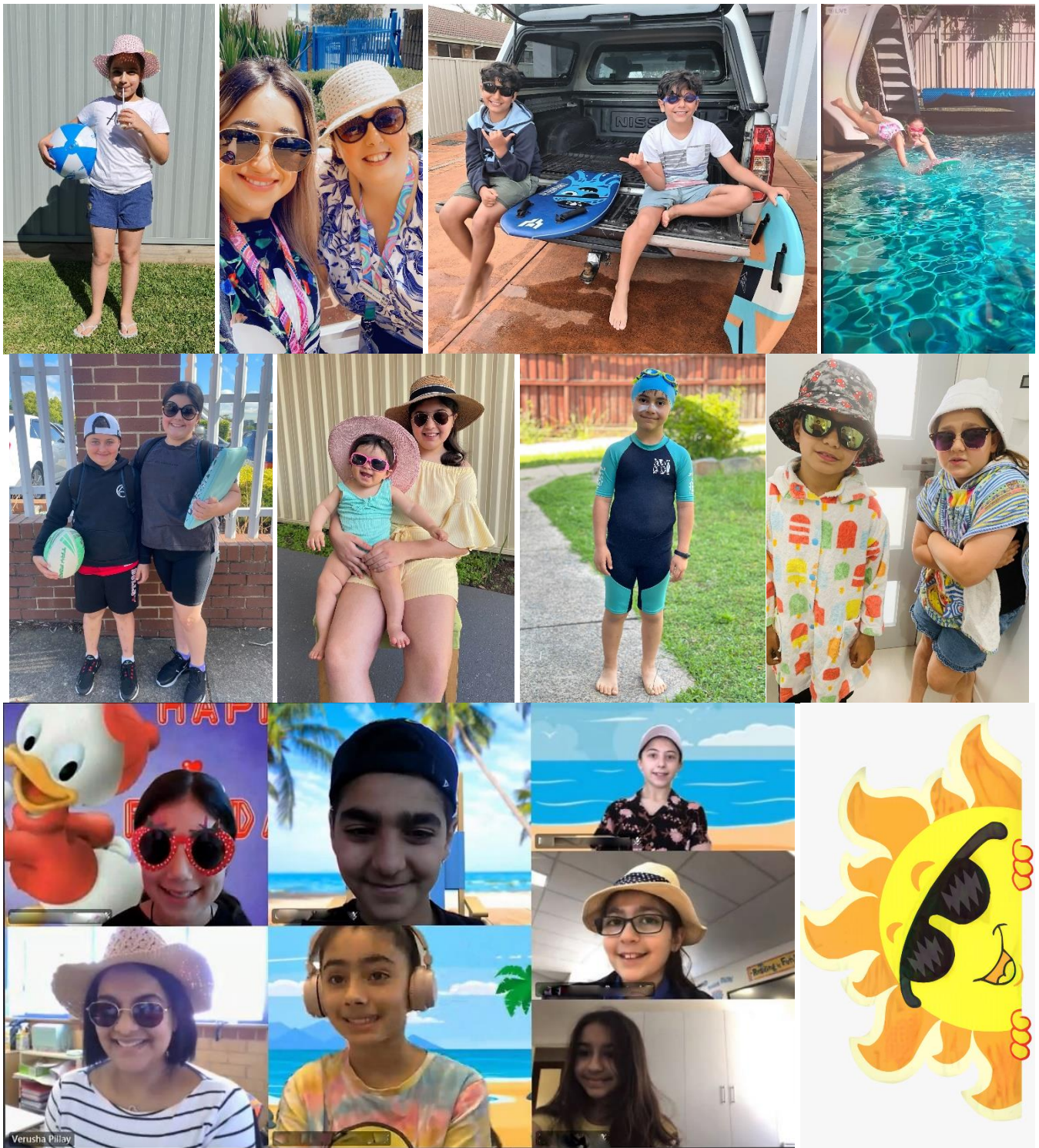
Congratulations to Ms Joanne Beylouni and her husband on the birth of their son last Friday the 15th October 2021. We are sure that Raphael will bring a great deal of love and happiness into their lives.

Farewell

We wish Ms Kartabani all the best as she begins leave in preparation for the upcoming birth of her first child. Ms Abi Kabalane will also be taking leave for the remainder of the year. Ms Saidi will commence as the class teacher of 5 Rainbow and Ms Cortese will begin as the teacher of 5 Opal. We welcome them to our staff.

Theme Days

Today's Theme Day was all about Summertime Fun. Thank you to all those who dressed up for the sizzling hot sun!



Traffic

We are anticipating an increased volume of traffic during the morning and afternoon peaks periods. We ask all parents to remain patient during these times. Extra staff will be on hand at the end of the day to assist with the flow of cars around the pick-up zone.

Safety and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of all members in our community is of great importance. When driving I urge everyone to comply with the road rules, especially within the school zone. As all students return to school next week, it is imperative that we are all more observant of the rules and their surroundings whilst driving. This will assist in maintaining a high level of safety for all in our community, especially our students.

Current Health and Safety Procedures

The following procedures will continue so that a high level of health and safety is maintained. Your compliance with these measures will be greatly appreciated by all in our community.

- Staff continue to emphasise the importance of personal hygiene and sanitisation. The College has ensured that a safe environment is provided to our MCHF community with a more frequent cleaning schedule.
- Social distancing is also being reinforced by all staff. This is in line with NSW Government advice.
- Students who present with flu-like symptoms are asked to remain at home. Parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child if they show any signs of sickness or become ill during the day. Parents are asked not to enter the College grounds unless necessary. Access is restricted to students, staff, and approved personnel only. This is to ensure that the health and safety of all those in our community remains a priority.
- Access to the main office foyer is restricted to two people at any one time. Visits must be for essential business only. The QR code must be scanned to register your presence on site.
- At the end of the school day, we request that parents stand in the designated area so that we comply with the NSW Government guidelines. It is also asked that you leave the College area immediately after your child has been collected and avoid conversing with other parents and students.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome Back

We look forward to welcoming all secondary students in Years 7-9, 11 and 12 back to the College on Monday and we wish Year 10 the best of luck as they continue with their Yearly Exams at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students about our uniform and grooming expectations for their return:

- Haircuts must be appropriate, a PROFESSIONAL BLEND for boys.
- Boys must be CLEANLY SHAVEN.
- Hair colour must be of NATURAL colour.
- FULL summer school uniform including belts for boys and correct socks must be worn.
- There should be NO fake nails, if anyone recently put them on, they need to come off this weekend and NO nail polish is to be worn.
- NO jewellery except for a religious necklace or bracelet is to be worn. Girls may wear ONE set of earrings in the lower ear lobe.
- Masks MUST be worn in all indoor settings including hallways and must be carried at all times.



A few more reminders:

- There is no canteen facility operating at recess and lunch, students need to order online prior if they wish to use the canteen.
- Afternoon bus lines are now on the grass area for secondary students. Students must sit in year group lines and there will be no time to visit the Café after school.
- Any student who is getting picked up will need to do so in the Infants Playground.

Year 7 HPV Vaccination

The Year 7 second dose of the HPV Vaccination, that was scheduled to take place this term, will be rescheduled for early 2022.

Year 12 HSC Exams Close Contacts

Catholic Schools NSW has released information this week regarding what will happen for a Year 12 student who is deemed a close contact while they are completing their HSC. In the event an HSC student is deemed a **CLOSE CONTACT** of a COVID case, if they have been vaccinated and are wearing a mask, that student **is no longer required to isolate**, allowing them to continue with their exam schedule.

MCHF ASX Games

For 10 weeks, groups of secondary students participated in the ASX Share Market Game. Each group was allocated \$50 000 to spend on virtual shares on the current ASX rate. The main aim was to make the most profit!

The students include Jorge Dayoub, Melissa Sawaqad, Sienna Mekary, Zac Dayoub, Abdo Abou-Chedid, Arthur Maroun, Bakhos Hadchiti, Marcel Deeb, Jesse Ellis, John Bounasr, Matthew Bounasr, Jacob Mansour, Omar Amoud, Joe Raad, Anthony Samson, Christian Abdulahad, Rebecca Hanania, George Zaidan, Simon Bazouni, Jorjuos Jarjes, Marissa Chalita, Jean Paul Azar, Angelina Wehbe, Juliana Makary, Yveyana Angelina, Zeaiter, Tiana Dora Bou Melhem, Norma Samaha, Audrey Tannous, Ella Marie Kalache, Jacob Khattar and Milad Aouad.

Well done to Group 1 **Abdo Abo Chedid and Arthur Maroun** on winning the MCHF ASX Game for 2021!! Special mention to Group 8 Norma Samaha, Audrey Tannous, Ella Marie Kalache for an amazing result too! Thank you to all of you who have participated in this game and we can't wait for next year!

The overall results are below:

Syndicate	Portfolio value	Profit / Loss
MCHF1	50499.79	499.79
MCHF2	49976.24	-23.76
MCHF3	47397.36	-2602.64
MCHF4	49827.68	-172.32
MCHF5	49831.96	-168.04
MCHF6	49871.31	-128.69
MCHF7	49604.59	-395.41
MCHF8	50399.02	399.02
MCHF9	49522.74	-477.26
MCHF_10	47353.08	-2646.92
MCHF_11	49877.25	-122.75
MCHF_12	49798.23	-201.77

Thursday Sport

Due to the current COVID restrictions, Thursday afternoon sport cannot take place this term. Instead, secondary students will be undertaking a program of academic and pastoral activities each week. Students can still wear their correct sports uniform on a Thursday.

Secondary Learning Centre

The Learning Centre will be open as per the usual times (before school, after school and lunch) but only for borrowing and returning books and equipment and for printing work. All clubs have been cancelled for the remainder of the term also due to COVID restrictions.

Reading classes and study periods timetabled in the Learning Centre will run as normal.

Secondary Homework Club

Homework Club has been cancelled for the remainder of this year. Hopefully, we will be able to offer this program again in 2022.

Staff Christmas Preparation

Santa has already paid our secondary staff a visit, setting up the secondary staffroom with beautiful Christmas decorations ready to welcome everyone back on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout remote learning. We look forward to everyone returning.

Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary



★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

Kindy and Year 1 Class Awards

K Rose: Charbel Boustani	1 Gold: Aydin Akkaoui
K Red: Christelle Baaklini	1 Green: John Elias
K White: Napoleon Douaihy	1 Silver: Joya Estephan
K Blue: Alyssa Bellido	1 Lilac: Joseph Khoury

Remote Learning Awards

2 Diamond: Grace Salem	5 Opal: Isaiah Ghabach
2 Jade: Reina Nour	5 Rainbow: Mia Antoun
2 Pink: Ava Melhem	5 Rizk: Elisa Francis
2 Purple: Jacinta Sassine	5 Sapphire: Charbel Tannous
3 Orange: Julian Azar	6 Indigo: Anthony John Sleiman
3 Yellow: Olivia Khouri	6 Emerald: Ayva Wakim
3 Beige: Sophie Esber	6 Topaz: Olivia Rizk
3 Lavender: Alexander Mekary	6 Teal: Charbel Semaan
4 Amber: Gabrielle Abi Khattar	Year 7: Mia Malouhi
4 Aqua: Taylor Kobayaty	Year 8: Alisa Saghabi
4 Olive: Jacob Layoun	Year 9: Katia Akik
4 Violet: Olivia Haddad	Year 11: Grace Sleiman

All-Rounder Awards

- ★ Isabelle Baker, Tony Bechara, Antoinette Chebat, Rebecca Elias, Alex Gereij (Year 10)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Tuesday 7th December – School Concludes for Students

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

PARENT CORNER

Fundraising for those in need in Lebanon

As we know, Lebanon is in very dire circumstances with corruption at the highest levels, forceful takeover of the country by other Nations, an economy that has spiralling debts, lack of employment, no basic amenities, electricity outage, and increasing poverty. Both the Maronite College of the Holy family and our sister school, St Maroun's College, will be raising funds to provide basic necessities and food for students in schools, operated by the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. The money will go directly to purchasing items for these families, so that they can experience some joy during this Christmas season.

If anyone would like to donate, please contact Admin (96336600 – Ext: 1). Envelopes will be sent around during homeroom classes for smaller collections.

Self-Compassion & Self Care for Parents - Online

Topics include

- What is self-compassion?
- Self compassion and parenting
- Self Care for parents-tips and strategies.
- Q & A with the presenters.

Tuesday 26 October
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Bookings essential

<https://parra.city/selfcompassion>



Mental health tips for parents of primary school children online

Thursday 28 October | 1.00pm

Bookings:

<https://parra.city/mentalhealthchildren>



October is Mental Health Month and City of Parramatta Libraries in partnership with Western Sydney Local Health District are presenting 'Mental health tips for parents of primary school children'.

This online session will offer parents and carers information, strategies and resources to look after the mental health of their primary school aged children.

Parents and carers will hear about what to look out for in their children, some simple ways to connect with their children about emotions and their experiences, and where they can access help for their child if they are concerned about their mental health.

The presenters will be Michelle Maiuolo and Dr Melanie Mence, clinical psychologists from Therapy for Kids & Families from the Western Sydney Local Health District.

Location: Online

Date: Thursday 28 October

Time: 1pm – 2pm

Cost: Free

Bookings: Online

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>

2021 BYOD Portal

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

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