



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - Week 6: Friday, 12th November 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week after much delay the Year 12 students finally commenced their HSC Exams. I would like to ask you all to continue to keep Year 12 in your prayers during this most stressful time for them. Our prayers and wishes are for all their efforts to be richly rewarded in producing their best results over the next few weeks.

God, we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence

in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.

Give them the ability to grasp things correctly,

be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly.

Point out clearly the beginning,

direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.

Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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

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

November – Patron of Dying and Solace of the Afflicted

What a blessed death to see God before you die and for God Himself to tell you to go. This was Joseph's gift from his Son, who would hand his father over to His Father. Thus has Christ entrusted Joseph to have particular intercessory power for all those on the moment of death.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Lebanon Independence Day

On Friday 19th November 2021, the College will be celebrating Lebanon Independence Day. This will be a mufti day for students. Students will be invited to dress in Lebanon colours as we celebrate this event. Students will need to contribute a gold coin donation on this day and the proceeds will go towards the College's Christmas Appeal for Lebanon.

MCHF Christmas Appeal for Lebanon

The College's Christmas Appeal for Lebanon has gone off to a flying start. We are proud to announce

**MCHF CELEBRATES
LEBANON
INDEPENDENCE DAY
MUFTI DAY
Gold Coin Donation**

Dress in Lebanon colours as we
celebrate this event.

Friday 19th November 2021

**All proceeds will go towards MCHF
Christmas Appeal for Lebanon**



that after one week we already achieved our target! We now have set a new target that we hope to achieve by next week.

Thank you in advance to all our families and students for their generous donations towards this appeal.

Changes to Canteen Operations

Following a review to our guidelines and restrictions, the College canteen will be open for over the counter service for secondary students only commencing Monday 15th November 2021. Students will be asked to line up in designated lines and will be asked to not linger around the canteen area and move straight back to their respective area.

Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal



MCHF Christmas Appeal for Lebanon



**FROM 8TH NOVEMBER
UNTIL 19TH NOVEMBER**



DONATE NOW!

Put a smile on the face of a child in Lebanon.



**MCHF TARGET
\$3000**

**Currently raised
\$4,097.35**

Thank you for your generosity.

Let's see how much more we can raise!

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 7/8 Yearly Exams

Next week our Year 7 and 8 students will complete their Yearly Exams at school. We wish them all the best and will be keeping them in our prayers throughout the week.

Year 7 Visual Arts

Since returning from remote learning, Year 7 Visual Arts students were eager to move from drawing their mask designs into creating a base mask from plaster. We are hoping with the time left in the term, we can construct a fully realised mask according to their drawn designs.



Year 9

We welcomed back Year 9 yesterday after their week at home completing their Yearly Exams Online. I would like to congratulate all Year 9 students for the way they applied themselves during their exam period and adapted to all the changes they were faced with.

Year 10 Visual Arts

The Year 10 Visual Arts students have been working on a 30-day pen drawing Challenge. Needless to say, they

"slayed" the challenge looking at these results! Well done Year 10VA!



Jacob Khattar – Year 10

Congratulations to Jacob Khattar who has been shortlisted for the 2021 Mathspace Transformative 20 Awards. The Transformative 20 Awards celebrate teachers and students around Australia who reflect our core values in the classroom. In a particularly challenging year, we're privileged to have the opportunity to recognise these examples of excellence across the country.

Finalists will be publicly announced on the **12th November** and we wish Jacob all the best with the rest of the competition.

Year 10 Taster Lessons

This week, our Year 10 cohort began their Senior Taster Lessons. Students have been experiencing what the subjects they have chosen for next year will be like and attending seminars on study skills, stress management and post school options.

Our Year 11 2022 VET Construction taster lesson saw a lot of fun being had by all. Our students turned up to class extremely keen and ready to learn. Bring on 2022!



Year 12 2022 Hospitality Class

Mrs Botros' Food & Beverage Year 12 trainees are learning about how to be the best baristas at MCHF. Texturising milk to silky perfection and analysing the pouring rate of an espresso coffee.

Year 12 HSC Exams

This week, our Year 12 students commenced their HSC in our old C Block across the road. So far all students have completed their two English Exams and those students in Music, Economics, Textiles and Design and Modern History have also completed their exams in these courses. I would like to commend Year 12 on the way they have conducted themselves so far and wish them all the best for the remaining exams.

Below is a message from Mrs Delimitros, the Year 12 Year Advisor, on behalf of all the Secondary staff at the College:



Dear Year 12,

On behalf of everyone at MCHF, our thoughts, support and prayers are with you. I know that you will make us proud!

*A Prayer dedicated to you...
 Lord, we ask that Year 12 feel your presence during the HSC exam period. We pray that you give them calm nerves and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding, a permeable memory, and the ability to grasp questions correctly. We pray that you will send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



Principal: Sr Irene Boughoos

Year 12

NSW Health Priority Testing for HSC Students/Close Contact Information

The NSW Government released information earlier this week to say that COVID-19 test results for HSC students will be prioritised by NSW Health to minimise any impact on HSC exams.

If an HSC student is required to get a COVID Test, they are advised to inform their GP/or clinic that they are currently doing their HSC so their test results can be prioritised.

NSW Health advice is that if a person lives with a close contact they do not need to self-isolate. This means that HSC students who have a family member or person living with them identified as a close contact will be able to sit their exams with minimal interruption.

People who live with a close contact should minimise contact with them as much as possible during their period.

This includes:

- staying and sleeping in a separate room
- using a separate bathroom if available, and cleaning all surfaces after each use
- not being in the same room as the close contact
- not sharing household items such as dishes, cups, towels, and bedding. These items should be washed thoroughly after use.

Early Entry Offers – Macquarie University

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who this week received early entry offers to Macquarie University. This is a reflection of their hard work and efforts in what has been a trying year for everyone, and the College is very proud of them.

Christina Karam	Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
Emilio Hourani	Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Professional Accounting
Ashley O'Brien	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Psychology
Roula Abou-Chedid	Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws
Joseph Layoun	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Joe Deeb	Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Professional Accounting
Charbel Makary	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Adrian Harb	Bachelor of Commerce
Chanelle Coorey	Bachelor of Media and Communications and Bachelor of Laws
Mariella Mikhael	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Psychology
Ashton Tannous	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws
Reina Layoun	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Psychology
Miriam Al-Somsom	Bachelor of Media and Communications
Elissa El Katrib	Bachelor of Applied Finance and Bachelor of Professional Accounting
Lana Chamchoum	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Psychology
Briana Mekary	Bachelor of Psychology and Bachelor of Laws

Nina Bousaid	Bachelor of Medical Sciences
Tiana Khattar	Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Psychology
Brytney Al-Saiah	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws
Celine Harb	Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws
Raymond Hadchiti	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Anna Kobti	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Christina Kazzi	Bachelor of Commerce

Remembrance Day

Yesterday we paused to acknowledge Remembrance Day. At 11am all classes stopped their lessons for a short 10-minute ceremony dedicated to all those who died whilst fighting to protect the nation.

Thank you to Mrs Esber, Mrs Gahdmar, Mr Sedicol, and our Year 12 Leaders for preparing this for everyone.



Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the sacrifices of men and women during times of war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, one minute of silence is observed across the country to mark the final moment of the First World War when the guns on the Western Front fell silent. This day was originally known as Armistice Day. It was a day people stopped to recognise and honour the brave soldiers who fought for peace.

Yesterday, teachers and students commemorated this day with a special ceremony held in individual classrooms. It was dedicated to all those who had fought for our country to protect it from harm. Students reflected on the significance of this day by remembering all the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we share today. ***We will remember them.***



Farewell

Today we wish Ms Loulach all the best as she takes leave in preparation for her forthcoming wedding. Ms Wakim and Ms Fahd will be teaching 4 Olive for the remainder of the year.

Social Media

The use of Social Media and online safety has been discussed many times throughout the year. As we approach the longest break of the school year, I thought it would be timely to remind parents of the dangers associated with the online world. Technology is often an easy way to occupy a restless or bored child at home, but it is essential that all children are closely monitored when using any device, especially phones and iPads. This includes online games that children play, especially ones that involve interaction with others. Child safety whilst online and the effects the amount of screen time has on a child's wellbeing, are two important things to remember when allowing children to use technology.

The eSafety Commissioner recommends seven steps to assist children when entering the digital world so that any risk they may encounter can be minimised. These include:



1. **Be involved**
2. **Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use**
3. **Be clear about the consequences of not switching off**
4. **Set device-free zones and times in the house**
5. **Ask your child to explain their screen use**
6. **Use tech tools to help manage access**
7. **Lead by example**

Placing parental controls on any device children have access to, can significantly reduce the risk of them encountering inappropriate content when they are online. These controls are especially important for younger children. For further information, please visit www.esafety.gov.au/parents

Kindergarten Orientation

With the easing of NSW restrictions, our Kindergarten Orientation has now been scheduled to occur in Week 9 this term. Further details will be emailed to parents of our 2022 students early next week.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation is scheduled for Friday 26th November 2021. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this event however, the College will organise for both the Mass and Graduation Ceremony to be livestreamed.

Further details will be sent to parents and guardians closer to the date.

Maths Olympiad

This year our Stage 3 Maths Olympiad Team competed against more than 70,000 other students from 84 different schools across the state. Their combined Team Score enabled our College to be ranked in 8th position. All students are to be commended for their commitment and ongoing effort. I would also like to acknowledge Alexi Nasr, Joshua Ghabache, Jason Azar, and Roberto Tannous who were awarded top marks in their exam. A big thank you to Ms Suzy Lal who guided and supported our team throughout the year.



Year 2

Yesterday some students from 2 Purple attempted to persuade me to agree with their views. They presented persuasive speeches on topics such as students should be able to drive and that cats are a better pet than dogs. All students were well prepared and spoke with confidence.

Communication with Teachers

Now that all students have returned 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.

Library Borrowing

A reminder that library borrowing has now ceased for the year. We ask that students return any College library books they may have at home so that the end-of-year procedures can begin in the Learning Centre. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2022 school year.

Uniform

As we approach the end of the year, it is important that students continue to comply with uniform expectations. This also includes having appropriate haircuts and wearing suitable accessories. We would appreciate parent



assistance in ensuring that the College Policy is always adhered to by your child. If you have good reason why your child is not in correct uniform, we kindly ask that a note be written and sent to the class teacher.

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.

Partial Absences

Regular absences, whether for the whole day or part of the day have a detrimental effect on your child's academic progress. We understand that at times appointments for a specialist and the like are unavoidable, but these need to be planned and if possible, should occur outside of school hours. Collecting students early from school for reasons such as avoiding traffic, is not permissible. Prior approval will be needed for any parent wanting to collect their child after 2pm.

Mr D. Day

Head of Primary

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All-Rounder Awards

- ★ Samia Taouk (Year 2)
- ★ Natasha Kassis, Gabriel Ishac, Charlize Nohra, John-Paul Khoury, Eliasa Kanaan (Year 3)
- ★ Isabella Taouk, John-Pierre Maroun, Jonathan Ishak, Angelo El Asmar, Lina Alameddine, Georgia El Bayeh (Year 4)
- ★ Angelo Abi Zeid, Jacob Kassis (Year 8)

Bronze Awards

- ★ Julian Azar, Stephanie Tatian, John Tawk (Year 3)
- ★ Faith El Katrib (Year 8)

Silver Awards

- ★ Isabella Zaher, Julian Azar, Stephanie Tatian, Gabriel Ishac (Year 3)
- ★ Yvonne Taouk, Celine Youssef (Year 4)

Principal's Awards

- ★ Sienna Ghabache, Antonia Wakim, Isabella Zaher, Sienna Ghabache (Year 3)
- ★ Alyssa Dababneh, Lilyrose Ghabache, Charbel Hage, Jeana Bou Melhem, Miles Murphy, Tony Elkrrina (Year 4)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

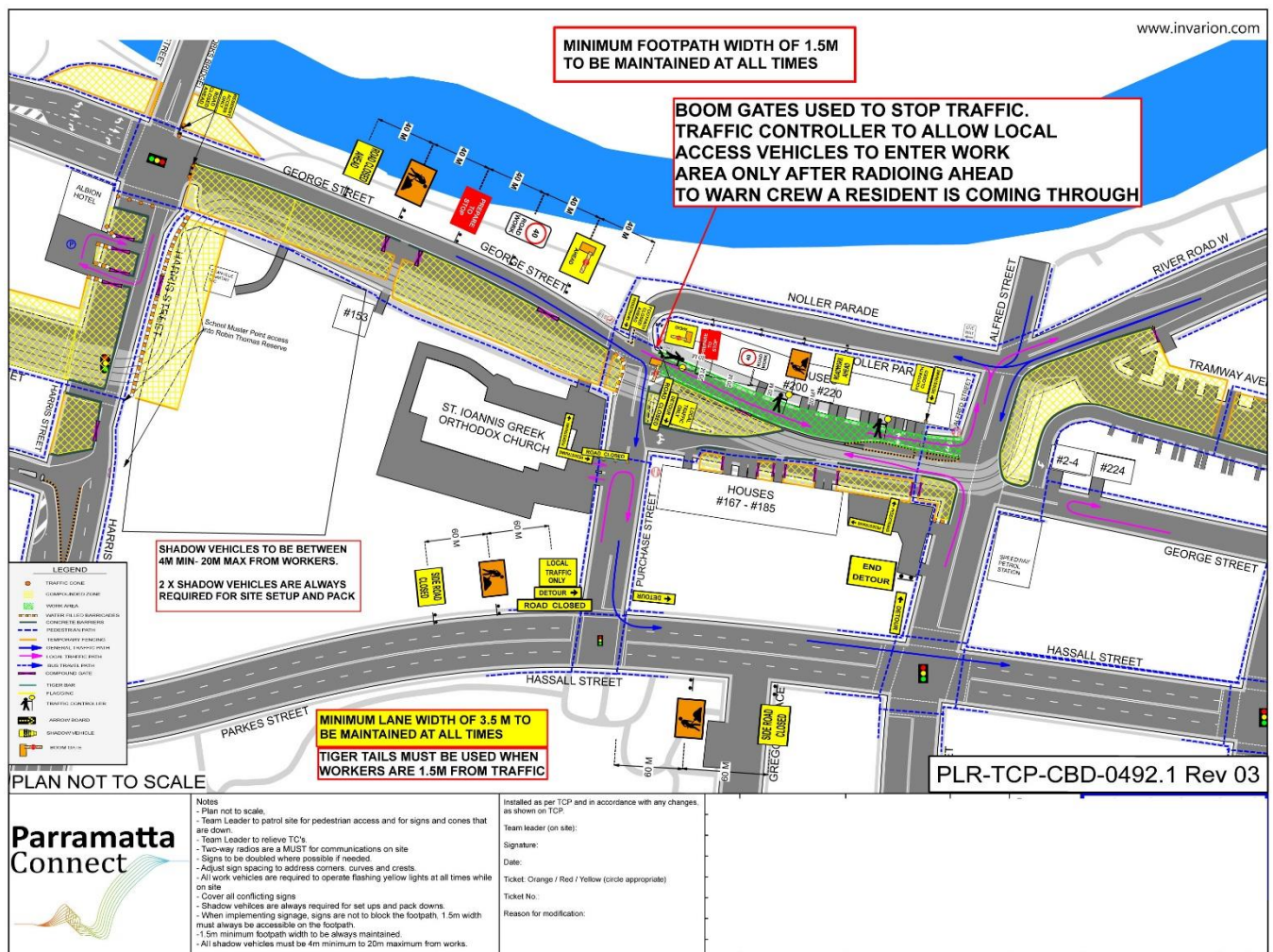
PARENT CORNER

Parramatta Light Rail would like to advise that there will be some traffic changes that will commence on George Street, Parramatta between Purchase and Alfred Streets. We understand that students come along this location to access the Maronite College of the Holy Family in Alice Street, Parramatta.

Road closures and traffic control will be in place from 22 November. There may be some temporary road closures, traffic diversions, traffic-controlled boom gates and you may experience some minor delays with access in this location.

We have provided a detailed traffic control plan map attached showing the traffic changes planned for the area. For more information, visit [Weekly works schedule](#) for upcoming work locations or [Changed traffic conditions](#) to see traffic changes in this area.

If you have any questions, please phone the 24-hour community information line on 1800 139 389 or email ParramattaLightRail@pcplr.com.au



2021 BYOD Portal

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