



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - Week 4: Friday, 25th February 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians, next week we enter into the Season of Lent and the students will be receiving ashes on Monday. Lent is a time to pause and reflect over our lives and to do works of justice. As such, we are launching 2 initiatives:

- The Caritas fundraiser where each family will receive a box to donate money. This will be collected and the Bishop will distribute the funds to those in need in Lebanon
- Our 2 schools are combining their efforts to donate as many items as possible to Lebanon. We will be sending a container. We hope to deliver goods such as canned food, medicines, stationary, cleaning items and toiletries, Manchester goods and other necessities. Please support this important cause.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

A whole school (K-12) wellbeing day!

Positive affirmations
Music and activities at break times
Wellbeing activities in the Learning Centre
No homework!

**TERM 1 WEEK 5
WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2022**

Thank you to Ms Rose Macura for donating \$200 towards the Lebanon cause

Over the weeks I have been busy getting to know what has happened in the last 3 years during my absence. I am now currently in the process of taking a look at policies, along with the leadership teams, in particular the Student Behaviour Management Policy and Student Welfare Policy so that we can have consistency and transparency when it comes to student wellbeing and discipline. Once these are finalised both staff and students and parents/guardians, will be informed about procedures.

OUR LEARNERS

Kindy Visit God's House



Math with Kindy! Kindy Red Learn how to count, read and represent the numbers 1-10. Kindy Rose is learning about Tens Frames, and Kindy White kids are developing their subitising skills.



Next week we will be having guessing competitions for our students, to raise money for Lebanon. 50 cents a guess or 3 for \$1.

Kindy White meeting their Year 5 buddies for the first time (Left). They also each had a turn at presenting news to the class (Right). These speaking and listening opportunities allow students to engage in purposeful talk, ask relevant questions, and demonstrate active listening skills.



First time borrowing for Kindy Red and Kindy Rose 😊



Collaboration between Mr Shah's Year 9 math class and Ms Pillay's Year 5 (Sapphire) class.



Year 9 Food Technology class, learning about Australian Indigenous foods commonly known as 'bush tucker'.
Year 10 Food Tech Making Sushi



Year 12 students, listening to a presentation on Tertiary Education by Macquarie University and UTS (Left).
Special thanks to George Malkoun for playing 'Young Blood' to entertain Year 9 during wet weather (Right).



Years 11 and 12 students, listening to a presentation by Sr Margaret on the Death of Jesus.



OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 28th February – Ash Monday Liturgy (Years 2-12) at 10:45am
Kindy and Year 1 receive ashes at 10:15am
- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March – Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday 2nd March – Secondary Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 8th March – PDSSSC U15's and U18's Rugby League Selection Day
- Thursday 10th March – Primary STEM Day
- Friday 11th March – PDSSSC Swimming Carnival & Primary Zone Carnival
- Friday 11th March – Social Justice Mass (Years K-12)

Easing of COVID Restrictions and Rapid Antigen Testing

The College has distributed an additional 8 rapid antigen tests for students to use for the remainder of the term. We have also received notification that COVID restrictions will ease over the next two weeks. Below is a summary:

From Monday 28th February 2022

- Masks no longer required to be worn by secondary staff and students.
- End to cohorting of Year Groups and Grades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents permitted back on site regardless of their vaccination status. However, volunteers working must be double vaccinated.
From Monday 7th March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks no longer required to be worn by Primary Staff.

Updating Student Medical Details

Any student who has a current medical or medication action plan will be contacted by the Enrolment Officer to update these plans for this year. If your child is new to the College or did not previously have a medical or medication action plan and now requires one, please contact the Enrolment Officer for instructions on documentation required to be completed and submitted. For any further information or enquiries, please contact the Enrolment Officer, Ms Joanne Ishac - enrolments@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Holy Communion Parent Information Evening took place on 22nd February. Many thanks to all who attended.



We welcome our 2022 Parents Association members. We are pleased to announce – Chairperson: Mary Bechara, Deputy Chairperson: Dian Tannous, Secretary: Abir Merheb, Treasurer: Grace Khoury. Congratulations!



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