



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians,

It has been a very wet week but despite the heavy rain and dark clouds, we have soldiered on. At the same time, we are also mindful of the horror taking place in Ukraine. During this Season of Lent, we keep in mind all those who have been affected by the flooding and all those people who are suffering in the war between Russia and Ukraine. It is also a time for us to reflect on the plight of the Lebanese as the Country spirals into greater debt and poverty. At MCHF we encourage our students to be aware of what is happening in the wider world and to learn to empathise with those less fortunate. I am grateful for the many donations to our Lebanon appeal and ask that you continue to donate. The container for Lebanon will be packed end of March so we only have 3 weeks to gather as many items as possible. Please be generous in your giving so we can assist families in great need during this Season of Lent.



Please remember to help us support Lebanon with this year's Lebanon Appeal. The letter, containing more information, is attached with this newsletter.

OUR IDENTITY

Congratulations

Maronite College of the Holy Family merit award system involves students achieving 6 merit stamps in areas of curriculum, extra curriculum and personal development, upon which they will receive an All-Rounder award, followed by a Bronze, Silver and finally the Principal's award.

All-Rounder Awards

- ★ Jowy Habak, Roudy Mouawad, Christian Sleiman (Year 2)
- ★ Charbel Tannoury (Year 3)
- ★ Anthony Samson (Year 10)

Next week, Zooper Doopers (Ice blocks) will be on sale at lunch on Wednesday and Friday for \$1 each, as a part of our Lebanon Appeal fundraiser.



OUR LEARNERS

Ash Monday Mass



Last week, Kindy Red learned the story of the Good Shepherd. They discussed how they are like the sheep in the story, following Jesus each day.



Kindy Rose paint and write about the shared reading text, "If We Meet a Dragon", while Kindy Blue created their own sentences using word tiles, based on the shared text they have been reading.



Kindy Red reading groups and painting their favourite part of the story, *Dan the Flying Man*. They are also learning to recognise, describe and continue repeating patterns using hands on materials.



Wellbeing Wednesday brought grey skies, but the weather didn't stop our infant students from having fun!

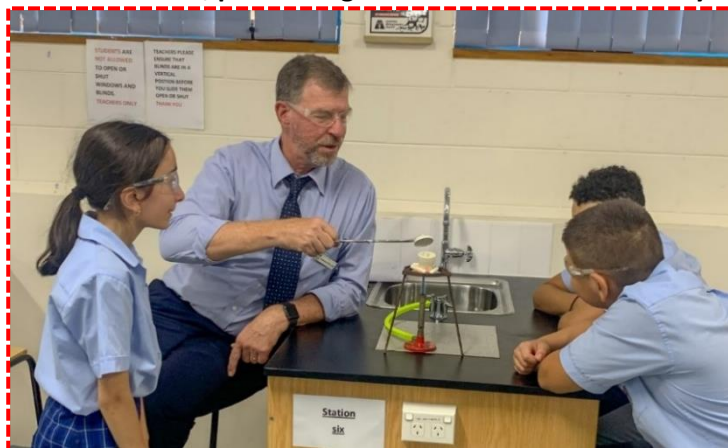


Welcome to our Primary Choir!



Year 8 Science Experiment - Making a compound with Mr Stillen.

Year 9 students, performing a brain dissection to identify different components of the brain and their functions.



Year 9 students prepared and enacted a liturgy presentation for their Religion assessment. They used the Bible to formulate their own introductions of readings relating to themes relevant to the Season of Lent.



OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10th March – Primary STEM Day
Friday 11th March – PDSSSC Swimming Carnival & Primary Zone Carnival
Friday 11th March – Social Justice Mass (Years K-12)
Monday 14th to Friday 18th March – Bullying Awareness Week
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March – Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th March – PDSSSC Touch Football Selection Gala Day
Thursday 17th March – Photo Catch-up Day (Details below)
Friday 18th March – Feast of St Joseph Mass (Years K-12)

Release of New Parent Portal

Please be advised the College has sent, via email to all parents, the information and login details of the new parent portal. Please refer to the email sent to register. A copy of the email will also be sent as a letter with the eldest child.

A video demonstrating the registration and accessing your child's information is available on our College YouTube channel or by clicking the link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7le_h5OteTE

For any further information regarding the portal, please email the College's IT department via email icthelp@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Photo Catch-up Day

Our photo catch-up day will be held on Thursday 17th March.

Any students who missed out on taking their individual or family photos are to come to the Primary Hall on their arrival to school. The photographer will be ready to go at 8am.

Secondary students will need to be dressed in their College shirts for the photo (The photo is taken from the chest up) and can change into their sports shirts straight after.

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

Police Parent/Guardian Forum – Please see the information attached with this newsletter.

Volunteers Induction Session



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