

# Maronite College of the Holy Family **NEWSLETTER**

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# Term 1 - Week 6: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn**

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians,

As a College community, what we do makes a lasting impression on our neighbours. One of the great things we do is fundraising for charities and I thank you all and continue to encourage you to support our donations to Lebanon.

On the other hand one of the things we do not do well is parking. I am reminding parents to please adhere to the following:

- Drop off and pick up zone is a maximum of 2 minutes wait. Please do not use it as a carpark space
- Do not park in the disabled spaces in the church carpark unless you have a valid disability
- Do not double park on Alice Street or in the Church carpark
- Unfortunately, I have to say it is extremely embarrassing the way some parents

conduct themselves during pick up and drop off times. Your attitude reflects poorly on the College community and neighbours. I ask that, at all times, we behave in a respectful manner and abide by all road rules.

## **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**

- ★ Charbella Demian, Jowy Habak, Roudy Mouawad, Christian Sleiman, Rachael Khalil, Roy Akik (Year 2)
- ★ Charbel Anthony Tannoury (Year 3)

# **OUR LEARNERS**

The College welcomed guests for Open Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, the weather impacted the day; however, it was great to open our gates and doors to show what we do here at the College. The day commenced with morning tea, catered by our Hospitality students, followed by a presentation by the Principal, Assistant Principal and College Captains. The College leaders then took our guests on a tour of the College.



Special Thanks: Special thanks to these very

generous families for their donations to the Lebanon Appeal. Every cent goes a long way! Chady Elias (Kindy) and family \$1000 Rita Hadidi (Year 6) and family



Volleyball Fundraiser Two teams each year group, one male and one female, with 8 players. \$2 per player. Proceeds go

Lebanon.





Kindy met their Year 5 buddies for the first time and were welcomed with letters, yummy treats, and reading time!



Student Collaboration - 8D Religion taught 6 Emerald how to navigate the Bible by finding quotes that allowed them to hear the Word of God in their lives.



2 Jade Mathematicians, learning how to measure using different materials. Recognising numbers with Ms Tracey.



Year 8 students learn about molecules and try to visualise some fuel molecules using the Ball and Stick Model Kit. Year 12 Biology students perform an experiment to test the antimicrobial resistance on Escherichia coli and Staphylococcus epidermidis bacteria, as part of their Depth Study.



Year 8 pastoral trivia games with Mr Youssef and a session, with Sr Margaret, about the Crucifixion of Jesus.



'Year 12 participating in a discussion about safe driving, drugs and alcohol, with our school liaison officer.



Staff professional development session was held on Monday afternoon. Staff completed a collaborative task, engaging in the College Strategic Plan and identifying strategies to achieve our goals.



## **OUR COMMUNITY**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Bullying Awareness Week Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Photo Catch-up Day (Details below) Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Feast of St Joseph Mass (Years K-10)

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a great deal of lost property, especially in the Secondary. Please encourage your child to go to the C Block Secondary office if they have lost something. Primary check with the Primary office.

### 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.

## Parent Association Easter Hamper Raffle

The PA are organising their first initiative for this year, Easter Hamper raffle. We are seeking donations towards the hampers – such as Easter Eggs, Religious Items, or items for hampers e.g. baskets, novelties etc. If you are able to donate, please bring in the items to the Main Administration by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. For more information please contact Mary Bechara 0411 033231.

### **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 - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7le\_h5OteTE</u> For any further information regarding the portal, please email the College's IT department via email icthelp@mchf.nsw.edu.au

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