



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - Week 7: Friday, 18th March 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians, we are into Week 7 and a great deal has been happening behind the scenes so let us take a look:

**Happy St Joseph's Feast
Day – 19th March**

- Plans are being drawn up for a contemporary K and Y1 learning space (in the building across the road)
- Introduction of BYOD for Years 5 & 6 and in 2023 we will extend BYOD to Years 3 & 4
- Updating of the Student Behaviour Management Policy and Student Uniform and Grooming Policy
- Review of other policies particularly evacuation and lockdown and Student Welfare Policies
- Introduced recycling bins into each playground
- Collaboration between Secondary and Primary classes as you can see in this newsletter
- K-12 staff meetings so we can work together
- K and Y5 buddies and Y1 and Y6 buddies
- New learning space areas in Primary
- New sporting locations for Secondary Thursday sports
- Collaboration with St Maroun's College (we are hoping to run a public speaking comp next term)



There are further changes over the coming years and I ask for your support. I would also like to say a very big thank you to each of you for donating items for the container going to Lebanon and to the Lebanon caritas appeal. Your generosity is beyond belief. I am proud to be part of such a generous community.



OUR IDENTITY

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

- ★ Michael Anthony Khoury, Eva Maria Bechara, Josiah Saade, Maryjane Alkhouri (Kindy)
- ★ Louis Azar, Matthew El-Kadi, Elizabeth Katrib, Anthony Khoury, Sienna Sorbello, Anne-Marie Ibrahim, Savannah Bazouni, Alana Antonios, Mary Elias, John Elias, Jacob Massoud, Mariss Yammine, Lea Medawar, Clara Rose Filice (Year 2)
- ★ Antoine Doueihy (Year 6)

Bronze Awards

- ★ Rachael Khalil (Year 2)

OUR LEARNERS

Kindy loved sports outside in the sun! They focused on working as a team and developing their gross motor skills.
Kindy Rose explored a new shared reading text, "Look out Dan!" Students responded to the text by painting a picture and retelling the story during their literacy block.



1 Gold put their knowledge to practice when learning about 2D shapes.

2 Pink students, measuring using different materials.



Year 11 Drama and 2 Pink Collaboration! Students spoke about what bullying is, in preparation for Bullying Awareness Week next week. 2 Pink students also participated in a video created by Year 11 Drama students.

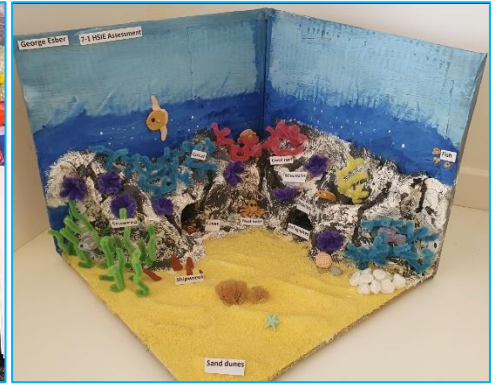
Ms Tleige's Year 7 Science students collaborated with Ms Mekdessi's Year 1 class to explore the three common states of matter through an Oobleck experiment.



To assist Year 4 with word problems, Year 11 Economic students wrote a few problems in their groups and helped the kids solve them. / Kindy white is learning how to add groups of objects.



Year 11 Society & Culture students were lucky enough to observe Year 3 students during their Tuesday lessons. The HSIE Department is so proud of the amazing Geography Dioramas submitted by our wonderful year 7s!



Our boys put to the ultimate fitness test at PCYC Parramatta / Mr Abood's Yr 9 PASS class, up for a fitness challenge!



The MCHF Mock Trial team went up against James Ruse Agricultural High School in a criminal case yesterday. MCHF were defending Hannah Habib (the accused) who allegedly assaulted a police officer causing "actual grievous bodily harm". James Ruse did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that our defendant was guilty, however they did win the mock trial by points. Despite this, the MCHF team must be commended on their professionalism, dedication and witty delivery on the day. We wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the competition. A special mention goes out to Audrey Tannous, Joe Hage, Hannah Habib, Jean Paul Azar, Simon Bazouni as well as Anthony Samson. Your efforts in getting the case ready was extremely impressive!



Year 11 Legal Studies students took part in a LEGISLATIVE PROCESS activity. They presented four Bills to the Secondary Leadership Team, in order to potentially change various aspect of the College Policy/rules.

The College's Visible Learning Impact Coaches held a professional development session with Corwin Visible Learning Consultant, Gilbert Halcrow. The session focused on current progress and planning to develop and improve visible learning at the College.



OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March – Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons
Monday 28th March – Year 6 Transition Session #1
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March – Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons
~~Wednesday 30th March to Friday 1st April – Year 7 Camp POSTPONED~~
Thursday 31st March – Year 6 Reflection Day
Monday 4th April – Lent Mass (Years K-12)
Tuesday 5th April – Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30-7:30pm)
Friday 8th April – Stations of the Cross (Years 3-12)
Friday 8th April – TERM 1 ENDS
Wednesday 27th April – Term 2 Begins

Students Achievements

- ★ Congratulations to Joseph Assi for doing extremely well at the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival. Joseph came 1st in the 100m Freestyle, with a time of 1:20.10, and 1st in the 50m Breaststroke, with a time of 42:87, taking nearly 4s off his PB. He also achieved PB's in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Joseph will be swimming at the NSWCCC Swimming Carnival on the 6th April. We congratulate him and wish him the best of luck!
- ★ Congratulations to Charbel Chehade for making the PDSSSC Rugby league team! He will represent us at the NSWCCC Rugby League Carnival in May.

Special Thanks

We would like to give a special “shout out” to these very generous souls for donating to our Lebanon Appeal...

Mikayla Stavrinakis and Johnathan Stavrinakis - \$300 dollars

Maroun Boumelhem and Carlos Boumelhem – A whole lot of legumes 😊

New Student Behaviour Management Policy

The College has been working on updating the current student behaviour management policy. The new policy takes into immediate effect. The policy has been placed on our College website, uploaded in the Parent Portal and emailed to all parents. Please ensure you take some time to read over the College's new policy and procedures.

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 25th 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 - 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

Kindy Enrolments for 2023 now OPEN!

Click  [Enrolment Form](#)

Forms and documentation must be submitted by the end of April. Interviews will be held in May. Parents will be notified closer to the date.



Broad and Fava Beans Banned from MCHF

Due to allergies for some of our students, no student or staff member can bring Broad or Fava Beans into school. This includes any food that contain these items.



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