



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians,

You would have noticed the very large number of students and staff who are absent due to Covid. Unfortunately, I have been informed there is a WhatsApp group where parents are encouraging one another not to tell the College if their child has covid because they will have to stay at home for a week with their siblings. This is very UNETHICAL behaviour and extremely disappointing. As a result of selfish actions, we now have far too many absences. Students are missing out on class and there are many days where due to teacher illness, the students are not receiving explicit teaching. The Government has clearly stated that if you have covid or are a close contact you must isolate for 7 days to reduce the rate of infection. Any parent that deliberately sends their child to College is behaving in an unacceptable manner that harms the rest of the community. Please avoid such behaviour and do the right thing for the sake of everyone.

On a more positive note, there have been some great events around the College including:

- New furniture (desks, chairs, and whiteboards) in Primary and Secondary classrooms at a cost of over \$25,000
- Primary students sat a Performance Assessment test so teachers can better understand where students learning is at and how to focus on better teaching interventions
- Secondary will sit the student performance assessment in term 2 so teachers will have data on how students are performing
- There will be a Problem-solving math focus for Primary students first week back of term 2
- Focus on English programming in Primary throughout term 2
- Public speaking competition to be held against St Maroun's College students next term



Change to self-isolation requirements for close and household contacts who have recovered from COVID-19

Please note the changes to self-isolation requirements that are effective of this week:

- If a person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, they must self-isolate away from everyone else in the house for 7 days from the date of their positive test. They must follow the advice for [people testing positive to COVID-19](#) which includes, how to self-isolate effectively. If the person is unable to safely self-isolate by themselves (e.g. due to their young age), a parent or carer should self-isolate with them.

- The entire household must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive person's test. They should follow the advice for [people exposed to COVID-19](#) and [take a test](#) as soon as possible, have another test on Day 6 and at any time COVID-19 symptoms appear.
- If another person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, that person must restart their 7 day self-isolation period from the date of their positive test, even if they don't have any symptoms.
- Other household members who test negative, do not need to re-start their 7 day self-isolation period. They also do not have to self-isolate again anytime in the following 14 days **unless they test positive**.
- People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period **do not have to test or self-isolate** as any type of contact for **12 weeks after their release**.
- Self-isolation means staying at home or at your accommodation. This means you cannot drive your children to school or day care; you must ask someone else to do this. You must only leave self-isolation to get medical care or in an emergency. For more information, read the [self-isolation rules](#).

Please refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 pages](#) if you require any further information regarding testing and isolation requirements as this information can change.

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

- ★ Josiah Saad, Maryjane Alkhouri, Michael Khoury, Eva Maria Bechara, Joseph Lahoud, Alexis Sahyoun, Charbel Sammour, Jamie Namnoum, Caroline -Marie Geagea, Grace Daher (Kindy) / Ella Sabbagh, Mariella Maroun, Gabriel Kazzi, Sophia Ishac, Isaac Bayssari, Adele Mysak, Alyssa Bellido, Marc Antony Ayoub, Anthony Semaan, Raymond Sassine, Cruz Melhem, Michael Estephan, Johnny Taouk (Year 1) / Fadia Taouk, Hiam Katrib, Mary Rose Rizk, Rafqa Bousijaan, Ella Semaan (Year 5) / Deena Tawk, John Diab, Jonah Dayoub (Year 8)

OUR LEARNERS

A fantastic effort by all in bringing in items, sorting out items and packing them into the container to be shipped to Lebanon. We have another container coming, so lets get it filled too!!



Year 8 and Kindy Red learnt about Aboriginal culture in a classroom collaboration. The Year 8 students read a Dream Time story to Kindy and then they created an artwork to represent the selected Dream Time story.



**Kindy White is using informal units of measurement to learn about the concept of area and length.
Kindy Blue students learn about area using different materials.**



**Kindy Rose is learning about Area. Students created their own two-dimensional shapes, on the iPads, and used informal units to measure the area of their own shapes! Super impressive!
Kindy Red enjoyed reading counting stories in the Learning Centre with Ms LeMerle.**



**Easter Craft in the Learning Centre!
Smart Agriculture - Green thumbs in full force as Year 8 Technology students tested the soil in their garden patch to obtain a reading which measures the moisture and temperature of the soil so they can help maintain the growth of their seedlings/plants.**



Yesterday, Year 9 performed their first Drama Assessment on Mime! / Congratulations to TEAM "Holli-Ed" who won the Entrepreneurship challenge in Ms Esbers Year 10 Commerce Class. Their innovative product, "Holli-Ed" was tailored at dealing with the current struggles in the classroom, due to teacher shortages by using a hologram as a teacher to cover the absent teacher. We would all love to invest in this product!



OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Special Thanks: Very special thanks to all the kind souls who donated goods for Lebanon! We have another container coming and need to fill it up. **No aerosol cans, please. They won't make it on the plane.** What they desperately need in Lebanon - **Laundry powder** - They are truly desperate for this! - Cleaning products and materials - Toiletries and whatever else you think they may need. **LET'S TRY AND GET THIS CONTAINER FILLED TO THE TOP!!**



The school canteen now has a phone number. Parents can call 9633 6630.

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