



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear Staff, students and parents/guardians,

So we have come to the end of term 1. It has been a very busy term juggling covid, absences, wet weather and a heavy workload. Yet there have also been excellent class participation, students engaged in learning and extracurricular activities. I take this opportunity to thank all staff and students and parents who make up the life of the College. I also like to thank you on a number of levels: for making the Mother General Marie Antoinette Saade feel welcomed, for your generous donations to fundraising activities, and for assisting wherever there was a need. I would like to point out initiatives the College is focussed on:



- Soundwaves introduced from K-6 as of term 2, 2022 and in K in 2023
- ACER Progressive Assessment Testing (PAT) – in Numeracy and Reading for all Year 1 to Year 10 students to assess level students are at and so better cater for their learning needs
- Problemathon week 1 of Term 2 for Primary
- Collaboration classes from K-12 all year round
- Staff meetings and programming every Monday afternoon
- Secondary gifted and talented programme to be developed in term 2
- Visible learning K-12 approach implemented throughout the year
- DeCourcy and RAP analysis of HSC data by Secondary staff
- Running records and SENA testing in Primary

I wish you all a very blessed holy week, a wonderful Easter with loved ones and a very safe term break.



Students return for term 2 on Wednesday 27 April in Winter uniform

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

- ★ Jadd Obeid, Zara Merheb, Charbel El-Chidiac, Jacob Dahdah, (Kindy)
- ★ Bridgette Farah, Alexia Tesoriero, Mariam Tawk, Sophie Rehban, Jaycob Kozah, Elias Jurdi, Brandon Ghosn (Year 1)
- ★ Jason Zalloua, Clavy Saba (Year 5)
- ★ Lucas Dahdah (Year 6)
- ★ Chloe Rehbane, Thomas Abi-Khattar, Mary Moubarak, Jude Hashem, Mia-Maria Al Helou, Christian El-Barhoun, Christine Al-Somsom, Peter Joen Al Najjar, Tony Khoury, Annabel Youssef (Year 8)



Bronze Awards – Our first for the year!!

- ★ Mary Moubarak, Tony Khoury (Year 8)

OUR LEARNERS

Primary Assemblies & Easter Raffle Winners



Kindy learn to represent and interpret data using their favourite zoo animals and foods. 😊



Year 6 students continued their leadership journey by participating in a reflection day entitled "Kindness Made Visible-The Challenge of Leadership". The day focused on the story of the Good Samaritan with the underlying theme of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, which formed the basis for the activities and discussions. Sr Margaret and Fr Tony were able to share their insights into the scripture story which the students responded to using creative and reflective activities. The day finished with a guided meditation and a creative assessment which enabled the students to collate all their knowledge and understandings from the day into one piece of work. The students enjoyed the day especially the creative and reflective parts.





Year 11 Standard English students, along with Year 3 Orange, worked together on a creative writing piece. Students shared ideas in small groups, co-constructed a plot diagram and formed their stories before jointly reading them aloud to the class. All students and both teachers thoroughly enjoyed this collaboration. / *This week, Year 11 Drama students ran a session with Year 2 students. They were able to get a taste of what Drama is about and develop some great skills!*



Without judgement or discrimination, our staff and students serve food and beverages to the homeless, teaching us we should sometimes look beyond our own comforts to help others. / *Year 10 Food tech turned the style of the cooking to cater for coeliac disease. A burrito bowl with a berry smoothie. Bon appetite!!*



One of the criticisms of education in general is that it does not prepare young people for the real world. This criticism cannot be levelled at our wonderful Year 11 students who spent some time learning about and refining the art of negotiation. / *Ms Ishak and Year 12 celebrate the completion of their Independent Research Project.*



Year 8 joined forces with Stage 3 in a collaborative effort to watch the students from Years 5 and 6 present their oral presentations for Project Based Learning which they have been working on throughout the term. Their presentations included a powerpoint, an infographic, a poster and a piece of informative writing.



Kindy had a special visitor this week – Oh how we LOVE the Easter Bunny!



Secondary staff met on 4th April to analyse HSC data, in order to identify areas of strengths and areas that need improvement. / Filling the second and third container. A combined effort to help those in need in Lebanon.



On Wednesday 6th April 2022, our visible learning consultants from Corwin visited the College to undertake a school capability assessment visit to evaluate the College's progress with visible learning. The consultants met with College leaders, staff, and visited classrooms, speaking with students about their learning experiences in the classroom. It was great to hear students' positive experiences. / Year 8 Pastoral Activity with Mr Youssef.



OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 8th April – **TERM 1 ENDS**

Wednesday 27th April – **Term 2 Begins for Students** – **STUDENTS RETURN IN WINTER UNIFORM**

Wednesday 27th April – Primary and Secondary ANZAC Assemblies

Thursday 28th April – Year 12 Biology Excursion

Friday 29th April – Secondary Swimming Carnival

Student Achievement:

- ★ Congratulations 9D students for raising over \$800 for Caritas Lebanon.
- ★ A big SHOUT OUT to Year 6 for raising over \$580.
Year 6 and 9D were able to wear mufti today as a reward for being the groups to raise the largest amounts.
Well done to everyone who contributed to our Lenten/Lebanon appeal. Each cent and generous donation will go a long way!
- ★ Congratulations to Joseph Assi for winning GOLD in 50m breastroke at the NSWCCC Swimming competition! Joseph will now compete in the NSW All School swimming event in June. Very well done!!
- ★ Congratulations to George Malkoun on his recruitment to the Australian Army Cadets! We are all so proud of him!



Special Thanks:

The Parent Association would like to thank the following families and businesses for their amazing contribution towards our Easter raffle. We greatly appreciate their support and donations - Craft_supplies; J & M Bechara; Louis & Jacob Azar; Angela Al Najjar; Je'taime Flowers & Chocolate Designs; George, Mary & Raphael Merheb; Grace Laser Clinic; Mezza with Love; Najibe Moussa; Dian Tannous.



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



*"The very first Easter taught us this:
that life never ends and love never dies."*

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