

Maronite College of the Holy Family

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 2: Friday 29th July 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Margaret Ghosn

Dear MCHF community, as the cold days keep us rugged up, please be mindful there is a high potential of catching covid or the flu. I ask that you make sure test yourselves before coming to school and do not attend if you have flu like symptoms as it disrupts the College life including students missing out on learning because they or the teacher are sick. A few other things to note:

New uniform - We are looking at changing the school uniform so that students in Primary are dressed similar to Secondary. This way parents do not have to purchase new uniforms for students transitioning into Secondary. We are also looking at the option of shorts, pants for girls, jackets for Winter etc.

Art comp - We are providing students with an opportunity to participate in an Archibald comp with students from St Maroun's College. Please scroll down for more information.

Alumni – We would like to start up an alumni for past students. If interested, please contact Ms Baini gbaini@mchf.nsw.edu.au. First Alumni meeting will be 14 September at 6pm in the Primary Hall.

Walk-a-thon – To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and Foundation Day we are having a walk-a-thon and sausage sizzle on 12 August. Please support this initiative. All money raised will go towards the new building.

Donation – Thank you to the many parents who anonymously donate goods to the College.

Foundation Day Holiday – Monday 15th August. There will be no school that day.

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

- * Christean Boumina, Nathaniel Malouhi, Anabel Bouchaaya, Ashley Youssef, Charbel Sleiman, Zoe Sahyoun, Leila George, Monica Sabbagh, Gianno Sleiman, Joe Sassine (Year 4)
- ★ Christian Awad, Mary Ibrahim (Year 6)
- **★** John Paul Azar, Hannah Habib (Year 10)
- **★** Grace Sleiman (Year 12)

Bronze Awards

- **★** John Daher (Year 4)
- **★** Anthony Samson (Year 10)

Congratulations to the following students for completing the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge...

George Bousaid, Annabella George, Maribelle Abdulahad, Tony Seaib, Sarah Taouk (Year 6) / Clara Geagea, Jacinta Joukhadar, Jeana Bou



Melhem, Lilyrose Ghabache, Matthew El Boustani, Daniella Maalouf (Year 5) / Sophia Ghabache, Julian Azar, Matthew Abi-Khattar, Elizabeth Ayoub, Simon Bazouni, Anabel Bouchaaya, Raphael Cortese, Charbel Diab, Sophie El Kadi, Leila George, Eleny Joukhadar, Evana Maalouf, Bianca Maroun, Tonina Nader, Lucia Saad, Zoe Sahyoun, Jan Shalhoub, Elie Tawk (Year 4) Joshua Azar, Annabell Saghabi, George Taouk, Christian Abboud, Elizabeth Azzi, Clara Boulos, Justin Chiha, Annabella Daher, Tatiana Fares, Jacqueline Haklani, Mabelle Khoury, Mary Merheb, Alyssia Saad, Noah Semaan, Jacob Tawadrous (Year 3)

Congratulations to the students who received awards and trophies at the Semester 1 Sport and Semester 2 Student Leadership assembly. The names are on the document attached with this newsletter.

OUR LEARNERS

The MCHF Mock Trial team have made it to the top 32 schools in the State!
We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the first Elimination Round in two weeks' time.

Secondary Semester 1 Sport and Semester 2 Leadership Assembly

On Wednesday, 27th July MCHF hosted an exciting all-day interactive session for year 7-10 students: 'A DAY OF AI' (artificial intelligence) offered by the University of New South Wales. AI is here to stay, and empowering students to know the positives and negatives of AI will best prepare them for the future!







Kindergarten students put on their walking shoes to set out on a little adventure around the school's community.

Students identified the places they saw on their walk and discussed the importance of these places.

Brainstorm Production performing to Year 9/10





After sharing shortlisted book, Jetty Jumping, Kindy Rose participated in Drama Literacy activity in the Learning Centre and Kindy White had fun blowing bubbles ©





Y6 Transition Day took place on 26 July. Ms Dalla presented a session on assessments and expectations in Secondary. Years 11 and 12 VET Construction students completed a 2-day brick and block course at CathWest Innovation College.



Year 3 students on a nature walk, collecting natural materials for their rainforest diorama!

As a part of their Geography program, Kindy Red, along with 9D Geography students, walked through the local community, discussing all the important places they could see and how they benefit the community. The students had such a wonderful time.





Year 7 became archaeologist in the classroom, learning to carefully discover and dig artifacts and established a hypothesis on ancient Egypt through the investigation of papyrus artworks.

Year 8 pastoral session, presented by Miss Ishak, around programming the mind for future success.





A tree gives glory to God by being a tree. For in being what God means it to be it is obeying God. It "consents," so to speak, to God's creative love. It is expressing an idea which is in God and which is not distinct from the essence of God, and therefore a tree imitates God by being a tree. - Father Thomas Merton

OUR COMMUNITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1st August – Year 7 dTpa vaccines & Year 10 Meningococcal vaccines

Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd August – Year 11 Camp

Monday 1st to Tuesday 16th August – Year 12 HSC Trial Exams

Wednesday 3rd August – Year 10 Bstreetsmart Excursion

Friday 5th August – Feast of the Transfiguration and Feast of St Mary MacKillop Mass

Monday 15th August – FOUNDATION DAY HOLIDAY

Thank You!

Many thanks to George Takchi who generously donated plants for today's National Tree Planting Day. You can check out Exotic Nurseries' website here - https://www.exoticnurseries.com.au/

Keeping Your Child Safe Online: A Session for Parents/Guardians

The College's Parent Education and Support Network (PESN) is hosting an information session for parents/guardians on keeping children safe online. The session will be delivered by the College's Youth Engagement Officer, Glenn Clark. The session will be held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022, at 2pm, in the Primary Hall. To RSVP or for any other information please email media@mchf.nsw.edu.au



TIPS TO MANAGE

SCHOOL FEES

HOW TO STAY ON TOP OF IT

- When you receive your statement divide total amount into three.
- Set a date for three payments before the due date.
- Work out what you can afford to pay by each date and set a reminder on your phone.
- Make as many payments as you can.
- Payment options include EFTPOS,

BANK TRANSFER, DIRECT DEBIT and CASH.

- If you feel you won't be able to make full payment by due date, contact your school and ask for your options.
- Dont hesitate and don't wait till the due date.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Now Available for MCHF
Students!

Click the link to enrol https://mchf-task.hubworks.com.au/

Please contact TASK for details: enrol@task-kids.com.au

1300 827 500

https://www.task-kids.com.au/mchf



The key is not to prioritise what is on your schedule but to schedule your priorities





MCH THE ARCHIBALD COMPETITION



The Archibaid Prize is awarded annually to the best portrait, preferentially of some man or woman <u>distinguished</u> in art, letters, science or politics, painted by any artist resident in Australasia'.

MCHF & STM are holding the first ever MCHF & STM Archibald competition. Students from Years 7-11 are invited to create a self-portrait or a portrait of an individual within their College community for entry.

The individual can include the Sisters, Priests, the Principal, teachers, support & Administrative staff, or any other staff working within the College.

Entries will be judged by staff & students of the other College.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (for each College)

See next page for full details.

MCHF

THE ARCHIBALD COMPETITION



PRIZES

- 1st place \$100 gift card
- 2nd place \$70 gift card
- 3rd place \$30 gift card
- MCHF & STM Teacher's Choice Award Art Gift Pack

DETAILS

- 1. Portraits to be completed in A4 (minimum) or A3 (maximum) size.
- 2. Portraits are to be submitted with an Artist Statement that includes the reason why the individual within the College was chosen for the portrait. 100 words in length. Must be printed and submitted to the College teacher listed below.
- 3. Artworks may be submitted in all forms (drawing, painting, collage sculpture, etc)

DATE

- Submit entries by Monday 19/09/22 (week 10).
- Voting will take place between week 1-3, Term 4 by the other College to determine finalists. (MCHF will vote for STM / STM will vote for MCHF).

CONTACT

- MCHF: Ms Nguyen (anguyen@mchf.nsw.edu.au)
- STM: Mr Lunnon (mark.lunnon@stmarouns.nsw.edu.au)

Learn more about the Archibald Prize below

Past works & winners - https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/archibald/
 The Archibald Prize - https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/art/prizes/archibald/
 The Young Archie competition - https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/art/prizes/young-

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