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NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - Week 9: Friday, 18th September 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the term draws to a close I would like to focus on the Year 12 cohort. They have had to face many challenges in this their final year of schooling. Today they officially concluded their formal studies for the year. Next week we will be farewelling them during the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, 23rd of September. Due to COVID restrictions it is going to be a very different ceremony for the students and of course all the parents who will be joining us via live stream.

I wish all the students the best in their upcoming Graduation Ceremony and HSC exams. Wishing them all God's blessings for their future endeavours. I would like to share this blessing with all the Graduates....

A Graduation Blessing



Embarking on a journey which began some time ago,
how could you have imagined all the things you'd come to know.

You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity,
to overcome each problem – despite adversity.

It wasn't always easy keeping up with things at school,
but YOU held on to your beliefs, and followed the "golden rule."

You found your voice and chose a path that honours who you are,
and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far.

For no one could be prouder of the person you've become,
and that is why I'm confident that the best is yet to come.

May you never waste a moment wishing life was not unfair.
Rather use **the gifts God gave to you**, to change the world out there.

Your Graduation signals us that you are on your way.
So spread your wings and fly forever and a day.

By Barbara D MacAdam

**Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL**

*"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
~ Confucius ~*

Special Message:

Att: Reverend Sister Irene Boughosn,
Director of Maronite College of the Holy Family
Students, Staff and Parents

Reverend Sister Irene, Students, staff and Parents

On behalf of the Lebanese Hospital, Geataoui, we greatly appreciate your generous donation of 10 000 Dollards (Ten Thousand Dollards) in this difficult time.

This support will help us to rebuild our severely damaged hospital and regain our operations to continue and to honor our commitment towards our patients, workforce and Society.

May Lord God bless and keep you always safe and healthy.

Best Regards

Beirut, on September 10th 2020

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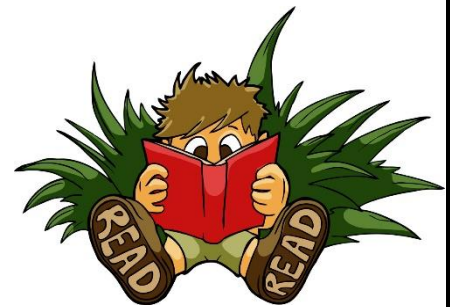
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HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

The ability to read and comprehend a text in any form is not only a foundation for success at school, but also a necessary skill for everyday living. One of the best things you can do to assist your child with the development of their reading ability, is to involve them in quality conversations about a text. Talking stimulates language development and helps a child improve their comprehension. As you get ready to share a story with your child, you might ask them to talk to you about the cover, title or the illustrations within the book. This 'before reading' conversation will help your child engage with the text on a deeper level. This is also a good time to help your child connect their personal experiences to their reading. If there is a picture depicting a barbeque for example, it is the perfect opportunity to discuss a time that you may have enjoyed a barbeque together as a family. You can also invite your child into a conversation during the reading of a book by asking questions relevant to what has been read. Children love being given the opportunity to be creative and share their opinions and ideas. Continue the discussion after the book has been completed as well. For the more advanced reader, you may like to ask questions that challenge their thinking. Questions relating to the author's purpose or discussions about the main themes contained within the text will certainly provide great scope for a deep conversation.



Holiday Literacy Tips

Below are some fun activities you can do with your children during the upcoming holidays to ensure that their minds are kept active and newly acquired skills are maintained.

1. Cook using a recipe to follow instructions.
2. Read instructions for using a new game or gadget.
3. Encourage your child to discuss characters and events in stories or movies.
4. Listen to audio books.
5. Subscribe your child to a comic or magazine and take turns reading to each other.
6. Look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or crafts.
7. Write every day - Ask your child to send postcards, letters or emails to grandparents, relatives or friends.
8. Encourage your child to write a daily journal or diary.
9. Write short stories and make mini books or comic strips. Use holiday photos as a stimulus for the stories.
10. Write shopping or 'To Do' lists together.
11. Play *I Spy*, charades, rhyming games or write funny songs and poems together.
12. Take daily walks and encourage conversation about what you see and what you hear.

Primary Sports Day

This week, the Primary Department held a fun Sports Day for each grade. All students were given the opportunity to participate in an array of athletic activities. A big thank you to Ms Kartabani for her organisation of this COVID safe sporting event. Thanks also to the teachers and students for their enthusiastic participation on the day.





Kindergarten Refurbishment

This week, the Kindergarten classrooms had their walls covered in felt ready to showcase the student's fabulous learning. This completes the refurbishment of these four classrooms.





Library Borrowing

Please note that there will be no library borrowing next week as it is the last week of the term. We ask that your child returns any library books they may have at home, as soon as possible. If you have misplaced or lost a library book, please let your child's class teacher know.

Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



Year 7 team building session. Scroll down for more...

Dates to Note

Thursday 24th September 2020 – Term 3 Concludes for Students
Friday 25th September 2020 – Staff Development Day and Term 3 Concludes for Staff
Monday 12th October 2020 – Staff Development Day and Term 4 Commences for Staff
Tuesday 13th October 2020 – Term 4 Commences for Students (**SUMMER UNIFORM**)

Conclusion of Year 12 Classes and Graduation Assembly

On Friday 18th September 2020, Year 12 conclude their classes. Students are not required to attend the College on Monday 21st September and Tuesday 22nd September.

The Graduation Assembly will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 10am. Students are required to be at the College by 9am. The assembly will be live streamed through our College YouTube Channel. Please contact the College if you require any further information.

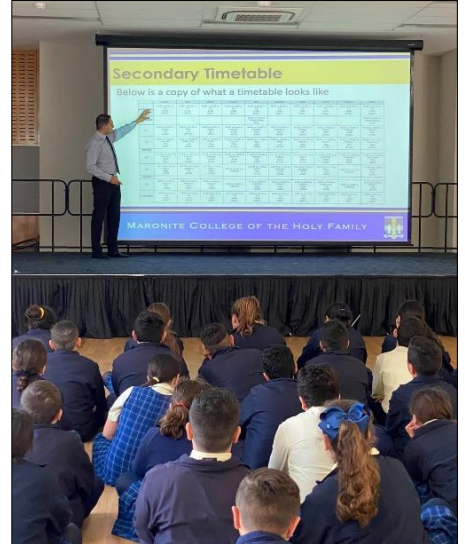
Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

Year 11 students have been busy this week completing their Preliminary HSC Exams. The exams are scheduled to

conclude on Monday 21st September. Students will return to normal classes on Tuesday 22nd September. The exams ran smoothly this week and students are to be congratulated for the manner and attitude they have demonstrated this week.

Year 6 Transition Session

Year 6 participated in their transition session on Tuesday 15th September 2020. The session included an address by the College Principal, Sr Irene Boughosn. Mr Asmar then presented to the students about the life in Secondary followed by a Kahoot competition won by 6 Indigo. In Term 4, Year 6 students will participate in Secondary Taster Lessons.



2021 College Leaders Update

Our Year 11 students and the College Staff have submitted their votes for their College leaders for 2021. Currently, we are processing the applications from students who have expressed interest in a leadership role. The 2021 College Leaders will be announced next term and their induction Mass will be celebrated next term.

Year 9 Celebrating Mass

On Friday 18th September 2020, Year 9 students celebrated Mass in the Primary Hall. It was an opportunity for Year 9 students to gather together and to celebrate Mass.



Year 11, 2021 Enrolment Interviews

Year 10 students were issued this week their enrolment documentation into senior years. These documents will need to be completed and submitted back to the College by Friday 25th September 2020. Please note the documents and the enrolment fee must be paid to secure your child's place in senior years. The interviews to finalise the enrolment will be held in Term 4.

Mr E. Asmar
Head of Secondary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ Wednesday 23rd September - Year 12 Graduation Assembly
- ★ 9am: Preparation for Assembly
- ★ 10am: Graduation Assembly (Live streamed on College YouTube Channel)
- ★ 11:30pm: Conclusion - Students dismissed
- ★ **Thursday 24th September – Term 3 Ends for Students**
- ★ **Tuesday 13th October – Term 4 Begins**
- ★ Tuesday 20th October to Friday 11th November – HSC Exams
- ★ Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd October – Year 11 Leadership Camp
- ★ Saturday 24th October – Year 4 First Holy Communion
- ★ Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November – Years K-3 Swimming lessons
- ★ Tuesday 10th November – Catch-up Immunisations
- ★ Wednesday 11th November – Years K-6 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ★ Friday 13th November – Year 3 First Reconciliation
- ★ Friday 27th November – Year 6 Graduation
- ★ **Tuesday 8th December – Last Day for Students**

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All Rounder Awards:

- ★ Rosie Skylah Mouawad, Samsara Nehme, Aydin Akkaoui, Alex Ayoub (Kindy)
- ★ Emmanuel Bazouni, Alyssia Rose Saad, Grace Salem, Maria Deeb, Anthony Niam, George Tannous, Olivia Debs, Charlie Gebour, Isaac Maalouf, Reina Nour, George Taouk, Tony El Asmar (Year 1)
- ★ Sophia Gabache, Charbel Moubarak, Charbel Bou-Assi, Eli Peter Rocco Baker, Isaac Faddoul (Year 2)
- ★ Janae Diab (Year 5)
- ★ Charbel Makary (Year 7)
- ★ Steven Estephan, Antonia Hamad, Nicholas Laba, Ann Mary Tannous, Angelina Yaacoub, Elie Menhem, Eliana Zaidan, Jesse Ellis, John Elbahroun, John Elia, Alex Gerej, Joanne Sader, Christabelle Sleiman, Jonah Daher, Christina El-Khoury, Angelina Kassis, Daniel Chahine, Benjamin Hannouche, Mia Bella Nohra, Tony Saba (Year 9)
- ★ Rafqa Kayrouz, Jon Boumelhem, Samijo Laoulach, Robbie El-Bazouni, Theresa El Halabi, Charbel Doumit, Marla Alkhoury, Charlene Sabat, Nassif Abi-Khattar, Marybelle Haddad, Joseph Katrib (Year 12)

Bronze Awards:

- ★ Elizabeth Katrib (Kindy)
- ★ Justin Chiha, Isaac Dahdah, Porsha Hawach (Year 1)
- ★ Jacob Khawaja, Joseph Dannaoui, Jason Zalloua, Thea Ayoub, Michael Al-Alam (Year 3)
- ★ Melissa Maklouf, Jean-Paul Abi-Zeid, Johnathan Stravinakis (Year 9)

Silver Awards:

- ★ Ava Melhem (Year 1)

Principal's Awards:

THIS AND THAT

Sr Marlene visited 2 Purple's class and taught them about the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This was such a beautiful experience for the students.



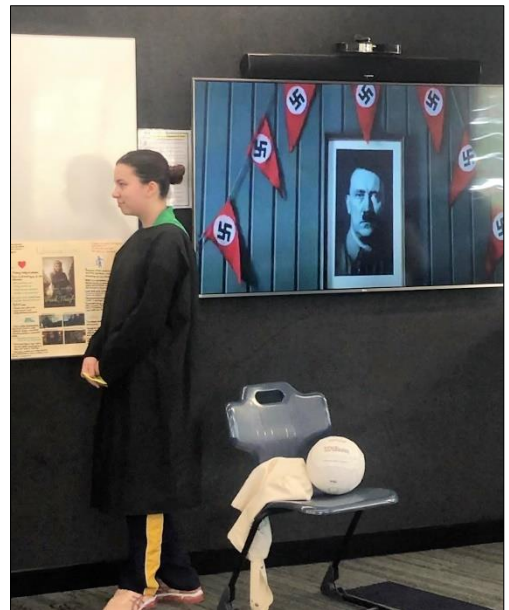
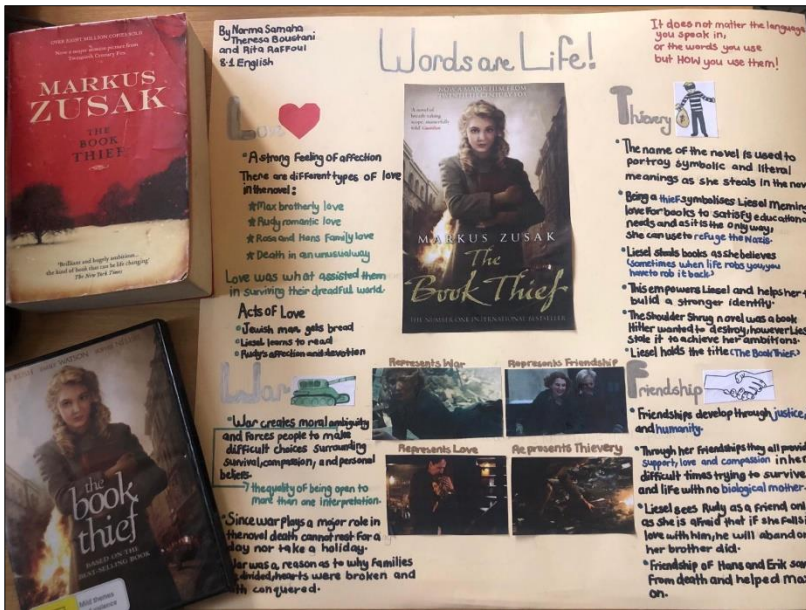
Kindy White participating in Mass this morning



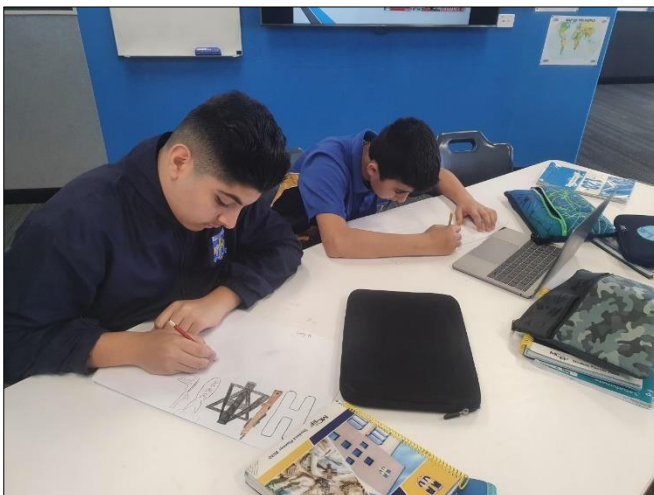
Place value is an important concept to understand as it is a major factor in understanding numbers, their value and how to apply numbers to operations. The students in Kindy Rose are learning that there are tens and ones in numbers and the value that each of these numbers hold.



8-1 English students presented a creative showcase of drama presentations, Prezi, Minecraft and Twitter character updates to wrap up their study of Marcus Zusak's compelling novel, *The Book Thief*!



8.3 English class have been creating Wordtoons - A cartoon representation of an integral part of their learning. In this case, they read the book *Hitler's Daughter*, and thus learned about Hitler and the environment which he created. Some of the images are really interesting, including the combination of Hitler's slogans, propaganda and the beauty of the Jewish faith.



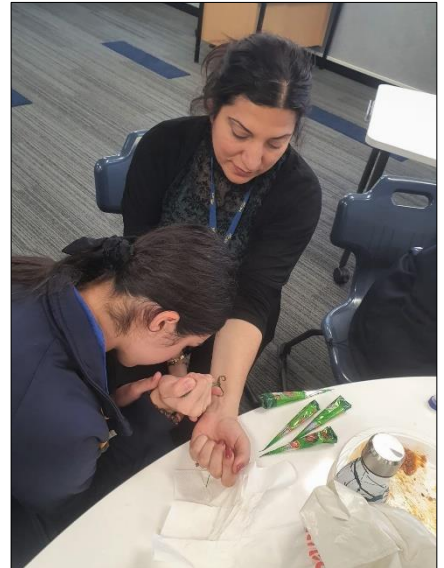
For their Pastoral session, this morning, Year 7 were lucky enough to participate in a fun team building session, organised by their fabulous Year Advisor, Mrs Cordina. Special thanks to Mr Abood and Mr Abu Gharrach for running the show.



The Year 12 VET Construction class completing their final assessment task – pouring a concrete slab. The class poured a slab in between A Block and C Block, in our garden area, to produce a walkway with the statue of the Holy Family secured in the ground. Thank you to Mr Asmar and his class for their hard work on this project.



Year 12 Society and Culture students had their final lesson today – An Indian infusion lesson! Special thanks to Mrs Badr for organising this amazing experience.



Year 12 enjoying their last pastoral session with a friendly volleyball tournament.



Mrs Kanfouche's Year 12 Maths students present her with beautiful Rosary Beads, as a special thankyou to her for being their Maths teacher for the last two years.



PARENT CORNER

Dear parents and friends, we are constantly looking into ways to ensure our College environment remains a safe place for all to enjoy. College staff, students, parents and visitors are encouraged to report any hazards they may see while on campus grounds. In order to make this reporting process a little more accessible we have created an eform in our SkoolBag App. As always we look forward to working closely as a College community.

If you have changed any of your contact details, including your email address, please remember to *make the change/s through the parent portal.*

This is extremely important, especially at this current time, as you will receive important documentation and urgent messages via email.

It is imperative that road rules are obeyed during drop off and pick up times. The College expects parents who cannot locate a legal car park on the street, to park in the Church car park. Parents should then walk to collect their children from the College grounds and accompany them safely back to their vehicle.

Police have been requested to patrol this area after a community complaint was received regarding illegal parking in front of the College.

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